



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2019

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that 2019 proves to be a happy and healthy one for all of our families.

As the new year begins it is a chance to remind you that we have been working hard at New Hall since September with engaging ever more with parents. As the term gets started there will be even more opportunities for you to come and join in some of the exciting events we have planned. We do hope that you can support us and your children with this.

Last week we practised a whole school 'Lockdown' procedure. This is so that pupils would know what to do in the unlikely event of a situation happening on school premises that we would need to respond to. Before this happened all of the children were spoken to so that they were reassured as to what would happen prior to the bell going off. The children were so sensible and listened to all instructions carefully. Well done everyone.

As per school policy, just like Fire Drills, we will practice Lockdown on a regular basis from now on.

Please do also take the time to update your new calendars with all of the upcoming events.

Mrs Hanks

Reception trip to Tiger Who Came to Tea

On Wednesday 9th January 2019 Reception visited the Town Hall, Birmingham to watch The Tiger Who Came To Tea. The children really enjoyed the play, especially when the tiger entered!

As a special treat the children from New Hall Primary, got to meet the cast and have their photo taken with them.



Artist Sally Harper Kenn at New Hall

This week is Arts Week at New Hall. We have combined our Art learning with SMSC and are exploring the UN Conventions of the rights of the child. A selection of children from each year group has worked alongside artist, Sally Harper-Kenn to create several pieces of felting art work. The children sketched their designs first in their sketch books and then twisted the natural wool into shapes/words and pictures. At the end of the week we hope to have some lovely pieces of art work that reflect the children at our school and our 4 School Values: Honesty, Wonder, Friendship and acceptance.



KS1 Stories at 6

Just before Christmas our main school hall was transformed into a cosy, cushion-filled story-telling room, complete with a sparkling Christmas tree and a roaring log fire! Children in Years 1 and 2 were invited to return to school in their pyjamas for an evening of hot chocolate and bedtime stories, all with the aim of promoting the wonderful ritual of bedtime story-telling. It was lovely seeing so many children sharing stories with their families as we know daily reading at home transforms children into life-long readers. We look forward to our next sessions of 'Stories at 6' and hope to see even more of you there.



February Play Scheme

Play Scheme will be running from Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February. Lots of fun activities have been planned. If you are interested please come to reception for a pack. Limited places are available.

Reminder

School will be closed to pupils on Thursday 24th January and Friday 25th January due to teacher training. School will re-open on Monday 28th January.



Year 2 SATS

We will be holding SATs workshops on:
Tuesday 29th January at 9:05am - 10.30am
Thursday 31st January at 3:15pm - 4.30pm.

We will be sharing example papers with you and exploring how best we can all support your child this year. Please attend either one of the above dates that suits your timetable.

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 call Helen on 07792 181483

Graco Booster Seats for sale

Brand new, never been used 2 Graco Booster seats Rugby 8492RGBE. £5 each, cash only on collection, first come first served. If you would like to purchase, please come to the school office with the money.

E-Safety Tip

Please download this new app where children can join coding and digital literacy together in a fun and engaging way. Available on iPad only. Go to... <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/swift-playgrounds/id908519492?mt=8&ls=1&app=itunes>

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

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

If not please let us know in school office.

Governor Awards **Friday 21st December 2018**

Nursery - Lily
Team Carpenter - Eden
Team Degville - Melody
Team Lynch - Corey
Team Rainbird - Thomas
Team Edwards - Evie-Rose
Team Wood - Ethan
Team Durning - Jake
Team Walker - Joshika
Team Scrivens - Faezah
Team Palmer - Maisie
Team Steadman - Lindsey
Team Collis - Marika
Team Thomas - Summer
Team Roberts - Luiza

Well done!

Attendance—Golden Balls

Golden Balls winners are:

W/C 07/01/19

7 teams with +96% attendance

- Team Carpenter
- Team Wood
- Team Durning
- Team Walker
- Team Palmer
- Team Steadman
- Team Collis

Fantastic results, lets keep this going in 2019!



Dates for your Diary 2018/19

January 2019

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

February

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

March

7th - World Book Day

April

4th - Parents Evening
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 school closed
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

Dates for your Diary 2019/20

September 2019

2nd - Inset day school closed
3rd - School open

Family Coffee Morning

Every Tuesday 10 - 11:30 am
Falcon Lodge Community Hub,
Churchill Rd, Sutton Coldfield B75 7LB

What's On in January 2019

8th - Cuppa with a Copper from the local Beat Team
15th - Community Allotment & Garden meeting followed
by Meditation/Relaxation session with Patience at 11:00
22nd - Autism Café
29th - To be confirmed

For more information please call
0121 329 2055 and ask to speak to a Family
Coach



 **Compass Support**
Part of The Pioneer Group

Do you know how safe your child is online?

PCSO Tracy Baker will demonstrate some of the dangers our children are facing everyday online and what you as parents and carers can do to help keep them safe



Tuesday 29th January 10 – 11:30 am

Falcon Lodge Community Hub, Churchill Road, Sutton Coldfield B75 7LB

