



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

The half term holiday is upon us and the festive holiday seems so far away already, as we begin to head into spring!

This half term we have really tried hard to focus on one of our School Improvement Targets, which is about parental engagement. It has been wonderful not only to provide so many opportunities for you to come in and visit us from special 'one-off' events through to class celebrations of all of the good work that the children, your children, are doing. We have worked very hard on making some events accessible to even more of our New Hall family members, so it has been terrific to see dads, grandparents, aunties and uncles here too.

Thank you so much for your continued support. If you have any further suggestions as to how we could engage with you even more, please do let us know.

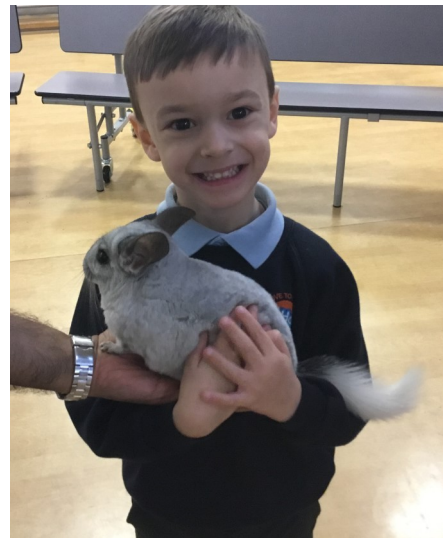
A reminder please that school begins at 8.55am and finishes at 3pm promptly. We continue to see an unacceptable amount of parents arriving late for both drop off and pick up. We would encourage you to allow for sufficient time for your journey, as often it is the same children day in, day out. We appreciate that on rare occasions there is a valid reason, however for some families this is a daily occurrence.

Sending all best wishes for a wonderful half term to you and your family.

Mrs Hanks

Animal Man

EYFS enjoyed a visit from Mo 'The Animal Man' as part of their learning about pets and animals. Mo helped the children overcome their fears with animals and taught the children lots of interesting facts! Did you know a chinchilla has a sand bath everyday? Or that if you drop a tarantula on the floor its body will break? The children enjoyed holding a snake, a frog, stick insects, a tarantula, chinchilla and a rabbit!



Parking

Local residents at Knight Court and Falstaff Court, off Springfield Road have reported that parents are using the car park belonging to residents for school drop off and pick up.

This is private land and it is clearly sign posted 'Private'. I'm sure you would not appreciate someone parking on your drive outside your house, so please show consideration and park elsewhere.

Thank you

Warwick Castle

Year 4 had a brilliant day out at Warwick Castle on Tuesday to learn all about how crime and punishment has changed throughout history. We loved finding out what would happen to a thief hundreds of years ago and how unlucky you were if you were accused of being a witch! We are looking forward to putting all of our knowledge into practise next half term when we look more closely at the history of crime and punishment during our Theme lessons



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 5th February 2019, New Hall School celebrated Safer Internet Day. The day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology. This year, it particularly focused on how consent works in an online context with the slogan 'Together for a better internet'. Throughout the day, classes completed E-safety lessons and each child produced their own iPad screen demonstrating the importance of online safety. These pieces will now be displayed in our School ICT Suite.

After School, Miss Durning ran a workshop for Year 1&2 parents to provide them with tips and advice on safe online usage. Please keep checking our School website for fortnightly tips and guidance on E-safety and continuing to talk to your children about permission, consent and responsible usage of a computer and the internet.

Wrap Round and School Meals

Reminder - Wrap Around payments need to be paid a month in advance. School meals need to be paid one week in advance. Failure to do so may result in us no longer being able to provide a Wrap Around service or school dinners for your child.



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

If you receive any messages or pictures that worry or upset you talk to an adult you trust. You may also report it online, via the thinkuknow website <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

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.

Star Burst

Thursday 17th January 2019

KS1

Team Lynch - Taje'll
Team Rainbird - Toby
Team Wood - Zakaria
Team Edwards - Holly

Thursday 31 January

LKS2

Team Durning - Keion
Team Walker - Ashia
Team Palmer - Caitlin
Team Scrivens - Maddison

Thursday 7th February

UKS2

Team Steadman - Aadil
Team Collis - Sulaiman
Team Thomas - Amelia
Team Roberts - Julien

Thursday 14th February

Team Carpenter - James
Team Degville - Rosalie
Team Lynch - Laila
Team Rainbird - Riley
Team Wood - Layla
Team Edwards - Tumelo

Attendance—Golden Balls

Golden Balls winners are:

W/C 14/01/19

Team Collis +96% attendance

W/C 21/01/19

Team Lynch & Wood 100% attendance!!

W/C 28/01/19

Team Edwards 100% attendance!!

W/C 4/02/19

Team Edwards 100% attendance!!

Well done everyone especially Team Edwards



Dates for your Diary 2018/19

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

For the Attention of Parents, Staff of New Hall Primary School

We have recently had a really rare event outside one of our schools where a car has been taken from a parent waiting for her children.

At this time can we please ask for your assistance? Please be aware if you are waiting anywhere in your vehicle, particularly outside your school.

If you are waiting in the car please follow the following tips:

Keep your car doors locked-Prevents numerous offences occurring-
Thieves do not want to spend any longer than necessary anywhere near any vehicle.

If possible, park in well-lit parts of the street. Sounds strange, but the better lit the safer.

If anyone does approach your car that you do not know, DO NOT, open the door, open the window as slightly as possible if you think you do need to speak to them.

If you leave your car, keep valuables out of sight, remove incentives for a thief

Finally- Any suspicious behaviour, anything at all-Please Report it!!

Sutton Coldfield Police
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Lichfield Road
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