



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2019

Hello from New Hall's Governing Board!

We thought it might be useful if we gave a regular update of what the Governing Board is doing and the decisions we make for the school.

For this first entry I thought I'd outline what the Governing Board is, who is on it and what its role is in school.



School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the head teacher and deputy headteacher. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

The Governing Board is made up of representatives of all the key groups involved in school life - the Parents, the Staff, and the Community. It also made up of people with key skills that the Board need to carry out its core functions.

Currently the Governing Body meets in full once a term, and there are a number of sub-committees, which focus on finance, staffing, health and safety and the curriculum

We held our first meeting of the year in September when we discussed our plan of work for the year and the roles different governor members will take.

We also received updates from Mrs Hanks and the leadership team on progress the school is making and plans for the curriculum over the forthcoming terms.

If anybody wants anymore information or wishes to discuss anything with us please get in touch.

We are also always looking for new Parent Governors - so if this is something that might interest you again please drop me a line or speak to Mrs Hanks.

Thanks for reading, please look out for more updates from us in the very near future.

Richard Browne
Chair of Governor's

Play & Stay

We would like to welcome New Hall parents along with their children to come to 'Play & Stay'. This will be taking place once a month, on the first Friday of each month (term time). Each session will run from 2pm-2.45pm. Hope you can join us.

Year 7 September 2020 Admissions

Applications can now be made online from Birmingham City Council www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
The deadline for admissions is 31 October 2019.

Reception September 2020

To apply for your child's Reception school place, please visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15 January 2020. On-line applications will be sent an offer on 16 April 2020.

October Half Term Play Scheme

We still have places on our October Play Scheme. The play scheme runs from Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November. If you are interested, please contact the school office. Deadline for play scheme is Friday 18th

Important information about attendance at our school

We wish to remind you about the importance of regular attendance at school. Not only does poor attendance affect your child's education, it is also a legal requirement that your child comes to school every day. Non-attendance can lead to fines being issued and court action being taken. We have recently had a family receive a court fine of £609 due to poor attendance.

If you need any support or guidance regarding attendance at our school, please contact Ms Jurczak or Mrs Card.

New Hall School Council 2019-2020

Our school councillors are keen to get on with some exciting new projects that have already been suggested by the children of our school or by current News topics. We will be looking at

- Tackling loneliness and isolation felt by some older people in our local community.
- Becoming Litter Aware.
- Reducing plastic used at our school.
- Deterring smoking/vaping outside our school gates.

As the year progresses more topics will be suggested by our children to help improve their school community and also our wider community.

School Council Members

Year 6: Team Roberts: Shawn

Team Thomas: Ava

Year 5: Team Collis: Mayla

Team Steadman: Joshua

Year 4: Team Dudley: David

Team Scrivens: Neva

Year 3: Team Durning: Jake

Team White: Filip

Year 2: Team Lynch: Tyler

Team Wood: Oscar

Year 1: Team Degville: Eden

Team Rainbird: Harry

Vision for Maths at New Hall

The intention for the maths curriculum at New Hall Primary school is that Maths is for Life. Through developing fluency, varied fluency, problem solving and reasoning in maths the children will develop a sound understanding of the subject and see that maths is essential for their future lives. The children's aspirations for the future drive our intent and no matter what future career or life choices they make they will be able to apply their maths skills and reasoning to all future opportunities. Maths is taught through mastery principals where deep understanding of mathematical concepts underpins learning. All children learn through the process of C (concrete), P (pictorial) and A (abstract). We are extremely well resourced with practical maths resources that the children use effectively within the classroom to help them understand maths. Our Maths Academy (Outdoor maths class room) also ensures children have lots of fun and engaging activities to take part in using large equipment including a maths climbing wall, oversized place value counters, giant tens frames and much more.

When confident with practical resources children record and work with pictorial representations. Pictorial representations such as the bar model are used to scaffold the children's understanding and help them to choose the maths they need to solve a problem. When understanding is strong then abstract maths which includes formal algorithms can be used but always with practical resources and pictorial representations readily available to support if needed. Our calculations policy ensures progress through school and clear structure to support progression.

Children have a three-part maths lesson each day that gives them the opportunity to practice fluency of skills. The next part of the lesson is varied fluency that enables pupils to use the same skills but shown in different representations. After their morning play the reasoning and problem solving part of the lesson begins: having a brain break in the middle of the maths lesson really supports focus and gives children time to think about their learning.

RPS (reasoning and problem solving) gives the children a real opportunity to deepen their understanding about maths. It also enables children to think, talk and develop ideas about their learning. All pupils are given equal opportunities to reason and problem solve regardless of their ability as these skills are essential for all aspects of their lives, now and in the future.

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'. Also you can find our Curriculum policy on our website under the heading 'Useful Information'.

If you have any queries please speak to the class teacher.

Highclare School Governors' Prize for September 2020

Highclare School Governors' Prize is a means-tested bursary towards the cost of school fees at Highclare School for a boy or girl joining Year 7 in September 2020.

Available for a pupil with exceptional academic talent currently at any local primary school who may wish to attend Highclare School, it is a significant initiative to enhance our accessibility. Up to 100% of school fees can be covered by the prize.

Interested parties are invited to contact Mrs Madden, Admissions Registrar, on 0121 386 8218

or admissions@highclareschool.co.uk in order to find out more information. The closing date is Monday 11 November 2019.

Will your school win £20,000?

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Please, please bring your Aldi stickers into school and we are more than happy to have them. The promotion is open between 06.09.19 and 03.11.19. Thank you

Job Vacancy

- Lunchtime Supervisor required at New Hall Primary
- 6 hours & 15 minutes (Term time only)
- 12:15-1:30 Daily
- Deadline: 24 October at 9am

If you are interested please collect an application form from school office..

Parking

Reminder to parents not to park or turn in school driveway entrances. Please remember safety of pupils and other pedestrians walking is priority.

Twitter

Are you following us on Twitter? Want to know what your child gets up to? Follow us @NewHallpri

We would love to have you follow us.

Music

Please can we be mindful of the residents on Langley Hall Drive or on surrounding roads when playing loud music in your car. We need to show respect to our neighbours.

Inset Day

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

National Child Measurement Programme

We have received our results from the National Child Measurement Programme. The proportion of Reception children who were overweight or obese (21%) is statistically similar compared to other schools across England (22%). The proportion of Year 6 children who were overweight or obese (39%) is statistically similar compared to other schools across England (34%).

E-Safety Tip

Help your family live a better digital life. Please explore this website! <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

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.

Black History Month Activities

- **Location:** Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2ND
 - **Time:** 11:00 - 17:00
- Cost:** Free

For writers aged 12 and under

Borrow a book from our Black British Arts & Culture collection. Write a review of at least 50 Words. Hand the finished review to a member of staff in the Children's library by 5 pm on Saturday November 30th. You will need to be a library member to enter the competition. For more information contact Library of Birmingham on 0121 242 4242 or email childrens.library@birmingham.gov.uk



Black British Arts & Culture



Black History Month 2019 **Teenage Writing Competition**

For a chance to win a book token

1. Take out a book from the Black British Arts and Culture collection. More books can be found on the shelves opposite the counter.
2. Write a story in response to the book you've read.
3. Hand your completed entry to a member of staff in the Children's Library by 5pm Saturday November 30th.

BLACKHISTORY
Celebrating Great Black British Achievers **365**

CHILDREN'S
FAMILIES
THE LIBRARY OF BIRMINGHAM



For writers aged 13-17

- **Location:** Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2ND
 - **Time:** 11:00 - 17:00
- Cost:** Free

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

If not please let us know in school office.

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.

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 19th September
Team Degville - Lawson
Team Rainbird - Melody
Team Wood - Te'Morah
Team Lynch - Eddie

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 26th September
Team Durning - Skye
Team White - Sophie
Team Scrivens - Mason
Team Dudley - David

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 3rd October
Team Steadman - Louise
Team Collis - Teya
Team Thomas - Ava
Team Roberts - Finn

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 10th October
Team Degville - Tamoye
Team Rainbird - Porsha
Team Wood - Billy
Team Lynch - Evelyn

Dates for your Diary 2019/20

October

17th - Parents Evening

23rd - Year 3 trip to Botanical Gardens

- Reception 2020 Show round 10am

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

November

Inset Day school closed: Monday 4th

November

School open: Tuesday 5th November

11th - Reception 2020 Show round 2pm

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