



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

The end of the school year is fast approaching for us all. At this time our thoughts turn particularly to Y6, many of whom have been with us since Nursery. We have a very busy schedule of events including Open afternoon, the Leavers' production, Rotary Awards and sports day. I hope you are able to support your children at some of these events, and hope to see you.

STAFF CHANGES

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff. Mrs Stevenson, has secured a new role as Head Teacher of an infant school in Erdington. We will be sad to see her go, as she has worked tirelessly for the children at New Hall. We know that her new position is an exciting opportunity for her to make a difference to even more children's lives. We wish her well for the future and thank her for all of the hard work.

Mr Hall will also be moving on to take up a new position in a different school. Since arriving at New Hall he has made a positive impact, particularly on children and parents in Y6. We will miss your smile and sense of humour Mr Hall!

Mr Qayyum has also decided to take some time away from full time teaching to concentrate on completing his Masters degree. Good luck Mr Qayyum!

New staff

We are delighted to have successfully appointed new staff in preparation for September.

Mrs Hemming will be joining us as Deputy Head Teacher. Mrs Thomas will be working as Upper Key Stage 2 phase leader. Miss Spencer and Mrs Collette will also be new staff.

Across the year, we have made some changes to the layout of the school, as well as installation of the log cabins on the playground. This has been to accommodate our growing school population. As we continue to expand as a school, next year we will be in the fortunate position of having 2 classes in each year group. Historically we have been used to making allowances for mixed age classes which has resulted in no impact on the children. However we are delighted to be in a position of a 2 form entry school.

As always, during the summer holidays there will be key improvements taking place to ensure that the school site is the best it can be for your children to return to in September. Further details will follow in the next newsletter.

KS1 to Rectory Park

On Wednesday 8th June Key Stage 1 went on a trip to Rectory Park. The morning out of school was to support our geography learning, where we were focussing on the story *The Gruffalo*. Whilst at the park we made sculptures, identified leaves, completed a colour matching activity, measured trees, sketched the surroundings and collected natural items from around the wooded area. We compared the park environment to our school grounds looking at similarities and differences. Everyone enjoyed the full range of activities, which was made even better by the sunny weather.



Fire Fighters at New Hall KS1

Last Thursday, Key Stage 1 and EYFS had a special visit from Sutton Coldfield's Red Watch Fire Fighters to celebrate KS1's London's Burning theme. Arriving in their fire engine, the team welcomed us with a guided tour of all the equipment used on a daily basis to fight fires. We were surprised by the weight of some of these objects! Everyone was challenged to use the hose to hit a target in the distance and some of us got a little wet! Key Stage 1 were particularly interested in comparing modern day fire-fighting to the methods used during the Great Fire of London.

Topsy Turvy Non - Uniform Day

School Council are pleased to inform you that we raised £207.07 for the NSPCC as a result of our Topsy-Turvy Uniform Day. Once more, New Hall staff and pupils gave enthusiastic support and dressed impressively for the occasion. Your kindness will help to make a difference to children's lives, here in the UK. Thank you



YR5/6 Trip to Guru Nanak Gurdwara

On Monday 13th June, Year 6 visited the Guru Nanak Durwara, Smethwick. Children received a tour of the Gurdwara and enjoyed a traditional Sikh meal. All children were extremely respectful and learned a lot about the Sikh religion. The welcome we received from the Sikh community was extremely friendly. What a wonderful experience!

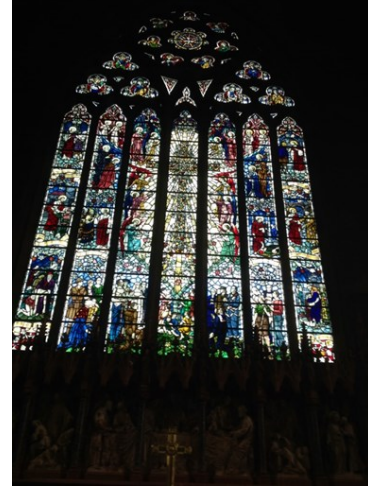


Queen's Birthday Picnic

Once again, New Hall staff and pupils showed a determined streak and made a fun experience out of what could have been a bit of a damp disaster! The true British Weather accompanied our picnic celebrations on Friday, but we didn't let it get our spirits down! We thought of 'Her Majesty' and mustered a particularly stirring rendition of 'God Save the Queen', before enjoying our picnic. Well done everyone for keeping a stiff upper lip and showing some grit - just like our longest serving monarch!

Y1 & 2 ST Martins Trip

On Thursday 26th of May KS1 visited St Martin's church in Birmingham city centre. The children were filled with information about the church from the reverend's guided tour. Whilst exploring, the children were excited to find all of the key features of a Christian place of worship. The children even experienced a moment of reflection and calm within the beautiful surroundings.



Lost Property

Last chance will be Thursday 30 June to claim any lost items of uniform and coats before it is taken to Second Thoughts.

Note to parents

May we remind you that you should not be entering the school premises to collect your child before 3.10pm. This is for health and safety reasons.

King Edward VI High School for Girls

Parents who are considering entry for their daughters are invited to bring them to visit the school and meet the staff.

Open Occasions

Saturday 17 September 2016
9.45 - 12 noon

11+ Examination Dates for entry September 2017

Friday 7 October 2016

**Closing date for applications - Monday 26
September 2016**

Starburst for Nursery & EYFS

26 May 2016

Nursery - Selina
Team Carpenter - Chloe
Team Degville - Cienna-
Mai
Team Gilbert - On trip
Team Davis - On trip
Team Wood - On trip



Starburst for KS2

16 June 2016
Team Toomer - Issabelle
Team Whateley - Skye
Team Qayyum - Vit
Team Roberts - Miles
Team Palmer - On trip
Team Hall - Sienna

Please make sure your child attends school every day

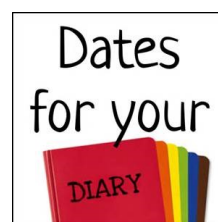
The following cases were heard at Birmingham Magistrates Court relating to parents of a New Hall pupil on **18 May 2016**.

Prosecution of parents/carers, Education Act 1996 Section 444

At Victoria Law Court on the 18th May 2016, parents did not appear and the case was heard in their absence. After hearing the circumstances of the case the Magistrates imposed a fine of £220, costs of £125 and a victim surcharge of £22; a total of **£367**.

Diary Dates for Sport

23rd May Y5/6 Boys' Rounders
27th May KS2 House Rounders —Longmoor won
8th June Y4 Cricket Festival
13th June Y5/6 Mixed Rounders
14th June Superschools Sponsored Event
15th June KS2 Area Athletics
21st June Y5/6 Girls' Rounders
28th June Y5 Cricket Festival



Diary Dates

**School closed from Monday 25 July
to Monday 5 September 2016.**

**School re-opens Tuesday 6
September 2016**

**Please note: School closed FRIDAY
30TH SEPTEMBER 2016.**