



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2014

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We already have plans for a very busy term in this run up to Christmas, so please keep informed of our events by looking at the 'dates for your diary'.

The welcome return of Mrs Singleton in the school office means that parent lunches are beginning this term, please see dates for further details.

Places in Reception Class

September 2015

It has been lovely to see potential parents at our Open morning and afternoon in Reception. Please be aware that our ever increasing numbers means that some parents may be disappointed in not getting their child a place here at New Hall. Last date for parents to inform the Local Authority for Reception places is **15th January 2015**, in order to hear if you have been successful in March.

Trip to the Cinema

On Tuesday and Wednesday Key Stage 1 & 2 went to the cinema in Sutton Coldfield. KS2 went to watch Mr Peabody and Sherman.

Trip to the Cinema continued

'It was about a talking dog who adopts a boy and finds out what love really is. We thought that this film was a thriller beyond imagination. We would encourage you to watch this spectacular film. ' Written by Alex & Korben

KS1 went to watch Walking with Dinosaurs. 'We went to the cinema on the bus. I really enjoyed when the dinosaurs fell in love. The best part of the film was when the Dinosaurs pooped on the little Dinosaur.' written by Kaiah

Our Love of Reading

On Tuesday afternoon classes across school moved around to share our love of reading! Pupils from Key Stage 2 went to enjoy a range of books with the younger pupils in our school. We read stories and poems together, found information from non-fiction books and talked about why we enjoy reading. It was fun to share our favourite books with the other pupils and we look forward to doing it again shortly.

Money

All monies need to be handed in an envelope clearly marked with child's name, team, amount and state what the money is for. The only places where money can be handed in is to either Wrap Around, Breakfast Club or to child teacher.

PLEASE NOTE: We cannot accept any money handed into the School Office due to financial regulations.

Lost Property

It is quite staggering to see how much lost property has already accumulated in one half term.



Any named items are always returned to pupils. However, we already have several new winter coats (unnamed). If you know that your child's uniform is missing, please come and look in the Lost Property box located in the school Reception. Any items left in the Lost Property after Friday 21 November will taken to a local Charity shop. We once again urge you to 'label' all clothes before sending them to school.

School Dinners

Reminder -Price of School dinners are £2.05 per child per day. All lunch money needs to be handed into class in a sealed envelope. If you have any queries please contact the School office.

Scooters & Bikes

It is clear that pupils are aware in the mornings that bikes and scooters are NOT to be ridden once on school property. However, at the end of the day, it appears that parents are allowing pupils to ride them prior to leaving the school site. The pupils are aware that this is not school policy. Parents please be aware of this school rule to keep everyone safe whilst on school property.

Year 5/6 Children

Walking Home Alone



Reminder - If you wish to give permission to your year 5/6 child/ren to walk home alone we must receive this in writing and clearly signed by parent/carer, stating that someone over 16 is at home for your child.

Team Palmer's New Blog

Team Palmer have a new online blog to showcase our writing. We have added descriptive recounts of the Pompeii disaster and our favourite work from National Poetry Day. The blog has already been visited by people in Germany and USA! We will be adding more examples of our work throughout the year. Please visit us at <http://nhteampalmer.blogspot.co.uk> and leave your comments.

Football

Football vs. St Nicholas

We won 5-3 as the heavens opened just as the final whistle blew. Man of the match was Taylor and Star Player was Rakiem.



Football vs. Deanery - 24.10.14

Despite the threatening rain, the football team turned up to play a league match against The Deanery School. The heavens opened at the end of the school day so we chose to play a shorter than normal 5-a-side match on a smaller pitch. The boys played in the torrential rain on a flooded pitch and although we didn't win, none of them complained about the conditions once. Well done to the football team - league matches will start again in [March](#).

House Football - 24.10.14

Our first house event of the year was House Football for KS2. Bracebridge triumphed by winning all three of their matches. Well done to the House Captains for organising their first event.

Y5/6 Hockey Tournament - 6.11.14

A team of Y5/6 boys and girls have been taking part in hockey training at lunchtimes over the last few weeks and were entered into a tournament at Wyndley Leisure Centre on 6th [November](#). Out of 4 matches we won one, drew one and lost two. A fantastic effort for our first competition. Well done to the players and thank you

to the parents for their support. An extra special thank you to Tonis for letting some players borrow his shinpads!

PTA

Calling all parents - would you like to show your support for the school and your child/ren? We are desperate for a Parent Teacher Association to become part of our school again. If you could spare some time to help out at any events, or have some fantastic new ideas to raise much needed funds for the school please get in touch. We are really hoping to buy some new Ipads for the pupils to use and we could really benefit from having a dedicated team of parent helpers who have some fresh ideas to amaze us with.

Star Burst Awards

Thursday 16 October

Team Wood - Isabel

Team Davis - Mariko

Team Trevelyan - Zeeshan

Team Qayyum - Ciara - May

Team Toomer - Emmie-Mae

Team Huxley - Francis

Team Palmer- Sunny

Team Hall - Demie

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 19 November - Team Barham Parent Lunch

Wednesday 26 November - Team Trevelyan Parent Lunch

Wednesday 3 December - Team Wood Parent Lunch

Robot Day

A large part of the new Computing curriculum is about 'programming', so **Tuesday 11th November** was Robot Day for Y5/6. Nao, our new humanoid robot friend, visited school to introduce himself, play games and show us his moves! The children were given the opportunity to build their own robots which they connected to a computer and programmed to move, play sounds and even speak. The children showed off their ICT skills and thoroughly enjoyed this new experience.



Lunchtime

Supervisor

Required

We are currently looking for a permanent full time lunchtime supervisor to fill a vacancy. If you would like to join our friendly hard working team, please pop into school and have a chat with the School Business Manager, Mrs Page. This job is suitable for someone who would like a term time only contract.



School Uniform

It has been lovely to see so many children coming to school dressed so smartly this term. Please be aware that large or looped earrings and necklaces should not be worn to school.

Children who are found wearing these will be asked to remove them, due to Health and Safety concerns. Nail varnish and transfer/tattoos are also not allowed. Please support us by encouraging your child not to use these items during the school week.

School Rules:

Our school rules were devised by School Council and state:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE
ENVIRONMENT



Second hand
Bikes from £35

Buy a new FROG
bike.

Get 10% off
accessories.

Thinking of buying a children's bike for Christmas?
NEW OR SECOND HAND
LOVE MINCE PIES?

BNB Schools Team and



would like to invite you to a Mince Pie Evening
Thursday 27th November 2014
4:00-7:30pm

ReUsers Centre, Norris Way, Sutton Coldfield, B75 7BB

Come and browse our new FROG bikes and second hand bikes.