



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

As another half term comes to an end, I would like to thank parents for their continued support. Since January there has been many opportunities for parents to have been involved in learning about both Y2 and Y6 SATs tests, as well as Y1 phonics. Thank you if you came along to support your child.

Safeguarding

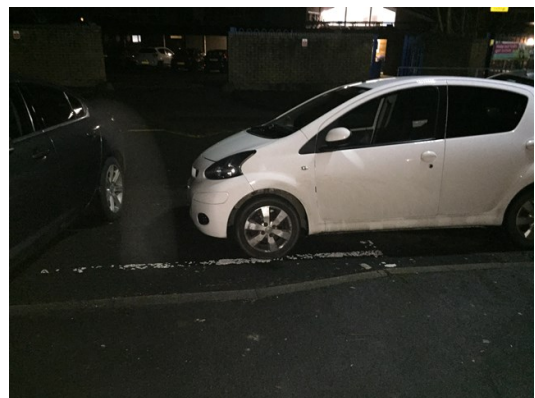
Thank you to all of those parents who telephone the school when their child is not at school due to illness. There is a small minority of parents who do not inform us. As a result school staff are spending a great deal of time establishing the whereabouts of these children. Consequently this becomes a safeguarding issue. One phone call is all that we ask.

Lunch Boxes

We are asking children to take home all contents of their lunchboxes, so that you are aware of what has been eaten, as we are finding more and more children throwing away the contents and not eating it. We feel that it is important that you, as parents, monitor and check that your child is given a healthy, balanced packed lunch. **NO CHOCOLATE BARS PLEASE.**

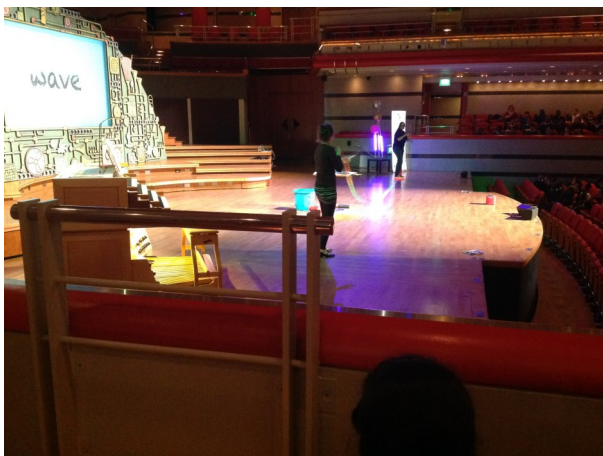
PARKING!

Inconsiderate parking is still happening. We are having to deal with complaints daily from very unhappy residents. Parents are parking across residents driveways making it impossible for them to gain access or exit their own drive. A rather sad incident recently where a parent blocked access to a disabled resident's driveway. After being asked politely if they could move their car she was spoken to abusively. This cannot continue. Please **help** us to make this **stop**. Start thinking of others.



YEAR 5 THE SCIENCE OF SOUND WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 5th February Year 5 took the bus and went into Birmingham to visit the Symphony Hall. Whilst they were there they took part in the interactive stage show, 'The Science of Sound'. Children learnt how sound travels and can be changed, they were shown how to make unusual instruments at home and learnt all about the fantastic organ with 6,000 pipes! Both children and staff enjoyed the visit and learnt many interesting things about sound.



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.

SUTTON GAMES 2017

Dates for this years Sutton Games have been confirmed as 8th & 9th July, 12-5pm at Wyndley Leisure Centre. All activities are free and there are a range of sporting activities for all ages. Please save the date!



SCHOOL FOOTWEAR

Remind all parents that boots or shoes with heels are not allowed to be worn in school.

E-SAFETY TIP

Always make sure the URL on a website starts with https before you transfer personal details. This means it's a secure connection.

PARENT LUNCHES

We have received glowing reports from parents who have come in to have lunch with their children also. Thank you Mrs Galbraith and your team in the kitchen.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday 8th February it was Safer Internet Day and New Hall were very busy! Teachers led assemblies with their classes all about the power of images, and staff taught an afternoon session about sharing photos on the internet safely. Computing leaders Miss Steadman and Miss Durning also ran a question and answer session with Year 5 and 6 parents on Monday 7th February. One parent commented, 'it is encouraging to know that the school is being pro-active, educating children about the risks online.'

At New Hall we take internet safety very seriously and also teach one e-safety lesson every 6 weeks in all year groups. Let's work together to keep our children safe on-line.

STAR BURSTS

Thursday 26th January 2017

EYFS & KS1

Nursery - Eddie

Team Carpenter - Finn

Team Degville - James

Team Gilbert - Jake

Team Durning - Theo

Team Wood - Mayla

Team Edwards - Chantelle

STAR BURSTS

Thursday 2nd February 2017

KS2

Team Toomer - Shawn

Team Whateley - Harry

Team Davis - Mollie

Team Spencer - Miya

Team Roberts - Ewa

Team Steadman - Francis

Team Palmer - Kieran

Team Thomas - Melody

STAR BURSTS

Thursday 9th February 2017

EYFS & KS1

Nursery - Laila

Team Carpenter - Tumelo

Team Degville - Kyle

Team Gilbert—Trey

Team Durning - Elsie

Team Wood - Marcus

Team Edwards - Joseph

STAR BURSTS

Thursday 16th February 2017 KS2

Team Toomer - Shawn

Team Whateley - Sarim

Team Davis - Amari

Team Spencer - Ellie-Jay

Team Roberts - Mwizukanji

Team Steadman - Ben

TERM DATES

2016/2017



Spring Term 2017

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

Monday 27th February - School open

Friday 7 April 2017 - Term ends

Summer Term 2017

Monday 24th April 2017 - Term starts

Monday 1st May - School closed

Tuesday 2nd May - School open

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

Monday 5th June - Teacher training day

Tuesday 6th June - School open

Friday 21st July 2017 - Term ends

Monday 24th July—Teacher Training day

Tuesday 25th July—Teacher Training day

Autumn Term 2017

Term starts Tuesday 5 September 2017

CHILDREN CENTRE TIMETABLE

Monday - Stay & Play - 1.30-3pm £2

Tuesday - Baby Massage - 1.30 - 2.30pm
(phone to book your place)

Wednesday - New Births/New to area
registration (call to make appointment)

Thursday - Baby Drop In Clinic - 9.30-11am
- Homestart Stay & Play group
(no charge) - 1.30-3pm

Friday - Stay & Play - 1.30-3pm £2



St John's Church Walmley

✦ POT OF GOLD CLUB ✦

To help children between the ages of 6yrs - 11yrs
who have suffered loss through death or family
breakdown. ✦ ✦

Starting on *Monday 6 March 2017*

This group is completely free of charge

It will meet at St John's Church, 4 Walmley
Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, B76 1QN from
6.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Please contact St John's Church office on: 0121
313 0413 or office@stjw.org.uk Monday to Friday
9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m for more information and a
registration form.