



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

Dear Parents/carers

It is so lovely to see and feel some warmer weather as we rapidly hurtle towards the end of term. There will be many events in the coming weeks for you to attend, and it will be great to see you for a catch up. Please try to come to at least one event to support not only your child/ren but the school as well. It is amazing to see children's faces light up when parents have made the effort.

One important event will be the Open afternoon on Monday 13th July, when you will be able to collect your child's report but have an opportunity for an informal chat with their current teacher, and see where their new classroom will be.

As we draw towards the end of term, there will be some staff who will be leaving us.

Mrs Barham in Reception is off on her travels, as she has decided to go and teach abroad. We wish her well, and would like to thank her for her dedication, hard work and commitment to New Hall. She will be missed.

Mrs Downey, one of our ladies in the kitchen will be retiring at the end of term. We wish her a happy retirement.

Miss Huxley, in lower juniors is also moving on to pastures new. We wish her well.

We are delighted to have made three new appointments of staff for September 2015. Parents will have an opportunity to meet them on the Open afternoon.

Even though we are close to the end of term, the staff and children have continued to work as hard as they can to show how much progress has been made across the year. As well as year 6 taking SATs, we have also had year 2 working hard on their SATs. Year 1 have recently completed their phonics check also. Every year we at New Hall are proud of the way that the children conduct themselves with what can be a 'testing' time. Our results continue to showcase how well pupils at New Hall do. This is down to the hard work and commitment of the staff, who are a real credit to the school. Thank you staff for all that you do for the benefit of all.

A clear example of this is the 'Big Sleep In' happening on Friday night, where staff give their own time so freely for the enjoyment of the children in year 6—a report will follow showing the great time they had.

TRIP TO SHREE RAM MANDIR TEMPLE

On Wednesday 10th June, Team Hall and Team Palmer went on an R.E. trip to the Shree Ram Mandir Hindu Temple in Birmingham. We all had a fascinating time meeting the Hindu priest in charge of the Mandir who welcomed us and talked to us about Hinduism and his temple. I think all of us present, had our eyes and minds opened to one of the many faiths that make up our wider Birmingham community.

Well done to all the children who demonstrated respect and asked some thoughtful questions. Thank you also to Theresa Hyde, our School Curriculum Governor, for her support on the trip, which helped contribute to its success.



TRIP TO LIBRARY

On Wednesday 22nd May, Year 6 children enjoyed a trip to Sutton Coldfield library. The children were taught how to search for books using the library's index system. Children were also taught how to find specific information using books. Some children were surprised to know how the library can help a child to research school topics. All children behaved superbly and they were a credit to the school.

TRIP TO BHAM COUNCIL

On Monday 18th May, School Council enjoyed a tour around Birmingham's Council House in Victoria Square. Our tour guide was brimming with information about the history of this magnificent building - we couldn't believe how tall the doors were or the old fashioned lift that was built for King Edward VII! Acting as city councillors, we sat in the chambers, pretended to vote and sat in the Lord Mayor's chair! Finally, we bumped into Lord Mayor Shafique Shah on his last day in office, who showed us around his grand office and gave us all a badge to keep. Many of the councillors are now planning how they can move from school council, to city council and then grow up to be the Lord Mayor of Birmingham!

HELP NEEDED...

We will be offering all pupils, staff and parents the opportunity to have a FREE bike safety check on Wednesday 15th July 2015. Look out for the information letter to join in.

Children, who bring their bike into school for checking, will work alongside Mr. Smith, our Site Supervisor, learning simple bike maintenance skills.

We're looking for a parent helper to help fix the bikes with Mr. Smith. So if you fancy yourself as a Bradley Wiggins or you're a dab hand at fixing things, please let Mrs. Stevenson know on 0121 464 5170.



With the weather warming up can you please make sure your child has a water beaker with them when they come to school. Having fluids is not just needed when it is a warm day but having regular fluids like water throughout the day will stop them becoming dehydrated. An Added bonus is that it will also help them with their concentration.

ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 9th June, Y5 and Y6 girls and boys competed in a rounders tournament at John Willmott School. The team played two matches against other Sutton schools and won both of them. We made it to the final but unfortunately, our opponents were triumphant. Overall we came 2nd out of eight schools. The children represented New Hall with pride and played really well as a team. Jane Sixsmith, the event organiser, commented on our excellent fielding skills and beautiful manners. We're really proud of the whole team and grateful to our very supportive parents for cheering them on! We have two remaining rounder's tournaments this term: boys on 22nd June and girls on 24th June.



STARBURST— 11 June

Nursery - Sofia
Team Barham - Caitlin
Team Carpenter - Ha'niyah
Team Wood - Amelia
Team Davis - Mollie
Team Talliss - Emily
Team Qayyum - Shiloh
Team Toomer - Sophie
Team Huxley - Frederick
Team Palmer - Yahye
Team Hall - Laura

STARBURST— 25 June

Nursery - Chloe
Team Carpenter - Emilee
Team Barham - Sienna-Jo
Team Talliss - Jumana
Team Davis - Emmie
Team Wood - Ellie-Jay
Team Qayyum - Anaborhi
Team Huxley - Jessica
Team Toomer - Harleydee
Team Palmer - Mutsa
Team Hall - Fizzah

REMINDER

If your child is successful at a sport/event outside of school, please let us know so that we can celebrate their success



SMOKING

To promote a child healthy environment can you please refrain from smoking outside the school gates. Thank you

NIKKI'S NEWSLETTER

Nikki Harrison, our Policy Community Support Officer for New Hall has put together a very informative newsletter for us to read.

If you have not received a copy via your email address then copies can be collected from the school office.



DIARY DATES

26 June - Year 6 Big Sleep in

29 June - Inset Day School Closed

30 June - School Open

- Year 5/6 Life Education Workshop

1 July - Year 6 to their Secondary school

3 July - Year 3/4 to Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park

7 July - Team Palmer trip to Sutton Park

8 July - Team Hall trip to Sutton Park

9 July - KS1 Jitterbug Workshop

10 July - Sports Day

13 July - School Council Bowling

- Open Afternoon for parents to collect their child's report.

17 July - School closes at 3.20pm for Summer holiday

7 September - School open at 8.55 am



BEWARE OF PEDESTRIANS

Parents can you please be mindful when manoeuvring your vehicle that you check at all times any children that may be near to your vehicle especially children on bikes. This week a child was nearly knocked off their bike. Please check your blind spots.