



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2015

It hardly seems possible that we have come to the end of the autumn term already, and that when we return it will be 2016. It has been a hard working and rewarding term for staff and pupils alike.

I do hope that you have had a chance to join us for at least one of the many events that have been so carefully organised by staff this term – it is so great to see a child's face light up when they see a parent attending an event that they are involved in. As a school we always welcome this support and involvement because it shows us how much you value your child's education.

As we end 2015 I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff for always doing their best for all the pupils at New Hall. We have a terrific team at New Hall which must never be underestimated. I hope that parents, staff, friends and governors of New Hall have a wonderful holiday, and enjoy the festive season with loved ones.

Peace be with you.



Reception Intake 2016

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012? If

so, it is important that you apply online for your child's Reception class place for September 2016 by 15 January 2016. For further information and to apply online please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, alternatively contact a member of the Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping our Poppy Appeal we have managed to raise £70.74.



School Meals Price Increase

With effect from Tuesday 5 January 2016 the price of school meals for Year 3 to Year 6 will be:-

£2.10 per day per child (£10.50 per week, per child)



TRIP TO THINK TANK

On Wednesday 9th December year 3/4 went on a trip to Birmingham Think Tank to discover the wonder of space. Whilst there, children enrolled in astronaut academy and learned all about survival on other planets. We also had time to explore the science garden and other areas of the museum where we saw some very exciting things. Our most favourite part was visiting the planetarium where we learned about the constellations in our night sky, and that we truly are a small planet in a colossal universe. A great time was had by all.



YEAR 5 TRIP TO THEATRE

On Thursday 10th December, year five visited The Old Rep Theatre to watch the swashbuckling adventure, *Treasure Island*. We joined two cabin boys called Jesse and Jim on their travels to a desert island aboard the *Hispaniola*. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show, especially when joining in with the secret handshake, booing Long John Silver and singing along with the *Mermaid Princess*.

As an added bonus, we got to visit the brand new Grand Central station to eat our lunch and gaze in wonder at the new roof. Thank you so much to parents for getting year five to school a little earlier than usual so that we could make it in to Birmingham on time!



YEAR 6 TRIP TO SUTTON COLDFIELD

On Tuesday 1st December, Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Sutton Coldfield. During the trip, we visited Sutton Library where children had the opportunity to research and share their love of reading with their friends. At the end of this visit, the librarians told Mr Hall how well-behaved the children were and that many children had asked thoughtful and intelligent questions. After this, we went to Sutton Coldfield Empire Cinema to watch *The Good Dinosaur*. This was a wonderful experience that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Once again, the children's behaviour was exemplary - well done Team Hall!



STARBURST— **19 November**



Team Gilbert- Caitlin
Team Talliss - Kieran
Team Davis - Mia
Team Toomer - Alex
Team Qayyum - Dylan
Team Whateley - Raveena
Team Palmer - Fariah
Team Roberts - Demi-Leigh
Team Hall - Kodie

STARBURST— **10 December**



Team Gilbert- Evie
Team Talliss - Amari
Team Davis - Bow
Team Toomer - Amelia
Team Qayyum - Caitlin
Team Whateley - Keeley
Team Palmer - On trip
Team Roberts - On Trip
Team Hall - Laila

Note to Parents

- Inappropriate Language

We ask that all parents and visitors on the school site use appropriate language at all times, as children are often in earshot of grown up discussions especially during waiting times at the end of the day.

-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.

- Label Uniform

Please can you make sure that all uniform and coats are clearly labelled with your child's name on. Without any names we are unable to return items when lost.



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 2016

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

School closed: Friday 22 July 2016



CSAWS

IMPROVING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
IMPROVING OUTCOMES.

Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd Reg: 9701970

The importance of being on time.

Being at school on time every day means:

- Your child gets the best possible start to their day.
- Your child doesn't miss any important lessons or instructions.
- Your child will be able to walk into school with all the other children and take part in the important routines at the start of the day.
- Your child won't feel embarrassed or self-conscious because they have arrived at a different time or have to walk into a full classroom.
- Your child is establishing good routines and habits that will help them as they progress through school and eventually into the workplace.

If you are experiencing any difficulties getting your child to school on time, please contact your school who can refer you to their Attendance and Welfare Officer for advice and support.