

Currently we are
averaging 11
children late
EVERY DAY.



On Monday 23
children arrived
late for school!

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019

Punctuality

We are writing to all children's families to emphasise the importance of being in school on time as there have been numerous incidents of some families routinely arriving at school at or after 9.00 a.m. School starts at 8.55 a.m. every day. Children can arrive from 8.45 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Their teacher will not always be able to re explain work.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

We will continue to focus on this area with children through class work and school assemblies.

We are required to monitor children's punctuality and attendance. On-going lateness (after the class register has been taken) is classified as an unauthorised absence and this is contrary to The Education Act.

We understand that there may be rare occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances. On these occasions please make sure that you contact the school office to inform us when you will arrive.

High levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Central School Attendance and Welfare Service or other agencies which have a duty to investigate further and could result in legal action being taken against you.

If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please telephone Ms Jurczak.



Since its launch in 1980, Children in Need has raised over £1 billion for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. It's a annual day when people across the land can get together and raise money at home, school and work.

For Children in Need, Mrs Galbraith once again became Star Baker and cooked over 500 special Pudsey biscuits for School Council to sell throughout the week and on Friday 15th November everybody at New Hall Primary had the opportunity to pay £1 and come in non-uniform; dress in spots or show off their Pudsey Bear merch!

This year we raised a whopping **£548.20** which will be spent on supporting vulnerable children and young people locally and across the UK.

Thank you for your support - it really does help change children's lives!





Anti-Bullying Week 2019

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. The 2019 theme was Change Starts with Us and it took place from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance worked with over 1,000 children and young people to decide the theme for 2019. The theme aims are as follows:

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.
Change starts now.
Change starts with us.

The goal is to inform schools and settings, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. We need to create empowering, positive messages addressing the fact that when it comes to bullying **CHANGE STARTS WITH US!** On Tuesday the 12th we celebrated our differences and what makes us unique by taking part in Odd Sock Day. Thank you to everyone who supported this and continues to support all our children daily in trying to create a safe environment for everyone.

Year 4 trip to Pizza Express

On the 8th and 15th of October, Year 4 went to Pizza Express in Sutton Coldfield town centre to learn about where different foods come from. We found out that tomatoes originally came from Mexico, but can also grow in other countries like Spain and England. We discovered that olives are from Greece and we used our knowledge of the climate close to the equator to know that they only grow in warm places.

As well as thinking about where the ingredients on our pizza comes from, we found out where our favourite foods originate from! Oliver loves chocolate from Mexico, Melinda likes jerk chicken and plantain from the Caribbean, Miss Scrivens enjoys tempura prawns from Japan and Miss Dudley can't resist paella from Spain.



Parking

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of parents parking across pavements, particularly on Wyatt Road forcing other parents with pushchairs to walk in the road. No doubt this would also cause danger to ones in wheelchairs and motorised scooters.

Please, please can we ask that you do not park in a way that causes danger to others.

Year 3 trip to Botanical Gardens

On Wednesday 23rd October, Year 3 visited the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. In our Science lessons this half term, we have been learning all about plants, and this trip gave us a chance to show off what we have learnt about the parts of plants, pollination and what they plants need to grow successfully.

As well as using all of our amazing knowledge, we got to learn lots of new, fascinating things like how seeds grow and which plants and animals live in the rain forest. We also enjoyed the opportunity to meet a few of the Botanical Gardens' friendly critters, which included a Giant African land snail, stick insects and a chameleon.

In our free time, as well as getting to meet lots of friendly peacocks during our picnic lunch outside, we practised our art skills with some sketching of our beautiful surroundings and visited the aviary to see some spectacular birds.



Data/Contact Forms

If you have not returned your child's Data/Contact form as yet, please do so asap. It is extremely important we have up to date information on file regarding your child.

School closed for Election

On Thursday 12th December, school will be closed due to the election.



Inset Day

School will be closed on Friday 13th December for an Inset day. School will be open on Monday 16th December.

Fallen Leaves

Please be very careful when approaching the school gate, we have had a sudden fall of leaves from the trees and it can make the pavement very slippery.

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.

Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church

"Would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who donated to our Food Bank and especially this Harvest time. We are really well stocked now and able to continue to help those people in our community who are struggling to feed ourselves.

If you know people who could benefit from our foodbank please refer them to us. The office is open Monday - Friday 9.30-3pm." Tel: 0121 355 5088





New Hall Primary Sports

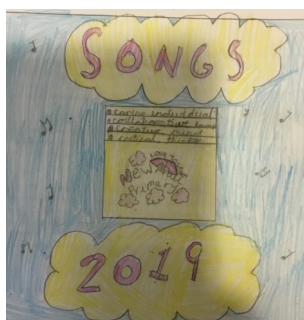
On Monday 18th November 14 Y3 and Y4 children took part in the multi skills event at Bishop Vesey Grammar school. The event included 7 different events ranging from football dribbling to throwing and catching. The children selected to take part did a fantastic job and achieved a silver medal! With a special award being given to Filip for his determination throughout too! Good job, New Hall!

Next competition....

10 December - Yr 1/2 Multisports at Bishops Vesey Grammar School 3.30pm - 4.45pm

Recording School CD

Congratulations to Angel in Year 3 for her winning design for our school CD.



We have been busy recording the school CD this week, even the staff have recorded a special New Hall song. Don't forget you can buy these online through school money.

Be a Chorister for a day

A free singing workshop on Saturday 18th January 2020, 9.30am - 4.00pm at Lichfield Cathedral School for boys and girls aged 7-11 years old.

The event will involve:

- Singing tuition
 - Sport & craft activities
 - Refreshments & lunch
 - Singing during the Evensong service in Lichfield Cathedral
 - Learning about the life of a chorister
- Bookings, please call 01543 306168

St Giles Hospice Care Rudolph Run

Join St Giles in your Christmas jumper, you can run or walk a 3km or 6km course - on your own, as a team or even with your four legged friend. It will be a fun filled fundraising event. See below for details:

Date: Sunday 8th December

Time: 10am (Registration 9.15am)

Distance : 3km or 6km Run or Walk

Location: Tamworth Castle

Entry fee: £15 Adult (16+), £10 Child (5-15), £2 Child (under 5's)

Remembrance Day

The Hall of Memory was built to commemorate 12,320 Birmingham citizens who died and 35,000 wounded in the First World War. It is opposite the Birmingham Library & free to enter. Why not pop in and spend some time thinking of those that gave their lives.



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.

E-Safety Tip

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

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.

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.

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 Assembly

Thursday 17th October
Team Durning - Noah
Team White - Jenna
Team Scrivens - Aaron
Team Dudley - Elsie

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 24th October
Team Steadman - Kassey
Team Collis - Callum
Team Thomas - Alex
Team Roberts - Fran

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 7th November
Team Degville - Henry
Team Rainbird - Andreas
Team Wood - Jamie Lee
Team Lynch - Damian

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 14th November
Team Durning - Remi Leigh
Team White - Ollie
Team Scrivens - Milda
Team Dudley - Luke

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 21st November
Team Steadman - Leo
Team Collis - Sienna
Team Roberts - Lily
Team Thomas - Luis



Dates for your Diary 2019/20

November

21st - Team Collis Space Camp
25th - Year 5 trip to Tamworth Castle
26th - Year 6 trip to Art Gallery
29th - Year 2 Maths Workshop at 9.05am

December

2nd - Year 2 Stories at 6pm
3rd - Cinema in school Years 4 - 6
4th - Guitar & Brass Performance
4th - Reception trip to Conkers
4th - Year 1 Stories at 6pm
5th - EYFS Stories at 6pm
10th - Cinema in school Years 1-3
11th - Reception Nativity assembly
12th - School closed for Election
13th - Inset Day school closed: Friday
13th December
16th - School open: Monday 16th
December
18th - Carol Concert for Yr 4 parents
19th - Christmas Disco
School closed : Monday 23rd December -
Friday 3 January 2020

January 2020

6th - School open: Monday 6 January
8th - Year 2 SATS workshop 9am or 5.30pm

February

School closed: Monday 17 February -
Friday 21 February
24th - School open: Monday 24 February
24th - Team Steadman trip to Mosque
25th - Tem Collis trip to Mosque

April

1st - Year 5 Easter assembly
School closed: Monday 6 April - Friday
17th April
20th - School open: Monday 20 April

May

School closed: Friday 8th May (Bank
Holiday)
11th - School open: Monday 11th May
School closed: Monday 25th May - Friday
29th May

June

1st - School open: Monday 1st June
16th - Year 5 trip to Cadbury World
24th - Year 1 assembly

July

6th - 8th - Year 6 Residential trip
20th - Inset Day school closed: Monday
20th July
School closed: Tuesday 21st July -
Monday 31 August

1 further inset day is yet to be
confirmed

September 2020

1st - School open: Tuesday 1st September
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SCHOOL VALUES

- Caring Individual
- Collaborative learner
- Creative mind
- Critical thinker