



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

From the Headteacher, Mrs Hanks

The second half of the Autumn term is already in full swing, and already this year there have been ample opportunities for you as parents to come and join in some of the fantastic activities that go on here at New Hall, particularly to enhance experiences for New Hall pupils.

We have received very positive feedback from the 'Parent Drop-ins' across all year groups, and will be running these again in the spring term. It has been really exciting for us to read parents' comments in the books, as this also gives you, as parents, an opportunity to have a look at what your child does on a daily basis.

This year we are also trialling a 'celebration' event in each year group. Last week year 6 had their parents in to work together on a project based on their World War 1 theme. Again, the really positive feedback, and work completed with parents and children collaborating together was superb. Well done everyone and thank you.

With the holiday season fast approaching, I look forward to seeing you at some of the many events we have planned, leading up until the end of term.

CHILDREN IN NEED 2016

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who supported us in raising a generous total of **£426.59** for Children in



Need. Once again our super head cook, Mrs Galbraith, made over 700 Pudsey cookies, raising **£140.75** through sales and the other **£285.84** was generated through wearing non-school uniform. Your kindness will help to make a difference to children's lives. Thank you.



PIGGY BANK ATTENDANCE

Did you know that each week the Team that has the best attendance earns a £1? The children then decide together whether to save their money and buy something special at the end of the year or to spend it on something smaller such as sweets. All they have to do is come to school every day! Team Thomas is currently in the lead with £3 already in their piggy bank.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Power for Good! National Anti-Bullying Week, has seen all pupils joining together to take a stand against bullying. Our wristbands and blue clothing show how people feel 'blue' when they are being bullied. Pupils have worked together to define bullying behaviour and explore how it affects victims, bystanders and the bullies themselves. Each class has shown how they feel about bullying by completing an anti-bullying art piece. Next time you are in, look out for our powerful and creative canvases!



YEAR 5 INVADE DUDLEY

On Tuesday 22nd November Year 5 travelled to the heart of the Black Country to Dudley Museum and Art Gallery. Here we explored the legacy of Anglo-Saxon Britain and how it has influenced our lives today. Through role play and handling of artefacts, we discovered that far from the vicious Barbarians commonly portrayed in films and TV, the Vikings and Saxons were a cultured and civilised people. We thoroughly enjoyed our experience which will inform our future lessons across the curriculum on Invaders.



MULISKILLS

On Tuesday 8th November, ten children from Y3/4 competed in a multiskills tournament at John Willmott School. The boys and girls took part in ten activities which tested their speed, agility and strength. Out of ten schools, the New Hall team came 3rd and received bronze medals for their efforts. Well done children and thank you parents and carers for your support.



JOB VACANCIES

Lunchtime Supervisor - 6 hours 15 minutes per week, term time only.

Closing date - Friday 9 December at 9am

Interviews taking place w/c 12 December.

Pastoral manager - 36.5 hours term time only.

Closing date - Monday 12 December at 9am.

Interviews will be held on Thursday 15 December.

Application forms can be printed off our website or a pack can be collected from the school office.

LOST PROPERTY

Parents, please can you take a few minutes to have a look at our lost property box and check if any missing items of uniform belong to you, thank you. Any named items are returned to children.

CURRICULUM

Parents, if you would like to know more about the curriculum planned for your children, this can be found on our website under 'Our School'. If you have any queries please speak to the class teacher.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can we remind parents that all pupils need to wear the correct uniform and footwear for school. Children can **only** wear stud earring's. No earrings are allowed to be worn for PE. Our expectations of uniform can be found on our website: www.newhall.bham.sch.uk

Starburst for KS1

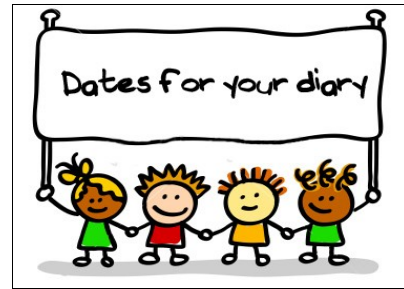
Thursday 10 November

Team Gilbert - Millie
Team Durning - Aden
Team Wood - Isha
Team Collett - Eleni

Starburst for KS2

Thursday 17 November

Team Toomer - Myla
Team Whateley - Kalvin
Team Spencer - Ellie
Team Davis - Dylan
Team Roberts - Sophie
Team Steadman - Kye
Team Palmer - Ben
Team Thomas - Corey



Term dates 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016:

Friday 16 December 2016 - Term ends

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 January 2017 - Term starts

Half term - Monday 20 February 2017 -
Friday 24 February 2017

Friday 7 April 2017 - Term ends

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24 April 2017 - Term starts

Half term - Monday 29 May 2017 - Friday
2 June 2017

Tuesday 25 July 2017 - Term ends

Please note - Teacher Training days may still be added to the term dates shown above.

DIARY DATES AMENDMENTS:

15th Nov - Yr 6 Parent Celebration not as stated on 15th Dec

24th Nov - Yr 1 Inspire Workshop Maths not Yr 4 as stated

Apologies



**** School takes attendance and punctuality at school seriously. We know that children who attend regularly and on time achieve more, settle better and thrive in school. ****

School have commissioned Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS) to undertake work in challenging poor attendance and punctuality and to help them to raise attendance and outcomes for all pupils. This means that a higher level of support to parents as well as being proactive in dealing with attendance concerns.

The allocated CSAWS Attendance and Welfare Officer may:

- Write to parent

- Invite them into school to a meeting

- Complete home visits

- Conduct safe and well visits to those children that have been absent from school for a significant amount of days.

- Conduct Late gates to review any punctuality concerns

You can find out more about CSAWS at www.csaws.co.uk or enquire to school for further information if you wish.