



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2015

Welcome back!

The second half of the Autumn term is a term filled with wonder (one of our school values) as we celebrate both Diwali and Christmas at this time of year.

It is also the half term when the weather can be cold, wet and windy. Please can we remind you that children do need to bring a coat into school because whenever possible they will be taken outside for breaktimes and lunchtimes. Suitable outdoor clothing will hopefully keep those colds and coughs away.

This term our assembly themes focus on Anti-bullying and road safety also. Last week the children were able to enjoy a theatre group. The 'Ugly' theatre used the story of Cinderella and her sisters to show the whole school about the effect of bullying and how we need to tackle it.

Classes worked together to define bullying behaviour and explore how it affects victims, bystanders and the bullies themselves.



Anti-Bullying Week 16th-20th November 2015

Make a noise about bullying. It's time to say no! National Anti-Bullying Week, has seen all pupils joining together to take a stand against bullying. We look forward to seeing you dressed in blue on Friday to show how people feel 'blue' when they are being bullied. Look on Twitter to see how we united against bullying #AntiBullyingWeek.



Mad Science Assembly Tuesday 4th

November 2015

Atomic Abbie wowed the school with her Mad Science assembly last week! We all became scientists as we predicted how high the cork would blast off the test tube. Everyone's excited faces lit up when we investigated the how paper burns differently when dipped in chemicals; no smoke or ash! Mad Science are offering an after-school science club with heaps of resources to take home. KS1 & KS2 return your slip and payment to secure your spot in this inspirational club!



KS1 take a trip to the past!

Year 1 and 2 were transported back to the Victorian era at the Black Country Living Museum as part of their Victorian school days project. KS1 experienced a day in the life of a Victorian child during a lesson at St James Primary School with the strict headmaster, yes sir! The children found themselves writing on slate boards, reciting the alphabet backwards, practising their manners and were even lucky enough to see Miss Gilbert and Mrs Davies punished with the cain. The children also had the opportunity to see how the Victorians lived and worked visiting shops, factories and cottages throughout the day. The visit was rounded off with a trip to the cinema to watch a silent movie and a ride on the tram - a fantastic day had by all.

New Hall School Council 2015-2016

The votes have been cast, counted and verified!

Welcome to your new school councillors 2015:

Team Hall: Cory-Lee and Lily
Team Roberts: Jamie and Kundai
Team Palmer: Mahder and Fariah
Team Qayyum: Ethan and Ewa
Team Toomer: Sarah and Issabelle
Team Whateley: Jessica and Dylan
Team Davis: Alicia and Alex
Team Gilbert: Sienna and Riley
Team Talliss: Ha'niyah and Ollie

Congratulations to all our new councillors - there is lots of work to be done. Last year we visited the Birmingham Mayor - this year we're aiming for a trip to Parliament!



Children in Need

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported in raising a generous total of £385 for Children in Need. Once again our super cook, Mrs Galbraith, made Pudsey cookies, raising £133 through sales and the other £252 was generated through wearing non-school uniform. Your kindness will help to make a difference to children's lives. Thank you.

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A Day with an Artist

Key stage 1 enjoyed the day with the artist Lawrence Stephen Lowry. We found out about his life growing up in Manchester, his love for being from the North of England and his eagerness to become an artist. Throughout the day we had opportunities to sketch, draw and paint in the same style. We learnt how to draw people and buildings and used these skills to produce a final piece of artwork which will be displayed in school. We all had a lovely day where everyone's artistic skills were celebrated and shared.

Afterschool Activities

All children that represent New Hall at sporting fixtures demonstrate excellent sportsmanship and are great role models. They all put so much effort into preparing for fixtures and performing at the events themselves. We are very grateful to parents for their support at these events - without you the children would not have access to these opportunities, thank you.

So far at New Hall...

Y5/6 Football Team league matches x5
21.10.15 Y3/4 Football Tournament at Arthur Terry
19.10.15 Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Bishop Vesey
20.10.15 Bronze Ambassador training for two pupils in Y5 - Anoushka and Frederick
4.11.15 Y5/6 Hockey Tournament at Wyndley Leisure Centre

Still to come this half term:

10.11.15 Y3/4 Multiskills Competition at John Willmott TBC
17.11.15 Y1/2 Multiskills Competition at John Willmott
25.11.15 Y5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition at John Willmott

House Football Tournament

On 22nd October KS2 pupils competed in a House Football tournament. House events are a chance for every child to take part in competitions in a safe and friendly environment and to be part of a team working towards a common goal. Good sportsmanship was shown by all children who took part and the house captains did an excellent job of organising the event. The results: joint 3rd Powell and Wyndley, 2nd Longmoor, 1st Bracebridge.

Note to Parents

-Reporting Absences

If your child is ill and will not be attending school please call the school office on 0121 464 5170 no later than 9:30am. Thank you.



- Lost Property

Can you please take 5 minutes and have a look through our lost property box. There are lots of items of uniform that need a home. Please can you make sure that you put your child's name on all pieces of clothing even their coats. Thank you

- Playing in roads

It has been reported that children are playing football and riding their bikes in the road before school is open. This is very dangerous; the gates do not open until 8.45 and remain open until 8.55, so there is no reason to be in school before then.



Appointment of Governors

Would you like to be a governor for New Hall school? We are currently looking for new governors. All enquiries would be welcome especially if you have business/ financial skills or a knowledge of social care and health.

To find out more please contact Mrs Hanks via the school office.

STARBURST— 22 October

Team Gilbert- Emilee
Team Talliss - Lydia
Team Davis - Luis
Team Toomer - Lewis
Team Qayyum - Ashlee May
Team Whateley - Summer
Team Palmer - Mahder
Team Roberts - Thomas
Team Hall - Chloe

STARBURST—5 November

Team Gilbert- Maryan
Team Talliss - Rhianna
Team Davis - Luis
Team Toomer - Carlos
Team Qayyum - Sian
Team Whateley - Connie
Team Palmer - Ben
Team Roberts - Emmie-Mae
Team Hall - Joel



DIARY DATES

School closed: Monday 19

December - Friday 1 January 2016

**4 January 2016 - Teachers training
day school closed**

**School re-open Tuesday 5 January
2016**

**School closed Half term - Monday
15 February - Friday 19 February
2016**

School re-open Monday 22 February

**School closed: Friday 25 March -
Friday 8 April 2016**

**School re-open Monday 11 April
2016**

**School closed Half term - Monday
30 May - Friday 3 June 2016**

**6 June 2016 - Teachers training
day school closed**

**School re-open Tuesday 7 June
2016**