

I am delighted to inform you that the Governing Body has ratified the appointment of a new Deputy Headteacher for our school. His name is Mr Richard McIntosh and he is currently a senior teacher at New Hall Preparatory School in Chelmsford. Due to the slightly different contractual arrangements at New Hall he will be joining us at Easter 2014. His role will be a mixture of teaching and senior leadership and I look forward to welcoming him to our community.

The parent consultations have been ongoing this week and the dedication of both parents and staff to improve the achievement and well-being of our pupils is always impressive. However, I also detect that both children and teachers are ready for a break to recharge their batteries for the busy lead-up to Christmas. I hope you all enjoy half-term.

Finally, please note the letter which went home yesterday and is available on our website. It detailed the scheduled improvements being made by both Infant and Junior schools to the beginning of the day arrangements. Children can now be dropped off at both schools between 8:45-8:55am. Please be aware that all children arriving after this time will need to 'check-in' through the main entrance and will be marked as late.

 Mr McTaggart— Headteacher

The Poppy Appeal will be launched from Tuesday 5th November at school. If you would like to support it at school, please send your child in with a small donation to receive a poppy as part of this national appeal.



This year we are combining World Diabetes Day (14th Nov) with Children in Need (15th Nov) to hold a **Onesie Day on Friday 15th November**. It will be a non-uniform day where children can come to school in pyjamas or onesies in return for a donation to charity. Any money raised will be split evenly between Children in Need and JDRF, the charity which helps those with Type 1 Diabetes. No-one is allowed to sleep in class though!



### Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Our Y6 pupils took part in a Chelmsford Tag Rugby tournament on Wednesday 23rd October and the 'A' team managed to win and therefore qualifies for the regional finals at High Ongar in November. Well done! Also—there are still spaces at Thursday a.m. Basketball club for Y4/5/6.



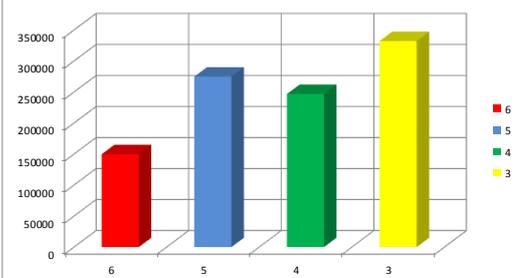
### Calling potential sponsors!

Do you work for a business or know someone who might be able to help us to equip our football and cross-country teams with new kit? Please contact the school for further details.



### Mathletics Year Group Challenge

Mathletics points Autumn Term 2013



Every time your child logs on to Mathletics their points are added to their year group for a bonus at the end of the term. Y3 still in the lead so far!

### Forthcoming Dates

Mon 28th Oct—Fri 1st Nov Half Term

Mon 4th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Tues 5th Nov	Pupils return
Sat 23rd Nov	Winter Bazaar 2pm-4pm
Mon 25th Nov	Last hand-in for Christmas Shoeboxes
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term
Mon 6th Jan	Pupils return



### Pavement Fouling

It has been brought to our attention by a number of local residents that there is an abundance of dog mess around some of our school gates. Please be responsible and clear up any mess made by your dog