



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015

A warm welcome back to both new and existing parents. It has been fabulous to see the children looking ready for school and their learning with new coats, shoes and uniforms.

This year we are also delighted to welcome new staff to New Hall. Work at school does not stop during the summer months. Once again our playscheme has been successful and well attended for the four weeks that it ran.

Outdoor Gym

We have been able to have a new outdoor gym fitted in the Key Stage 2 playground. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying using it so much. **Just a gentle reminder that we kindly request parents not to play on the equipment at the end of the day due to Health and Safety procedures.**



We have also had six swings fitted alongside this. Children in Key Stage 2 have a set day when they are allowed on this equipment to make it fair for everybody.



Changing Room Refurbishment

We have been successful in gaining a grant from Sutton Municipal Charity, which has helped us have the changing rooms in the swimming pool refurbished. All of the children will benefit from this, as they all going swimming each year.



Open Evening

Year 6 pupils Open Evening at John Willmott School on Thursday 17 September from 6.30pm - 9pm.

Parental visits welcome by appointment on: Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 September 2015. For more details call: 0121 378 1946.

Behaviour and School Uniform

Our updated Behaviour Policy clearly sets out expectations for behaviour inside and outside of school, and will shortly be available on the website.

The policy also clearly states the school's expectations in terms of uniform, particularly footwear. Pupils wearing trainers or inappropriate footwear to school will be required to wear pumps during the school day, which will be provided for them. It is useful to remind parents that we expect support in all matters relating to school so that children understand that we work together for their best interests. To that end, here is a reminder of our expectations for pupils, so that parents can be aware and share with their children.

Pupil Expectations

- Be punctual
- Be ready to learn with a positive attitude
- Allow all other members of the class to learn and the adults to support their learning
- Bring the right PE kit, reading book, reading record and homework every week
- Wear correct uniform at all times.

Our school rule is:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Communications

There is an opportunity every morning for parents to pass on important messages to Senior Staff



on duty at the door. Should parents wish to speak to a classteacher, this may happen briefly at the end of the day after a class has been dismissed.

If parents feel the need for a longer chat please telephone for an appointment or telephone chat with the classteacher. Our Key Stage Leaders are also there to help - in Key Stage 2 Mr Hall, in Key Stage 1 Miss Davis and EYFS Mrs Carpenter.

We cannot emphasise enough about the need for school to have the correct mobile and contact numbers. Should an emergency arise we will always try and contact you.

Emergencies usually mean that your child is in need of you. However it is the responsibility of the parent to inform us of change of number, address or further contacts. There have been occasions in the past when we have had very distressed or poorly children whose parents we cannot reach, and therefore they remain upset for longer than is necessary. Please make this a priority—**CHANGE YOUR NUMBER, TELL THE SCHOOL**



Morning Registration

School gates and doors are opened at 8.45-8.55 am to allow for children to enter. We hope that this allows parents time to plan their journey to school with some flexibility.

All children should be in school on time.

From September 2015 the school governors have decided that morning registers will close at 9.15am instead of the current 9.30am. We will be continuing to issue fixed penalty notices to parents who do not bring their children to school on time or with unauthorised absences.

Reminders

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

- Price of School dinners are £2.05 per child per day, £10.25 per week. All lunch money needs to be handed into class in a sealed envelope. If you have any queries please contact the School office

Lunch Time Supervisor

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.

Diary Dates

1 October - Parents Evening

8 October - KS1 Harvest Festival Assembly

23 October - School closes for Teacher training day

26 October - 30 October - Half term school closed

2 November - School open at 8.45 am

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to the parents who completed the questionnaire from our Open afternoon at the end of the summer term. 28% of parents responded with their views about a range of matters connected with their child's education.

We received over 95% strongly agree/agree positive statements with regard to children feeling happy, safe, making good progress and being well looked after. Other areas which you commended us on included the behaviour of our pupils and how well we respond to any concerns raised. We are delighted that 100% of parents would recommend this school. From the questionnaire some parents felt that they did not know if we dealt well with bullying and would like some more information with regard to if a child needs extra support.

This year we will be working on keeping you more informed of these two matters. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff who will happily help.