



# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

## **Message from the Head Teacher**

A warm welcome back to the autumn term 2019. A very special welcome to our new parents and the children who have joined us both in Reception class and across the school. Reception parents will receive this newsletter as a paper copy but thereafter all newsletters are emailed to parents, so please ensure that we have your details. As the term gets going there will be many opportunities for you to join us at special events and celebrations to showcase all of the good work we do here., so please do check the calendar for events appropriate to your child's year group. I look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

Mrs Hanks, Head Teacher

## **School Improvement Targets**

Last year's SATs results for KS2 and KS1, phonics in Y1 and EYFS data were fantastic. As always here at New Hall we aim high!

Our targets for this year are:

Continue to achieve high standards across EYFS, phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATs

Mental health and well being of both pupils and staff

To refine our curriculum to meet the needs of all learners, this includes all subjects.

## **Staff**

You will be aware that next week is an opportunity to come and meet your child's teacher. This is an opportunity for a brief talk to ensure that they have settled well into their new classes. You will also receive some important information with regard to routines and timetables. We hope to see you there.

A warm welcome to Miss Dudley and Miss White who have already settled well into the New Hall family.

Miss Edwards is currently undergoing further treatment after her recent operation. We are hoping to see her return to New Hall at some point this year. Until then, we wish her well and a speedy recovery.

## **Pastoral care**

Just a reminder that your child's mental health and well being is important to us. Mrs Card, our Pastoral Manager is on the door in the mornings should you wish to speak to her about any concerns you may have.



## **Parent Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy**

We enjoy especially good relations with the vast majority of our parents here at New Hall. We would like to remind you that as a school we will always focus on the children first and foremost. We are always here to listen and try to sort out any perceived issues as we firmly believe that working together in the best interests of your child benefits all. Please be aware that we do have a Parental Code of Conduct, so that none of the staff here feel threatened, abused or intimidated. We expect all parents and visitors to the school to behave in an appropriate manner that will always ensure the safety of the children. Safeguarding of our pupils is paramount and this may occasionally upset some parents if they are told that their actions are deemed inappropriate. There is a clear Complaints Procedure to follow if parents feel that a situation has not been handled appropriately by the school.

## **Online Safety**

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PUPILS ARE NOT ALLOWED MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL AT ANY TIME.

We know that many of our pupils have access to games online and also are social media aware. Whilst we appreciate that the internet has many benefits, parents need to ensure that whilst at home their children are also safe. Please have a conversation with your child as to what they are doing, so that you are aware.

## **Curriculum**

The 'topics' that your children will be studying are available on our website. This year we will be trialling specific block 'theme' weeks especially in Art and Design Technology, so that enough time is given to all subjects across the year. We welcome any feedback we receive, so let us know your views

## **Educational Matters**

As you are aware we have recently successfully achieved our GOLD award for P4C. Inline with the guiding principles of the 4c's of caring, collaborative, creative and critical we have amended our school values to reflect these. This is the basis of what we stand for as a school.

You will also note that with our Achievement Cards recognition will be given to pupils who display these values.

## **Values**

CARING INDIVIDUALS, COLLABORATIVE LEARNERS, CREATIVE MINDS, CRITICAL THINKERS.

## **Year 7 September 2020 Admissions**

Applications can now be made online from Birmingham City Council

[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The deadline for admissions is 31 October 2019.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents evening will be taking place on Thursday 17th October. A letter will be sent out shortly.

### **Inset Day**

Reminder - There will be an inset day on Monday 4th November. School will reopen on Tuesday 5th November.

### **Eat Well for Less?**

BBC One prime time series *Eat Well For Less?* follows Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning greengrocer **Chris Bavin** on a mission to prove that it is possible for families and households to **save money** on their food budget **without scrimping on taste and nutrition**.

BBC One are looking for families / households who would like to eat well and save some money on their weekly shop.

Email: [eatwell@rdftelevision.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftelevision.com) or

Call: 0117 970 7682

### **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 dinner for your child.

### **Swimming Hats**

Swimming hats can be purchased from the school office for £2.25

### **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.

### **8am Swimming Lessons**

There are swimming lessons available for pupils at 8am on a Tuesday morning at New Hall. If you would like more information please call Helen on 07792 181483.

### **E-Safety Tip**

New Hall's favourite online safety website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

### **Governors Assembly**

Friday 19th July 2019

Nursery - Halle

Team Carpenter - Lily Grace

Team Degville - Esme

Team Lynch - Tyler

Team Rainbird - Saajan

Team Edwards - Reed

Team Wood - Tyler

Team Durning - Sky

Team Walker - Ashton

Team Scrivens - Kassey

Team Palmer - Jessica

Team Steadman - Angelina

Team Collis - Ava

Team Thomas - Amelia

Team Roberts - Raveena

Birmingham Community Healthcare 

# ADHD

## TIPS FOR FAMILIES UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING

Dear parent/carer:

Your child has a diagnosis of ADHD and it is likely you have familiarised yourself with this condition from various sources.

However, you may wish to hear more about aspects of this complex condition from professionals who deal with it regularly.

In October 2019 we will hold a full day discussion around various aspects of ADHD to include the medical basis of it, how it affects the child/YP and family, how you can support your child at home and in school, sleep, diet, exercise and such issues. These talks will be by various professionals and you will have the opportunity to ask questions as well.

DATE: Thursday 10th October

Time: 9.30 am - 2.20 pm

VENUE: SUTTON COTTAGE HOSPITAL  
TO BOOK: RING 0121 465 5650

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME  
AND A CONTACT NUMBER



## Dates for your Diary 2019/20

### October

1st - Individual photos

16th - Year 2 Harvest Festival assembly

17th - Parents Evening

School closed: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st

November

### November

**Inset Day school closed: Monday 4th November**

School open: Tuesday 5th November

20th - Year 3 assembly

### December

4th - Guitar & Brass Performance

11th - Reception Nativity assembly

School closed : 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**