



NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018

Welcome back and let's hope this short burst of warm weather extends into weeks rather than days, so that we can enjoy the great outdoor facilities that we have here at New Hall.

The summer term is always so busy and full of such exciting events. At this time of year it always seems as if September is a hazy memory in the distant past! We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at a variety of events this term.

We have the Y6 residential trip, and first aid training (an important life skill), as well as the Leavers performance, where we will have our hankies at the ready! Thank you to the parents who came to support the Y6 pupils on Wednesday, as we face the final push towards SATs. Your words of encouragement to your sons and daughters show how committed you are to them doing their very best.

We are looking forward also on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd May, Key Stage 2 will be taking part in an action packed outdoor team building event and the sports day on Thursday 12th July. Our Open day this year is on the last Monday of term, when you will pick up your child's report and have an opportunity to meet their new classteacher.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Year 4 trip to Guildhall

On Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March, Year 4 went on a Geography and History field trip to Lichfield.

We used our map skills to follow a route around Lichfield Town centre and locate key buildings and land marks. The amount of history that surrounded us was amazing to see. We looked up and noticed the Medieval, Tudor, Georgian and Victorian buildings scattered amongst the modern. All revealing Lichfield's past.

In the bowels of Lichfield Guildhall, we discovered the Gaol that has been there for nearly 500 years! We could well imagine the frightened souls who were held there and then dragged the short distance to the Market Place to be publically humiliated in the Stocks or by the Scold's Bridle, or worse...

We had a really interesting time. Our field trip really brought to life our learning in a practical and real way. Thank you to Mr Lee for driving the mini-bus and to Anne, who was our volunteer guide at the Guildhall, for making it so



Sea Life Centre trip

On Thursday 22nd March, Year 1 visited The Sea Life Centre as part of their theme work. The children were given a tour around the Sea Life Centre and they enjoyed seeing many different creatures such as sharks, sting rays, clown fish and octopus. The children also learnt many new facts about the creatures within the centre.



After lunch, the children spent time in the penguin area where they sketched the penguins. The penguins were diving, swimming, eating their food and even making a nest out of pebbles.

Sutton Coldfield Central Library

As you may be aware, Sutton's central library recently reopened following a 18 month campaign to save it. Which has included FOLIO installing a café inside. FOLIO Sutton Coldfield's raison d'etre is to promote and support public libraries in Sutton Coldfield, through fundraising, facilitating events and raising awareness of our public libraries.

Sutton Coldfield library is open Monday - Saturday 9-4.30pm.

Over the coming months there will be a number of author visits planned.

On Saturday 21 April 2.15pm - 4.15pm Marcus Alexander, best selling fantasy author and on Saturday 28th April 1pm-3pm Steven Camden, Birmingham writer.

On both events feature free pizza and doughnuts for the first 20 teens to register! Full details, including booking can be found here:

<https://bookwhen.com/foliosuttoncoldfield/>

Are our medical records and emergency contact details up to date for your child?

If not please let us know in school office.

School Closed

On Thursday 3rd May school will be closed to pupils for local elections. School will re-open on Friday 4th May.

School Dinner Menu

If your child would like to have school dinners please contact school office. You can find our school menus on our website.

There are 3 menus which rotate on a weekly basis.

W/C 16 April - Week 1 menu

W/C 23 April - Week 2 menu

W/C 30 April - Week 3 menu

W/C 7 May - Week 1 menu

W/C 14 May - Week 2 menu

Birth Certificates

For those who have not brought your child's birth certificate in before, please can you come to the school office with your child's birth certificate so we can take our copy for our records.

Thank you

Lost Property

Please can you take 5 minutes to look at our Lost Property box. It is overflowing with uniform and coats. Anything that is left in the Lost Property by 3pm on Monday 23rd April will be taken to Second Thoughts.

Step by Step Parent log in to School Money

1. Go to www.eduspot.co.uk
2. On top right, click on Sign In, drop down menu will appear, choose 'school money parent log in'.
3. Need to enter mobile number/email address/password you have been sent/child's first name
4. Press Go
5. Select what you want to pay for i.e dinner money etc
6. Put in your basket
8. Pay with payment card

Lunchtimes

We are seeing an increasing number of children (even in Key Stage 2) who are using just a fork to eat their hot lunches. This then results in them asking lunchtime supervisors to cut up their food for them, as they do not seem to know how to use a knife properly. Whilst we appreciate that we all live in a 'fast food' world, table manners are a life skill that needs to be encouraged. Can we ask that where possible, children are encouraged to use a knife and fork when eating at home, as that is our expectation within school.



Lunchboxes

We are also seeing an increase in items like chocolate and sweets in pupils' lunchboxes. Again this is not something that we encourage at New Hall. Pupils will be told to take these items home again. This is also the reason that we ask pupils to take ALL contents of their lunchbox home, so that parents can see what has been eaten. Again, we are finding some pupils who are not eating their sandwiches and putting them in the food waste. We feel that parents need to know if food has not been eaten. Websites for ideas: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>, www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration



POLITE REMINDER: As we have children with nut allergies, please do not put any form of nuts into lunchboxes. Thank you



Warmer weather

Hopefully, after such a dismal start to the year, summer is coming. Can we remind parents about appropriate lengths of skirts, and also NO open toed sandals please.



Please apply sunscreen PRIOR to school in the mornings, preferably a 24 hour one, so that children do not bring lotions into school. A hat and bottle of WATER are a must also



Swimming Lessons

There are places available for pre-school children to have swimming lessons on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning at New Hall swimming pool. If you would like to know more information please call Helen on 07792 181483

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 Values:

- ◆ Wonder
- ◆ Acceptance
- ◆ Friendship
- ◆ Honesty

Governors Awards

Nursery - Porsha
Team Degville - James
Team Carpenter - Bethany
Team Lynch - Amelia
Team Durning - Jenna
Team Wood - Trey
Team Edwards - Nikko
Team Rainbird - Katarina
Team Walker - Chantelle
Team Roberts - Finn
Team Toomer - Summer
Team Steadman - Alfie
Team Thomas - Ellie-Mae
Team Palmer - Rhys



Easter Bonnet & Easter Egg Winners

Nursery - Dylan
Team Degville - Joey
Team Carpenter - Tamara
Team Lynch - Naroa
Team Durning - Leo
Team Wood - Max
Team Edwards - Lanai
Team Rainbird - Sienna Jo
Team Walker - Joseph
Team Roberts - Sulaimen
Team Toomer - Ellie Jay
Team Steadman - Leon
Team Thomas - Carlos
Team Palmer - Ciara May

Dates for your Diary 2018

Please note dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances

April

20th - Year 3 to Cosford Air Museum

May

3rd - School closed

4th - School open

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

18th - Class photos

July

12th - Sports day

23 July - Teacher Training day

24 July - Teacher Training day

School closed - Wednesday 25 July to Monday 3 September

School open to children - Tuesday 4 September

School rules:

RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND
THE ENVIRONMENT