



## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017

A very warm welcome back to the Autumn term at New Hall. Firstly, I would like to extend a particularly fond welcome to new parents from Reception, and to any new parents who have had their children join us since September.

As this is our first newsletter of the year, there are lots of reminders with regard to systems that we have in place here at New Hall. Please take the time to read them, so that you are familiar with the routines, as this will prevent any misunderstandings. Effective learning is already taking place across the school, and it has been fantastic seeing the children come back looking so smart and so keen to continue with picking up their learning from the summer.

A warm welcome to new staff also, who have been amazed at what a friendly and exciting school New Hall is.

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible across the Autumn term, at the many events that give you an opportunity to come into school. Please keep an eye on diary dates so that you are able to attend.

### PTA

We are keen to restart our PTA, as we have had a few parents express an interest. If this is something that you feel you can contribute to (even for just a few hours), please do let us know. Your help will mean better opportunities for your children.

### Behaviour Policy

Our Behaviour Policy is annually reviewed and shared with the children. There are many rewards in place to focus on the positives. Sanctions are clearly explained also. Further details can be found on our website.

### Paperless communication

Our aim as a school is to reduce our 'carbon footprint' even more this year. As a result, you will find that we will be communicating with you by email far more. Please ensure that we have your correct email address, so that you do not miss any important information. We will, of course, print out some paper copies of all letters, and these can be found in school reception.

### Cashless system to be implemented

Inline with many other schools, this Autumn we will be implementing a cashless online payment systems for school dinners, trips, Wraparound care etc. Further details will follow, but please be advised that there will shortly come a time, when we will not be receiving cash.

### Lunchtime chocolate bars

A reminder that children's lunch boxes from home should not contain chocolate bars, as we are a healthy school. Children will be asked to not eat chocolate and it will be returned to you.

## Change to end of school time

Please refer to an email sent to parents on Thursday 14 September regarding pupils finishing school at 3pm after October half term.



## Rewarding Attendance at New Hall

Did you know that each week the Team that has the best attendance earns £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.

Children can also earn individual prizes. At the end of each term, all children who have 100% attendance get a special attendance certificate and can choose a prize to take home. Last year these included: coloring books, soft toys, skipping ropes, bats and balls and lots more.

Finally, if your child achieves 100% attendance for the whole year, they are invited to enjoy a special trip in July, which is completely free of charge. Last year 32 children went to Conkers Outdoor Activity Centre and enjoyed a ranger led Gruffalo Trail and Bushcraft Activities.

All they have to do is come to school every day!

## October Half Term Play Scheme

**23/10/17-27/10/17**

If you would like your child to have a place on our October 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.

## New Parents to Parentmail

To communicate with our parents either via text or email we use a system called Parentmail. Now your child has started at New Hall, with your permission we have added you to Parentmail. How do you get started?

By now you should have received a text from Parentmail, simply 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
- 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

If parents are not receiving communications from New Hall, maybe check we have the right mobile number and email address. Once registered on Parentmail you can update your own personal details on there and it will automatically update our Parentmail at school.

## Confidential Data Check Sheet

This week we will be sending out a Data Check Sheet containing contact information we have on file for your child. Can you please make sure we have **up to date correct** telephone numbers.

Also if there is no email address in the relevant 'Email Address' box please complete. We still have a large number of parents that we can not contact via email. Thank you

## Teacher Training day

School will be closed this Friday 22 September for teacher training but will be open Monday 25 September.

## **Congratulations Miss Bramble**

Our Pastoral Manager, Miss Bramble tied the knot in the Summer holidays. Miss Bramble's new name will be Mrs Card. Congratulations Mrs Card.

## **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.

## **School Dinners/Milk —Price increase**

From September, school dinners will cost £2.20 per day or £11 per week. Milk money will now be 85p per week. Please put dinner money and milk money in a named sealed envelope and handed in to the class teacher at the start of each week.

## **Swimming Hats**

Swimming hats can be purchased from Reception for £2.

## **Old £1 coin**

We will no longer be able to accept the old £1 coin from 14 October. Any received will be returned to you and the correct tender will need to be sent in to school.

## **Governors Awards**

**Thursday 20 July 2017**

Nursery - Ben  
Team Carpenter - Remi Leigh  
Team Degville - Kamran  
Team Gilbert - Karma  
Team Durning - Ella  
Team Edwards - Joshua  
Team Wood - Evelyn  
Team Toomer - Malihah  
Team Whateley - Kaydee  
Team Spencer - Sama  
Team Davis - Robert  
Team Roberts - Mwizu  
Team Steadman - Lewis  
Team Palmer - Miles  
Team Thomas - Hajira

## **TERM DATES 2017/2018**

### **Autumn Term 2017**

**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