



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

As always the first half of the spring term has proven to be particularly busy. Just a reminder that many of the exciting opportunities that we offer our children can be easily accessed on our Twitter page @NewHallpri. Please take a look, as it provides a wealth of information also.

Parking and traffic problems

Parents may have noticed that the kerbs are being raised at the turning into Langley Hall Drive. We assume that this may be because local residents have complained to the council. As a school we continue to support any actions that help keep the children safe. There are a small minority of parents who still continue to drive recklessly or too fast in the cul de sac. We will continue to encourage and support any parent who has had a 'near miss' experience to report details to the police, particularly when drivers become rude, shouting inappropriate language as a result. Again, we would like to emphasise that this is only a small minority, but it really does only take one serious incident for it to affect all of the school community. Thank you for your understanding. I hope you and your family have a fantastic half term.

Mrs Hanks

Team Edwards trip to Kadampa Meditation Centre

On Thursday 8th February Team Edwards visited the Kadampa Buddhist Meditation Centre in Birmingham. We travelled there on our school mini-buses and were very excited to pass lots of interesting buildings on the way - Aston Villa football ground, Birmingham Children's Hospital, tall glass office blocks and a stone Pagoda were just a few that caught our interest. It was very exciting!

Once we got to the Meditation Centre we had to take our shoes off to go into the meeting room. Inside we looked at the many different statues, learnt how to point at a statue (not with your finger but with your whole hand), had a go at some prostrations and meditation and, if we wanted to, we also had the chance to say a prayer for someone we care about. We ended our visit by asking lots of questions! We had a great time and have learnt lots! Team Wood will be visiting





New School Dinner Menu

Please go and look on our website for the new school dinner menu. Lots of new choices. Wide range of healthy wholesome foods for the children to experience while at school. This new menu will start on Monday 26 February. If your child would like to have school dinners please contact school office.

There are 3 menus which rotate on a weekly basis.

W/C 26 February - Week 1 menu

W/C 5 March - Week 2 menu

W/C 12 March - Week 3 menu

World Book Day

On **Thursday 1st March** we will be taking part in World Book Day.

Children may come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book/story (no charge).

All children will take part in a wide range of reading activities. Children can bring a book from home for the day.

Parents/Carers - You are invited to come and enjoy a book with your child in class at the following times on Thursday 1st March:

Year 3 & 4 only: 9.10am to 9.40am

Reception, Years 1, 2, 5 & 6: 2.15pm to 2.45pm

Monies

Reminder, payments for school dinners should be paid on the Monday of each week, so they are paid one week in advance. Also the price of school dinners are £2.20 NOT £2.

Breakfast & Wrap Around Club

Children that attend Breakfast and Wrap Around Club, all payments need to be made one month in advance via School Money. If payment is not made this may lead to your child's place being lost.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on **Tuesday 6th February 2018** with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". Children around the country partook in lessons and activities to highlight the positive use of technology and help create a better and safer online community. Each child at New Hall also completed a digital footprint design to represent how they stay safe online.

New Hall's top 3 tips for staying safe online:

When at home, keep devices/ computers in a family friendly room. This allows parents/guardians to monitor who children are playing with and the content being accessed.

Use parental controls- all consoles as well as most tablet devices allow a maximum PEGI rating to be set. Taking regular breaks online can also be set by parental timers.

Talk to your child- Connect with your child by asking them to share with you their favourite things to online, as well as highlighting the potential risks. Ensure they are aware of what to do if they see something inappropriate or makes them feel uncomfortable or unsure. Also allow them to understand that they could be reported if they break the rules.

Please look at the following website for extra e-safety tips and guidance.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

KS1: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

KS2: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Mobile Phones

We would like to remind parents that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school. Mobile phones will be confiscated if brought in.

PTFA

Thank you PTFA for all your hard work and excellent card making skills for Valentines day. Lots of orders were made and many happy customers.



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.

Lunchtime Supervisor Required

- Term time only
- To start as soon as possible
- Monday - Friday 12.15pm - 1.30pm
- Fixed term contract to cover Maternity leave until 24 July 2018

If you are interested, a job application pack can be found on our website or contact school office on 0121 464 5170.



Star Burst

Thursday 18th January

LKS2

Team Rainbird - Robert
Team Walker - Caitlin
Team Roberts - Tomas

Thursday 25th January

UKS2

Team Toomer - Luiza
Team Steadman - Raveena
Team Palmer - Morgan
Team Thomas - Rhys

Thursday 1st February

Reception/KS1

Team Carpenter - Finley
Team Degville - Frankie
Team Lynch - Maisie
Team Durning - Bruce
Team Wood - Elsie
Team Edwards - Ashton

Thursday 15th February

LKS2

Team Rainbird - Riley
Team Walker - Julen
Team Roberts - Ava

Dates for your Diary 2018

Please note dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances

February

Half term - Monday 19 February to Friday 23 February
26 February - School open

March

1st - World Book Day
22nd - Year 1 trip to Sea Life Centre

Easter holiday - Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April

April

Monday 16 April - School open

May

7th - Bank Holiday school closed
8th - School open
22nd - Conkers trip for Reception (rescheduled from December cancelled trip)
Half term - Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June

June

4th June - School open
4th - 6th - Year 6 Residential trip to Kingswood
5th - Year 2 trip to Holdenby House tbc
18th - Class photos

July

12th - Sports day
23 July - Teacher Training day
24 July - Teacher Training day
School closed - Wednesday 25 July to TBC

