



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2018

A warm welcome back to new and existing parents of New Hall. It is always so joyful to see the pupils so eager to return, with smiles on their faces and smart uniforms.

I hope you have been able to join us for our 'Meet the Teachers' sessions we have been running in the afternoons. This has given you valuable information about how you can continue to support your child in their new classes.

We welcome Mr Collis and Miss Scrivens to the school, and hope that they will enjoy all that New Hall has to offer them.

As usual, please keep an eye on the calendar for the many opportunities that we provide to come into school to share, celebrate and congratulate all of the good work we do here.

New Hall pupils are fantastic and really enjoy all of the amazing opportunities that we provide for them. Can I urge you to encourage your children to join one of the many after school or lunchtime clubs on offer to them?

A gentle reminder also that as the season changes, pupils will need coats and suitable footwear to come to school in, as well as equipment like homework and reading books to make

the most of their learning. Thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to seeing you all as the term progresses.

Mrs Hanks



Friends of New Hall—PTFA

We are very fortunate to have a committed and active group of parents who support the school by holding several fundraising events across the year. Any new or existing parents who would like to join them are very welcome to. Informal meetings are held most Fridays at the school from about 2pm. Please come along to school reception to join us.



**WE NEED
YOU
TO
JOIN
US**

Attendance Policy

Please note the following addition to our Attendance Policy -

Leave in term time (holiday requests) may now be referred to the legal team to proceed with a 'Leave in Term Time (Penalty Notice)'. Further guidance is available on the website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-attendance>. This process enables the Local Authority to issue a penalty notice to a parent/carer for removing their child from school for an unauthorised leave of absence in term time, such as taking their child on two weeks unauthorised leave (such as a holiday) in term time with no previous unauthorised absence. Parents may also be issued with a penalty notice for taking their children out of school for a week of unauthorised leave as long as there are at least 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence over the previous 12 calendar months.

Parking and Verbal Abuse

Unfortunately, even though we have only been back at school for a week or so we have already had neighbours phoning us with reports of inconsiderate parking and verbal abuse by parents.

We always strive to have good relationships with our neighbours, and fully appreciate that, like all schools, parking is an ongoing issue at pick up and drop off time in particular for parents. We will continue to support any neighbours who go to the police to report unacceptable behaviour by our parents. Whilst fully appreciating that the vast majority of our parents are considerate and polite, there does continue to be a core group who believe that general rules about common courtesy don't apply to them. Please give consideration to others by not smoking, swearing or parking over drives at all times.

Please be aware of what message you are giving your children if you do this.

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

If not please let us know in school office.

Places Available in Nursery

We have places in our nursery for children aged 3. Our nursery is open 8:45 -11:45, mornings only. If you would like more information please come and speak to us in reception.

October Half Term Playscheme

We will be offering our Playscheme provision for October half term. It will run from Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November. Playscheme packs will be available soon .

Swimming Lessons

There are places available for mother & baby and mother & toddler to have swimming lessons on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning at New Hall swimming pool. If you would like to know more information please contact the school office.

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.

Year 5 trip to Sutton Library

On Wednesday 12th September, Year 5 visited Sutton Library to meet a famous author! His name was Piers Torday. During their visit, the children learned all about his life and about how and why he became an author. The children were absolutely thrilled looking at his old photographs and snippets from his previous books 'The Dark Wild' and 'The Wild Beyond'. As the children behaved so well, Piers Torday gave each of them a very special gift to thank them - a personalised, signed copy of his new book 'The Lost Magician'. Children were also given the opportunity to make their own bookmarks using a variety of arts and craft materials. They had a wonderful time at the library and even had time to explore the extensive non-fiction range of books that the library has to offer. The children can't wait to sign up and visit again!



Dates for your Diary 2018/19

October

8th - Individual pupil photos
10th - Year 2 Harvest Festival assembly to Year 2 parents
17th - Year 3 Black History assembly to Year 3 parents
School closed: Monday 29th October - 2nd November

November

Monday 5th November - School open

December

12th - Nursery/Reception Nativity to Nursery/ Reception parents
19th - Year 4 Carol Concert to Year 4 parents
School closed: Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 2019

January 2019

7th - School open
24th - Inset day school closed
25th - Inset day school closed
28th - School open

February

School closed: Monday 18th - 22nd February
25th - School open

March

April

10th - Year 5 Easter assembly to Year 5 parents

School closed: Monday 15th - Friday 26th April

29th - School open

May

6th - School closed Bank Holiday

7th - School open

School closed: Monday 27th - 31st May

June

3rd - School open

17th - Class photos

26th - Year 1 Class assembly to Year 1 parents

July

17th - Year 6 Leavers assembly to Year 6 parents

22nd - Inset day school closed