



## NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

It has been delightful to see so many parents attending the many events which have been delivered this term. Thank you for your continued support.

### Safety at hometime.

For the safety of all, children will only be dismissed at the end of the day once the teacher has SEEN who is picking them up. As a result, please make yourself known to your child's teacher by being in a visible spot and acknowledging that you are there. If you do need to have a brief conversation with the teacher then please do wait until the class have been dismissed, so that you are not delaying other parents.

### End of day arrangements for children being picked up late.

We have had an increasing number of children regularly being picked up late, often this is the same children day in, day out. As a reminder to all, school finishes at **3pm**. On rare occasions parents may be delayed, and we ask that you please telephone the school to make us aware, so that suitable care can be arranged for your child. Being informed that parents 'went to the shops' or 'fell asleep' are not considered justifiable excuses.

As you can appreciate school does not finish at 3pm for staff, as regular staff meetings and training occur. However, when we have children who are late those staff have to wait with the children rather than get on with their jobs. As a consequence, pupils who are being picked up **after 3.15pm** will incur a one off late charge of **£5 per child**. **For every 5 minutes after 3.15pm there will then be a further penalty charge for each child of £2.50.**

### Healthy tuck and lunchboxes

Another reminder that tuck brought in from home and lunchboxes should be full of healthy options. Please note that chocolate bars and crisps for tuck will be returned home.



### New Uniform Supplier

Parents can now purchase New Hall Primary school uniform from Trutex. Trutex school wear is made to last, giving real value for money.

Trutex  
71 High Street (opposite Co-op)  
Erdington  
B23 6SA

Opening hours: 9.30am-5pm Monday to Saturday

Uniform can also be purchased from their website where you get free postage  
[www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk)

### Smoking

Can we kindly remind parents/visitors to refrain from smoking close to the school, this includes areas by the school entrance and the visitors car park. Parents and pupils need to be able to get into school in a smoke free environment.



## Year 2 Harvest Festival Assembly

As part of our whole school Harvest celebrations Year 2 put on a Harvest assembly.

Children from both Team Wood and Team Edwards explained the purpose of Harvest through poetry, stories and song.

The children discussed how important not only for the food we eat but also the people who provide it for us. We then went on to share some of the other things in our lives we are thankful for. Linked to the assembly children from across the school brought in donations of food for our Harvest Table.

This food was then distributed to those who needed it in our community. Children in Year 2 worked very hard to put their assembly together and are still talking about it now.

## Year 3 Trip to Botanical Gardens

On Wednesday 10th October, Year 3 visited the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. In our Science lessons, we have been learning about the plants and what they need to grow.

During our trip, children revised these topics and learnt about how a seed is produced and how they are transported to new areas.

We also enjoyed the opportunity to meet a few of the Botanical Gardens' friendly critters. This included a bearded dragon, stick insects, a snake and millipedes.

After a lovely picnic lunch outside in the sunshine, we practiced our art skills with some sketching of our beautiful surroundings and visited the aviary to see some spectacular birds.



## Parking

**Please see an email that we have received from a resident of Langley Hall Drive. Unfortunately this is becoming a regular occurrence so therefore feel we need to make parents aware:-**

"I write regarding the inconsiderate and often irresponsible car parking by your visitors/parents of the children, attending the school.

Although there are white lines across drives, raised curbs and solid yellow lines, my drive is yet again blocked by the car of one of your parents/visitors, ensuring my delay in proceeding to my workplace! On the occasion whereby I have felt the need to ask someone to refrain from blocking my drive, I have been met with extremely strong verbal abuse.

Not only is this annoying, and upsetting, I understand that there have been some previous incidents regarding the safety of the children. What will it take for these extremely inconsiderate people to not only adhere to the parking regulations, but to afford the homeowners in this cul-de-sac some COURTESY?!

Please again, strongly advise your parents/visitors that this type of behaviour is not acceptable."

## Secondary School Places

The deadline for submitting your Year 6 child's secondary school place is midnight on 31 October 2018. If you have not already submitted your choices, please use the link below:

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

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

**If not please let us know in school office.**

## Pupil Contact Forms

**URGENT** - If you have not already done so please return your child's completed Pupil Contact form asap.

## Birth Certificates

**URGENT** - After numerous reminders we still have a large number of missing birth certificates. It is a school requirement that we have a copy of your child's birth certificate. If you have not already done so, please do this as a matter of urgency.

## E-Safety Tip

Learn how to use parental control options on Xbox, PlayStation and Wii. <http://www.lte-esafety.co.uk/parents/parental-controls/consoles/>

## New Inset Day

The school will be closed for staff training on **Monday 3rd June 2019**. School will be open as usual on Tuesday 4th June.

## October Half Term Playscheme

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

## 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

## 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 are interested please contact the school office.

## Dates for your Diary 2018/19

### October

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 - Inset day

4th - 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



## Star Burst 2018/19

### **Thursday 20th September KS1**

Team Lynch - Ollie

Team Rainbird - Tamara

Team Wood - Amelia

Team Edwards - Evie-Rose

### **Thursday 27th September LKS2**

Team Durning - Imeth

Team Walker - Ashton

Tea Palmer - Sienna Jo

Team Scrivens - Louise

### **Thursday 4th October UKS2**

Team Steadman - Malihah

Team Collis - Naduni

Team Thomas - Charlotte

Team Roberts - Robert

### **Thursday 11th October KS1**

Team Lynch - Freya

Team Rainbird - Connor

Team Wood - Talola

Team Edwards - Khiarna

### **Thursday 18th October LKS2**

Team Durning - Brooklyn

Team Walker - David

Team Palmer - Teya

Team Scrivens - Mirabel

Well done!!!



## Attendance—Golden Balls

**Golden Balls winners are:**

**W/C 4/9/18**

Team Lynch 100% attendance

3 teams with +96% attendance

**W/C 10/09/18**

Team Steadman & Collis 100% attendance

9 teams with +96% attendance

**W/C 17/09/18**

Team Lynch, Walker, Roberts & Thomas 99.1% attendance

8 teams with +96% attendance

**W/C 24/09/18**

Team Carpenter & Steadman 100% attendance

9 teams with +96% attendance

**W/C 1/10/18**

Team Wood 100% attendance

11 teams with +96% attendance

**W/C 8/10/18**

Team Durning & Roberts 99.2% attendance

Fantastic results, lets keep going. If you have not heard about our Golden Balls challenge, ask your child.



# Eat Well

## For Less?

'EAT WELL FOR LESS?' IS BACK AND BBC ONE ARE LOOKING FOR **HOUSEHOLDS** TO TAKE PART!

*Is the cost of your weekly food shop spiralling out of control?*

- Perhaps you're desperate to save but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?
- Do your health requirements affect your diet? Are you in need of some new inspiration?
- Are you battling with fussy eaters, repetitive uninspiring meals and food shopping chaos?
- Or maybe you are just bored of buying and cooking the same foods every week?

We're looking for households who want to find out when to spend on food and when to save...

**Get in touch to apply or to find out more!**

**Call: 0117 970 7670**

**Email: [eatwell@rdftv.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftv.com)**

Facebook - [www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess](http://www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess)

Twitter - [@EatWellForLess](https://twitter.com/EatWellForLess)

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