

# HANDSWORTH NEWS

BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL, HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL

We do hope that you can join us for a number of exciting events still to come this term including:-

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

### Carols in the Playground

Friday 18th December 2015, 2.00pm

### Tea and Cakes

Friday 18th December 2015, 2.00pm

### School Closes

Friday 18th December 2015, 2.30pm

### School Re-opens

Tuesday 5th January 2016 8.50am

### Year 5 Trip to British Museum

Friday 15th January 2016

### Year 1 Trip to Museum of Childhood

Friday 15th January 2016

### Take One Picture Art Exhibition

Friday 22nd January 2016, 3.30pm

### e-Safety Workshops

Tuesday 2nd February 2016

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 9th February 2016

### Year 5 WOW day & assembly

Thursday 11th February 2016

### Year 1 Superhero WOW day

Friday 12th February 2016

### Year 2 WOW day - 'Around the World'

Friday 12th February 2016

### Half Term

15th - 19th February 2016

### Year 6 Shaking up Shakespeare Performance

Wednesday 2nd March, 6.00pm

### Year 1 Assembly to Parents

Friday 4th March, 9:00am

### Year 6 Shaking up Shakespeare Performance

Wednesday 9th March, 6.00pm

### Parent's evening

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th March

### Sports Relief

Friday 18th March

### School Closes for Easter Holidays

Thursday 24th March, 2:30pm

## DEAR PARENTS/CARERS,

It has been such a busy term full to lots of lovely opportunities to celebrate! The children have been working hard and I hope that the break will be a chance for everyone to relax and re-energise for the new year.

## YEAR 5 WIN THE LONDON CHESS CLASSIC

Well done to Year 5 for winning the London Chess Classic at London Olympia. The children did an amazing job and have set the challenge for others to follow. Thank you to Adam, our chess coach, who has been instrumental in supporting our pupils to both learn and enjoy chess.



## HOUR OF CODE

The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. The Year 5 and 6 Digital Leaders planned and delivered lessons across the school with the help of Zak, our IT Technician. The children from reception upwards have learnt new skills in Computer Science whilst taking part in a Minecraft-inspired tutorial.



## TAKE ONE PICTURE ART EXHIBITION—FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 2016

The children will be basing their art work on the new sculpture by one of our parents Barnaby Barford, that is being installed outside Tesco Highams Park. It will reflect the history of our local area.





A warm welcome to Charlotte, our new student Social Worker who has joined the Handsworth team. Charlotte is mentoring pupils and supporting families within our school community. This term we also say a fond farewell to Heather Tawn. Heather will continue to work with the YMCA breakfast and After-School Club based at Handsworth.

We also say farewell to Judith our Spanish Student we wish her well in her future studies and we look forward to the arrival in the new year of further student teachers from Valencia.

Welcome to Mrs Ayres who joins the office team on Mondays and Fridays. Mrs Sheeley will be reducing her days to Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

#### PARENTS IN SCHOOL

We have been so lucky to have had a number of parents supporting the school, sharing their hobbies and expertise. These include Barnaby Barford, a professional artist, Peter Resteghini who shared his love of beekeeping, Mark Lawful who shared with the children about the Creative Writing process and Adam Graff who has been supporting the Year 4 children's topic work designing 'germs' as part of an art project. Thank you also to the many volunteers who support pupils learning.



Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Year 3 Maths Game Morning. The children had a fantastic time.

#### SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

Since April members of the Handsworth team, including governors and myself have supported Longshaw Primary. It has been a pleasure to work with Longshaw and very rewarding for all to be involved in a very positive HMI Inspection. We wish them well for the future.

As part of our continued commitment to support other schools in the community I will be working as Interim Executive Head at Downsell Primary School. Miss Addai and Miss Walter will continue to be available to meet with parents if I am unavailable.



#### NURSERY AND INFANT NATIVITIES

Well done to all of our young performers for their fantastic seasonal productions.

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This Friday is Christmas Jumper Day. Originally it was intended that just Staff would take part, but several children have also requested to wear their Christmas jumpers, therefore, Friday will now be an optional Christmas Jumper/Hat Day. All children must wear their school uniform on Friday but they can choose to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper if they have one.



#### CAROLS IN THE PLAYGROUND

Please join us, weather permitting in the playground from 2.00pm for festive songs and carols.

Please join FOH on the last day of term for **CHRISTMAS YULETIDE TEA & CAKES** from 2.00pm in the main hall !

**SCHOOL CLOSSES PROMPTLY  
AT 2.30PM  
ON FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER.**

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**CO-OPERATION  
CONSIDERATION  
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**LEARN FROM YESTERDAY  
LIVE FOR TODAY  
HOPE FOR TOMORROW.**



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