



## NEWSLETTER JULY 2017—PART 1

We have just a couple of weeks left at school now before the summer holidays. We are delighted with the progress that the children have made, and also how well the school has achieved across Key Stage 1 tests, Key Stage 2 tests and Y1 phonics check. Well done to everyone for all of their hard work.

### STAFF CHANGES

We will be saying goodbye to some members of staff at the end of this term, and welcoming new teachers also.

Miss Spencer has decided to return home to Bristol to continue her teaching. Miss Gilbert and Miss Whateley will be going travelling, and Miss Davis will be moving to an infant school. We wish them all well, and thank them for all of their contributions to New Hall.

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Rainbird, Miss Walker, Mr Collis and Mrs Chadra. Before the end of term, children and parents will have an opportunity to meet their new teachers. On Monday 17th July, the children will be spending some time in their new classes.

I look forward to welcoming you on the Open afternoon on the 19th July.

*Mrs Hanks*

### Sports Update

It was with great disappointment that we found out about the Area Sports competition being cancelled due to excessive heat. Thank you children for your maturity towards this decision - you can show off your skills at sports day instead.

We have recently entered two Y5/6 rounders tournaments and a Y5/6 cricket competition. All involved played brilliantly and showed excellent sportsmanship.

On Tuesday 27th June, the talented Y4 tennis team competed at Sutton Tennis Club and won bronze medals! Well done to Konor, Dontae, Kaiah and Isobelle.

### Year 6 Bowling

On Wednesday 28th June, Y6 visited Strykers in Tamworth for an end-of-year bowling treat! Of course, there was plenty of time to run through the songs for the upcoming production on the coach journey there and back. The children had a great time bowling with their friends and enjoyed their Wimpy lunch. We even included a bit of maths and had to make some tough decisions when calculating how many sweets each team could afford to buy with their earned tickets. The manager complimented our pupils on their good behaviour.

## School Dinners—Price increase

From September, school dinners will cost £2.20. Please put dinner money in a named sealed envelope and handed in to the class teacher at the start of each week.

## 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 is completed and payment received your child will have a place. Places are limited, and filling up fast.

### Coming up.....

Apologies for mix up in dates for Year 3 trip to Sutton Park. Dates correct below:

11th July - Year 5 trip to Cadbury World

11th July - Year 3 trip to Sutton Park

12th July - Team Wood to Buddhist Centre

13th July - Sports Day (AM -EYFS/KS1  
PM- KS2)

12th - Year 3 & 4 Grandparent lunch

14th - Team Palmer trip to Shree Ram  
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17th July - Year 1 trip to Sheldon Park

19th July - Year 5/6 Grandparent lunch

19th July - Open Afternoon to collect  
reports from 2pm

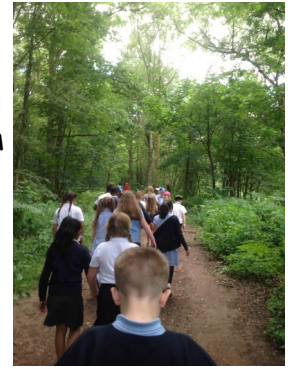
19th July - Year 6 Leavers performance  
6pm, please purchase your tickets

21st July - 100% Attendance trip to Conkers

## Year 4 trip to Kinver Edge

As part of our 'Britain from the air' theme, Year 4's summer term educational visit was to Kinver Edge National Trust Park and Rock Houses, Stourbridge.

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Team Spencer and Team Davis participated in an adventurous woodland walk, with particularly breath-taking views and mini-beast hunts. We were made to feel extremely welcome by our National Trust rangers and were able to learn all about the wildlife that live both underground and in the trees canopy. The children all thoroughly engaged in using classification keys to identify the large amount of creepy crawlies that they discovered and put their walking shoes on to trek up the tracks surrounded by beautiful woodland to reach the high hills. The children also really enjoyed asking questions about the rock houses and habitats, furthering their knowledge of our Science 'Living things and their habitats' topic. Exploring the fascinating scenery really helped promote our understanding of the importance to protect our surroundings and gave us all lasting memories. Thank you Kinver Edge for welcoming us and allowing us to freely explore the land you conserve so well!



## **E-Safety Tip**

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

## **Parentmail Upgrade**

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

We have upgraded, so when you receive a text or email from Parentmail 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.

If you have a new mobile number or email address you can do the change yourself on Parentmail.

If we update any information i.e your email address or mobile number, it will require your approval within 7 days otherwise it reverts back to the old information.

If you are not receiving texts or emails from us please let us know.

## **Children Centre**

Children Centre will be closed for the duration of the Summer holidays, from Wednesday 26 July to Friday 1st September. All services will resume back to normal from Monday 4th September.

## **Lost Property**

Please come and have a look in our lost property box and claim any pieces of uniform that belong to your family.

Lost Property will also be on display on our Open Afternoon, Wednesday 19th July.

## **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.

## **Star burst**

### **Thursday 22 Jun**

#### **KS2**

Team Toomer - Isobel  
Team Whateley - Emily  
Team Spencer - Daniel  
Team Davis - Ananya  
Team Roberts - Chloe  
Team Steadman - Lacey  
Team Palmer - Tiara  
Team Thomas - Melody

### **Thursday 29 June**

#### **EYFS & KS1**

Team Carpenter - Lisiyah  
Team Degville - Keilien  
Team Gilbert - On trip  
Team Durning - On trip  
Team Wood - Riley  
Team Edwards - Jayden

## **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

## **TERM DATES 2017/2018**

### **Autumn Term 2017**

Monday 4 September - Teacher Training day  
Tuesday 5 September - Teacher Training day  
**Wednesday 6 September 2017 - School open**  
Friday 22 September - Teacher Training day  
Monday 25 September - School open  
Half Term - Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October  
Monday 30 October - School open  
Christmas holiday - Monday 25 December to Friday 5 January 2018

### **Spring Term 2018**

Monday 8 January 2018 - School open  
Half term - Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February  
Monday 26 February - School open  
Easter holiday - Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April

### **Summer Term 2018**

Monday 16 April - School open  
Monday 7 May - Bank Holiday school closed  
Tuesday 8 May - School open  
Half term - Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June  
Monday 4 June - School open  
Monday 23 July - Teacher Training day  
Tuesday 24 July - Teacher Training day