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NEWSLETTER JULY 2017 - PART 2

Well, the end of term is fast approaching. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Open afternoon on Wednesday 19th July, where you will have an opportunity to meet new teachers, collect your child's report and say thank you to current teachers.

As always, at this time of year, it is a time to reflect on what has happened, and what is to come. I would like to say a huge thank you to ALL staff at New Hall. Your dedication, hard work and readiness to 'go the extra mile' for the pupils is an inspiration. I am tremendously proud to be Head Teacher of New Hall, because it is a fantastic place to work, with a superb team spirit.

Thanks must also go to pupils who have worked so hard this year, particularly with how well all year groups have done, considering the challenging new curriculum. Finally, to parents. If you have supported your child/ren in any way this year with homework, attendance at events, or just by encouraging them to do their very best then thank you.

When school and home work well together, then when faced with challenges, children will grow to understand that most situations can be resolved if parents are willing to show support of the school, and are willing to work WITH and not against the school. Thank you if you are one of those parents. Enjoy the holidays.

Mrs Hanks

Sports Day

On Thursday 13th July, the rain held off all day and the whole school got to enjoy Sports Day! All pupils competed in track and field events to score points for their house. Well done to everyone who took part! Thank you to parents for coming to watch - your children really appreciate you being at school events. A special well done to the brave adults who took part in the parent races! One last huge thank you to the Y6 boys who organised the day - you all did a fantastic job at leading your houses and sports day wouldn't have happened without you! Now for the results...

KS1

4th place: Longmoor
3rd place: Bracebridge
2nd place: Longmoor
1st place: Wyndley

KS2

4th place: Wyndley
3rd place: Longmoor
2nd place: Bracebridge
1st place: Longmoor





Year 3 trip to Sutton Park

On Tuesday 11th July, year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age experience trip at Sutton Park. They studied Stonehenge, one of Britain's most famous prehistoric monuments, and built replica models out of stones that they found, we also looked at the artist Andy Goldsworthy and how to make fossil art out of the resources that we could find. Year 3 went on a hunt to find prehistoric animals such as mammoths, cave lions and arctic foxes. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their experience.

Year 5 trip to Cadbury World

On Tuesday 11th July, Year 5 went to Cadbury World to learn about the Mayans and their discovery of the cocoa bean, bringing the world chocolate! The children had an educational talk and learnt how chocolate started in the Mayan times and had the opportunity to smell and touch real cocoa beans. They had a tour around the factory and were shown how chocolate is made on a large scale in modern times. They also visited the Cadbury gift shop and hopefully shared their chocolate with their families afterwards! It was a very interesting and delicious trip which Year 5 children and staff all greatly enjoyed.



Year 6 trip to Shree Ram Mandir

Team Thomas and Team Palmer have both visited the Shree Ram Mandir - a Hindu temple in Birmingham. The children had the opportunity to see the statues and symbols they have been learning about and listen to stories and facts from the priest. Well done children for coming up with such interesting questions and thank you to Daniel for sharing his knowledge of Hinduism - we learnt a lot from you!



Year 1 trip to Sheldon Country Park

On Monday 17th July, Year One visited Sheldon Country Park. This trip was linked to our theme topic of 'Flight' and at the viewing area in the park children could get close to the runway. As the children were so close to the airport they enjoyed watching the aeroplanes land and take off. This allowed them to create detailed drawings in their Art sketchbooks as the planes flew over their heads.



E-Safety over the summer

As the summer is approaching please be mindful that your child is likely to be using technology more often over the holidays. This may include apps on tablets and possibly the use of social media.

3 tips to consider:

- Make sure that all devices are set to the appropriate privacy settings.
- The age restriction for social media websites is 13 years old. It is wise to monitor the apps that your children use to ensure their safety.
- Remind children to report anything they see that worries or upsets them online to a trusted adult.

The Big Sleuth Art Trail

New Hall's Big Sleuth is currently in Sixth Sense hairdressers on High Street, Sutton Coldfield not far from the Police station.

Don't forget to have your picture taken with our New Hall Sleuth and tweet us your picture.

There are over 100 bears across Birmingham so get hunting.

Please see the NSPCC Share Aware website for future information and videos about keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>



E-Safety Tip

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

Dinner Money Price Increase

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

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.

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.

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.

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

