



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017

June has proved an interesting month for us at New Hall. It has been lovely to enjoy some sunshine, and to see the children make the most of the fantastic facilities that we have at New Hall. There have been many sporting events across the whole year, that we have loved taking the children too. Thank you to any of the parents who have supported us in whatever way, by coming to see their children in action.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel some events, due to parents not responding to paperwork, even when it is sent out several times. I'm sure you can appreciate that these events take a lot of organizing, and it is really disappointing for the children, if they are then unable to attend, due to no fault of their own. We would appreciate your support in this matter, so that we can continue to offer the range of sporting events, and so that children don't miss out.

As the end of the term comes rushing towards us, I look forward to seeing you at some of the events that have been organized. You will find details of all of these towards the end of this newsletter.

Mrs Hanks

Meet our new Pastoral Manager.....

I would like to introduce myself as Lynette Bramble. I am the Pastoral Manager at the school. I support children and families who attend the school. New Hall Primary and Children's Centre is a warm and caring school, where each child is valued and supportively challenged to reach their full potential in a fun, creative, learning environment. I am very pleased to have joined the school community.



I have worked in a number of schools for over a decade, and bring my insight and experience to New Hall, with the aim of ensuring children continue to thrive by feeling supported, enjoying school and learning to the best of their ability.

The support I offer to children includes:

- Social and Emotional Wellbeing
- Attendance Concerns
- Encouraging Positive Learning Behaviours
- Keeping Children Safe
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I support families by:

- Offering Advice and Signposting
- Being on hand to hear and act on any concerns

Meet our new Pastoral Manager (continued).....

Please feel free to contact me if I can offer you any assistance. You can also speak to me on the school gate at the beginning or end of the school day.

Year 4 Trip to Guru Nanak Gurdwara

As part of our R.E. Curriculum, Year 4's Multi - Faith educational visit this year was to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick. On Thursday 18th May Team Spencer and Friday 19th May Team Davis had guided tours of this truly beautiful, breath-taking building - the largest Gurdwara in Europe. Our guide, Sarpeet, took us all around the Gurdwara building, clearly explaining key aspects of the Sikh religion and explaining the rituals they follow to show respect towards the Guru Granth Sahib. The children really enjoyed trying the vegetarian handmade food and experiencing Sikh prayers in the main hall which helped them to understand the significance for the worshippers who attend there. Exploring this fascinating building really helped deepen our understanding of this interesting faith, helped us to understand the lengths Sikhs go to help people of all faiths and religions and gave us all lasting memories. Thank you Sarpeet for being such an informative and generous guide, and to the Guru Nanak Gurdwara for making all of Year 4 feel so welcome.



Year 2 Trip to Holdenby House

On Tuesday 6th June Year 2 visited 16th Century Holdenby House in Northamptonshire. The children were transported back in time to a themed day set in the World War Two era. During the day we met Mrs North (a very strict cook who helped us work out how to make our rations go further), Mrs FO (a lady from London who had lost her apartment in the air raids and so decided to move to the country where she helped us to learn about the make-do-and-mend approach), and finally there was Stella (who was very suspicious of us being spies but once we'd convinced her we weren't, she was happy to show us how to stay safe in an air raid!) After an exhausting morning of cooking, sheltering and making do and mending, we learnt how to sing 'Run Rabbit Run' and 'God Save the King' and also performed one of our favourite songs - 'All Our Friends' - to Stella and Mrs FO. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and is still the hot topic of conversation in class. The experiences we had are also forming part of our writing and topic lessons, allowing the children to draw on personal experiences to add a greater depth of detail to their work.



Parentmail Upgrade

We have been using Parentmail for a while as a tool to communicate with our parents either via text or email.

We are upgrading, so over the next few days you will be sent either an email and/or text message from Parentmail. When you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we highly recommend you download the Parentmail App.

Lots of benefits for downloading the App:

- Free to download
- You don't need to login to pick up messages when you use the App
- The App stores all messages we send you in one place
- Every message sent arrives as an instant alert
- Parents can notify the school of their child/ren absence
- If all parents use the App we can stop sending text messages completely and put the money spent to better use

Parents - Dates for your Diary 2017/18

JUNE		
21 st	Wednesday	Year 1 Grandparent Lunch
27 th	Tuesday	Year 5 Inspire Maths
28 th	Wednesday	Year 2 Grandparent Lunch
28 th	Wednesday	Year 6 Trip - Bowling
29 th	Thursday	Year 1 Trip to St Chads Church
30 th	Friday	Year 3 Trip - Catholic Church
JULY		
3 rd	Monday	Year 4 Trip - Kinver Edge
4 th	Tuesday	Team Edwards Trip - Buddhist Centre (AM)
6 th	Thursday	Year 1 Class Assembly
7 th	Friday	Team Thomas Trip - Shree Ram Mandir Temple (AM)
10 th	Monday	Year 3 Trip - Sutton Park
11 th	Tuesday	Year 5 Trip - Cadbury World
12 th	Wednesday	Year 3/4 Grandparent Lunch
12 th	Wednesday	Team Wood Trip - Buddhist Centre (AM)
13 th	Thursday	Sports Day
14 th	Friday	Team Palmer Trip - Shree Ram Mandir Temple (AM)
17 th	Monday	Year 1 Trip - Sheldon Park
19 th	Wednesday	End of Year - Year 6 Performance (PM)
19 th	Wednesday	Year 5/6 Grandparent Lunch
19 th	Wednesday	Open Afternoon for Parents - Handing out Reports
21 st	Friday	100% Attendance Trip - Conkers
School Closed 21st July - 5th September 2017		
SEPTEMBER		
6 th	Wednesday	School open

Summer Play Scheme 2017 - 26 July to 18 August

If you would like your child to have a place on our Summer Play Scheme, please ask at Reception or speak to Mrs Lucas, Wrap Around/Play Scheme Manager for a Play Scheme pack. Once paperwork completed and payment received your child will have a place.

Hurry, it is filling up fast.

E-Safety Tip

New Hall's favourite online safety website:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

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.

Concerts in the Park

Saturday 1st July from 4pm, evening concert featuring the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. They will perform classics from film, musicals and opera including themes from Harry Potter and Star Wars and much more. Wide range of street food from local traders and licensed bars. Tickets: Adults £10, Concessions £5.

Sunday 2nd July 11am - 3pm

Sutton Park Boldmere Gate recreational ground is transformed for a FREE day of music, beasts and bugs!
Family friendly performances by the CBSO's mini orchestra plus live music from Sutton Coldfield choirs and Sutton's very own Scout Gang Show. Craft activities and a guided tour of Sutton Park by a park ranger.
Food and drinks will be available. Tickets FREE but should be reserved in advance.

Book via Sutton Coldfield Town Hall call 0121 296 9543 or online at www.townhallsuttoncoldfield.co.uk

Star burst

Thursday 25th May

KS2

Team Toomer - Abeera
Team Whateley - Kaydee
Team Spencer - Benjamin
Team Davis - Chloe
Team Roberts - Mwizukanji
Team Steadman - Sophie
Team Palmer - Ruby
Team Thomas - Imanir

Thursday 15th June

EYFS & KS1

Nursery - Jamie Lee
Team Carpenter - Selina
Team Degville - Joshua
Team Gilbert - Mason
Team Durning - Oliver
Team Wood - Gael
Team Edwards - Raees

TERM DATES 2016/2017

Summer Term 2017

Friday 21st July 2017 - Term ends
Monday 24th July - Teacher Training day
Tuesday 25th July - Teacher Training day

Autumn Term 2017

Term starts Wednesday 6 September 2017

Please note school re-opens for the Autumn term on Wednesday 6 September NOT Tuesday 5 September as previously stated