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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children had an amazing afternoon on World Book Day last Friday. Paul Stickland spent some time in Nursery first of all and read the children some of his pop up books. The children all listened really well and particularly enjoyed his pop up boxes book. Reception children also enjoyed hearing some of his stories but they then made their own pop up monsters out of card. He was really impressed with how well the children listened and by the vocabulary which the children knew. Those children who paid for books will receive them as soon as Paul has sent the last few up to us as he did not bring quite enough with him last week.

I am also pleased to announce the winners of the 'Most Original' costumes were: Tys, Roman, Harry, Deniz and Carter. A lot of time and effort had obviously gone in to making the costumes and each winner will receive a £5 voucher which they can spend at our Travelling Book Fair next week.







As part of STEaM week, Reception children carried out a traffic counting exercise outside of the school. They were surprised at how many cars drove passed the school within a half hour period and enjoyed counting how many they saw of each colour. They even learnt to record their results in a tally chart.

On Wednesday we held interviews for teachers for next year. This was an extremely busy but successful day and we are pleased that we have managed to recruit more fantastic teachers for Newhall. Each candidate stayed for half a day and had to teach a lesson, do a task, have a formal interview and have lunch with the children. The children were amazing all day and asked the candidates many questions! They were exceptionally well-behaved and we were all very proud of them. I will share further details about our new teachers, once all paperwork has been completed.

The children in Reception enjoyed the 'Copper Challenge' which they completed today to raise money for Comic Relief. They had lots of fun counting our coins, but we will take them to be weighed to double-check how much we raised. Thank you for sending in so many coins to help us with our first Newhall record. Nursery children also raised money by dressing up in red.

All of the votes for the Parent Governor elections have now been counted. The results were very close, but Caroline Newton-Rae is our first Parent Governor. I would like to thank Caroline, Ryan Tooze and Mark Davis for putting themselves forward and to everyone who took the time to vote. Mark and Ryan have agreed to be on stand-by if the Governing Body need their skills at any point in the future. Callum Sykes, our Site Manager, is our first Staff Governor. The first official Full Governing Body will be held next term, but both Caroline and Callum have been invited to the next Transition Governing Body meeting so they can get to know the rest of the team.

Our REAch2 Regional Director visited on Thursday morning. We shared some of the children's Writing and Maths books with her and she was very impressed with the quality of learning and the progress that she could see. She also visited the Nursery and spent some time in Blossom Room. She commented on the calm and positive atmosphere and how happy all of the children and staff seemed.

We have now completed the analysis of the Parent Survey, which is attached with this newsletter. As you will see, there are many positives but there are also some things that we still need to work on, which will form part of our School Development Plan next year.

Please could I ask if the pathways could be used when you drop off and collect children from School and Nursery because several areas of the planted verge are becoming worn as people are walking through the planting. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Please see the menu below for next week:







MOTHER'S DAY POP-UP SHOP



Thursday 21st March 1:00-2:30pm

Monday 25th March 9:30-11am

Friends of Newhall are holding a Pop-up shop so that the children have an opportunity to buy their Mummy, Step-Mums, Nanny, Granny etc a gift for Mother's Day.

Your little one will be able to pick a gift and we will help them to wrap their specially chosen present.

£3.50 per gift

£10 for 3 Max 3 gifts per child

Please send the money in an envelope, clearly labelled with the number of gifts and childs name.



I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Debbie Gayler