



NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

What a tremendous end of term we have had. Not only achieving a gold award for Philosophy for Children (P4C), where the assessor talked about the school being 'inspirational' and we are the FIRST school in the West Midlands to achieve this, and only the 12th school in the entire country. What an amazing achievement for us. We are so proud! A particular thank you to Mrs Jurczak and Miss Steadman who led this initiative.

Key Stage 2 SATs results this year are the best they have ever been for us and we are above national averages across all subjects. As parents, this is reassuring for you to know that not only do we focus on giving your children as many fantastic opportunities, a wonderful environment and exciting experiences, but they achieve excellence also. This, of course, is a testament to all of the superb hard working staff that we have at New Hall. Well done to everyone! I know that we have equipped Year 6 with the resilience to be critical thinkers, hard workers and positive members of future society as they move on to secondary schools.

Staff Changes

As we near the end of the school year the time has come to say goodbye to some staff and welcome some new. Mrs Selmes has been at New Hall for over 20 years working in many different roles. I am certain that at some point in your child's education here they will have encountered her. Thank you for your years of service Mrs Selmes. The even better news is that children in Wrap will still get to see her as she is continuing in that role.

Mrs Palmer was the first 'new' teacher I appointed back in 2009. She has completed 10 years here at New Hall and is moving on to work for a charity that still has links with schools, so she will still be working with children. We wish her well in her new role. Miss Grice has loved her experience as a Teaching Assistant so much she has been accepted to train to be a teacher. Well done Miss Grice and the best of luck!

Miss Walker has worked in Year 3 for the last two years and will be leaving us for a new role still in teaching. We wish her well.

Two new experienced members of staff have been appointed to start with us in September Miss White and Miss Dudley. They will be working in Y3 and Y4 respectfully and hopefully you have had the chance to meet them at the Open Afternoon. We welcome them to the New Hall team.

Have an enjoyable summer holiday, spending time together as a family. We will see you in September.

Warm wishes
Mrs Hanks

Year 2 trip to Holdenby House

As part of our Theme topic of 'The Home Front', Year 2 visited 16th Century Holdenby House in Northamptonshire. The children were transported back in time to be evacuees for a themed day set in World War Two. During the day we learnt about rationing, make-do-and-mend, air raid shelters, first aid and the life of evacuees. After an exhausting morning of cooking, sheltering, wrapping each other in bandages as well as making do and mending, we performed one of our favourite poems and sang a rousing rendition of 'God Save the King'. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all and is still the hot topic of conversation in class. The experiences we had are also forming part of our writing and topic lessons, allowing the children to draw on personal experiences to add a greater depth of detail to their work. Follow us on Twitter to see more photographs from our fantastic day at Holdenby House.

An example of a week's worth of rations during WW2



Attendance

We would like to say well done to all the pupils who achieved 100% attendance for the whole of this academic year - this is a fantastic accomplishment. We do however appreciate that some pupils have been unable to achieve this due to unforeseeable circumstances such as illness. After careful consideration and discussions with parents, we have decided to make some changes to our attendance reward system next year. This will include certificates for those who achieve our attendance target of 97% or above. We would also like to remind parents and carers that action will be taken for poor attendance and leave taken in term time and this may result in court action or fines. For this academic year two families have received court action and fines for poor attendance and three families have received fines for taking leave in term time (holidays).

Reception trip to Cannock Chase

On 5/6/19 Reception visited Tanglewood Forest at Cannock Chase. The children had to hunt for a dragon 'Naughty Norris' who had hidden their lunches. Whilst hunting the children found forest fairies and had to rebuild their houses, they hunted for minibeasts and luckily found Naughty Norris with all of the lunches! They ended the day making 'stinky soup' and eating toasted marshmallows around a campfire.



Year 5 trip to Cadbury World

Team Collis and Team Steadman went to Cadbury World on Tuesday 11 June. We had a tour of replica Mayan Forest. We discovered what a Mayan Forest would look like long ago. After that, we headed off to the cinema that told us all about the history of Cadbury World and how it all started. Then, we excitedly went and wrote our name in liquid chocolate. After we started to do some tempering with melted chocolate. Later on, we happily tried melted chocolate with a selection of toppings (Jelly Babies, Fudge, Biscuits and Oreo Crumbs). After tasting the delicious melted chocolate, we went on a ride called Kadabra. On this ride we saw a lot of vibrant colours. We joyfully ate our lunch and enjoyed our time. Once our stomachs were full, we went to the world's biggest Cadbury shop! There we bought a lot of chocolate. Next we went to a Mayan Workshop, we learned a lot of things about the Mayans. We played a Mayan game called pok-a-tok. We had loads of fun playing the game. After the amazing time we had, it was sadly time to go back to school. We had a brilliant time sharing the experience with each other.

Sports day

During the week beginning 17th June, the rain held off long enough for the whole school to finally take part in sports day activities! Pupils enjoyed completing a circuit of activities to earn points for their house then got competitive by taking part in races. Y6 also had a great time doing the tug of war!

Here are the final results:

4th place: Wyndley
3rd place: Bracebridge
2nd place: Powell
1st place: Longmoor

Thank you to all parents and carers for coming to support your children and well done to the House Captains from Y4, 5 and 6 for being such great role models.



Safe Side

On Thursday 20th June and Thursday 27th June, Team Roberts and Team Thomas took a Junior Citizen course, bringing the PSHE curriculum to life. Although 'Safeside at Eastside' sounds like a corny 90's rap act, it is in fact an experiential learning centre that provides innovative, interactive and enjoyable learning environments that inspire visitors to think and act safely. Rather than learning a set of rigid rules, our Year 6 were challenged to think for themselves and develop skills which they can apply in different situations. These skills will no doubt prove very useful to them as they transition to Secondary School and become more independent. We all learnt so much while having such a fun and interesting time. All of the scenarios were so relevant. Thank you Safeside at Eastside for helping us become more confident and safer.



On Thursday 13th & Friday 14th June, the Wrap team got together to bake, decorate and sell their cupcakes in aid of the Alzheimers Society. From approximately 42 children and their families we raised a fantastic amount to make sure Dementia is made more aware of. We raised £71.77!!!

A big thank you to Mrs Spencer for baking the cakes.

Thank you

School Meal Price Increase

From September 2019, school meals will be £2.25 per day or £11.25 for week.

School Trends

Need school uniform ready for the start of the new school year? We recommend that you place your School Trends order no later than 9th August 2019 at schooltrends.co.uk.

Please allow up to 21 days for delivery to your chosen address over the busy summer months...

Second Thoughts

Second Thoughts Community Shop (23 Churchill Parade, Falcon Lodge) are currently having a uniform sale. Blazers are £2, all other items are 50p. Please be aware that they would also love donations of good quality school uniform to pass on to other families. As a school we already pass on any unclaimed lost property to Second Thoughts. They are open from 9.15 - 3pm, Monday to Friday during term time and 9.15 - 12.30 during school holidays. They also sell many other second hand goods. All profits go back into Falcon Lodge.

Star Burst

Thursday 6 June

UKS2

Team Steadman - Bow
Team Collis - Aron
Team Thomas - Malvina
Team Roberts - Sarah

Thursday 27 June

Nursery/EYFS/KS1

Nursery - Scarlett
Team Degville - Kaylah Rae
Team Carpenter - Henry
Team Rainbird - Eleonora
Team Lynch - Joshua
Team Wood - Filip
Team Edwards - Alice

Thursday 4 July

LKS2

Team Durning - Luke
Team Walker - Michael
Team Palmer - Junior
Team Scrivens - Lucy

Thursday 11 July

KS2

Team Steadman - Lexi
Team Collis - Sarim
Team Thomas - Marvel
Team Roberts - Maddison

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

If not please let us know in school office.

Late Collection

School finishes at 3pm and children should be collected at 3pm. Any children who are not collected at 3pm will incur a late charge.

Wrap Around 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 more information please call Helen on 07792 181483.

E-Safety Tip

5 things you should consider when buying a smartphone for children <http://bit.ly/IMobtechguide>

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

Dates for your Diary 2018/19

July 2019

22nd - Inset day school closed



Dates for your Diary 2019/20

September 2019

2nd - Inset day school closed

3rd - School open

October

School closed: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st
November

November

Inset Day school closed: Monday 4th November

School open: Tuesday 5th November

December

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3 January 2020

January 2020

School open: Monday 6 January

February

School closed: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

School open: Monday 24 February

April

School closed: Monday 6 April - Friday 17th April

School open: Monday 20 April

May

School closed: Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday)

School closed: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

June

School open: Monday 1st June

July

Inset Day school closed: Monday 20th July

School closed: Tuesday 21st July - Monday 31 August

2 further inset days are yet to be confirmed