



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

A warm welcome back to the spring term here at New Hall. We are continuing in our mission to fill your children's minds with exciting learning, amazing experiences and fantastic opportunities! I am particularly delighted to highlight how important 'Pupil Voice' is. Hopefully you have seen the children talking extremely articulately about their learning on our Twitter feed @NewHallpri.

A polite reminder from me that we expect appropriate behaviour on school site by parents/ carers at all times. Please bear in mind that your voices and actions are seen by many of our pupils, so the question to ask is 'Are you being the best role model that you can be?'

Thank you for your continued support! *Mrs Hanks*

Hello from New Hall's Governing Board!

I have been a co-opted Governor since 2017 having been "strong armed" into doing so by Roy Roberts, who at that time, was the Chair of Governors at New Hall. Roy assured me that I wouldn't need any experience or knowledge about the education system to undertake the role and I figured this was a positive thing, particularly as other than a happy recollection of my own school days where I was definitely the naughty one who talked too much, I had none!

The last 3 years have been eye opening. The pressure to bring about excellent academic outcomes and the breadth of responsibility is enormous and the team at New Hall rise to these challenges by repeatedly examining detail after detail, refining things in the best interest of each child. This is why we have an OFSTED rating of good. However, it is not the level of scrutiny or the academic achievements that surprised me. What has really grabbed my attention over the past three years, (and I believe, sets New Hall apart), is the understanding that each child will only be their best self if they are taught to be caring, thoughtful and respectful individuals. This teaching is at the core of our school. "Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude" (Zig Ziglar), and for me, as someone who believes that a kinder world is made from millions of individual acts of caring, this ethos makes me proud to be a Governor here.

Mary Kennedy
(still talkative!)



Wrap Around RSPCA Bake

The children baked and decorated cupcakes and sold them to their families to raise funds for the RSPCA. We raised a total of £74.20 in three days. This was a great achievement by everyone and Mrs Lucas cannot thank the families enough for their support, thank you.

February Half Term Play Scheme

We are running our very popular holiday play scheme from Monday 17th February— Friday 21st February 2020. We offer full days and morning or afternoon sessions. We have very competitive prices. Each day is packed with fun activities to do.

If you are interested, a Play Scheme Registration pack can be collected from the school office.

New Inset Day

School will be closed for an inset day on Monday 1st June 2020. School will be open on Tuesday 2nd June.



New Hall Sports

On Thursday 9th January 2020, New Hall took part in the annual Y5/6 Basketball competition hosted by Bishop Vesey Grammar School.

New Hall played four games in total, against St Nicholas, New Oscott, Wylde Green and Oasis. Despite being a player down, New Hall battled very hard and did extremely well despite losing 3 and drawing 1 game.

On Monday 20th January, two teams from Year 3 and 4 went to Bishop Vesey for the annual athletic tournament against six other local Primary Schools.

Both teams competed really well, the boys showing lots of effort and will but unfortunately finishing seventh. The girls also showed lots of effort and enthusiasm, and as a result finished with a gold medal. New Hall were able to finish third overall. Well done, children!

Upcoming Sport Events

29th January - KS2 Gymnastics
26th February - Year 1/2 Sports
10th March - Year 5/6 Hand Ball
13th May - Year 3/4 Tennis
20th May - Year 5/6 Rounders Bishops Vesey
24th June - Year 5/6 Cricket

Governor Awards - December 2019

Team Carpenter - Amelia
Team Degville - Evie
Team Rainbird - Lola
Team Lynch - Maryam
Team Wood - Te'Morah
Team Durniing - Jake
Team White - Layla
Team Scrivens - Ashia
Team Dudley - Riley
Team Steadman - Elisha
Team Collis - Evie
Team Thomas - Tahira
Team Roberts - Emily

Star Burst Assembly KS2

Thursday 16th January

Team Steadman - Haleema
Team Collis - Robert
Team Thomas - Bow
Team Roberts - Alexa

Breakfast Price Increase

With effect from 20 April 2020, breakfast club will increase in price to £3.50 per child per session.

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.

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.

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.

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.

E-Safety Tip

Observe good net etiquette. See the WISE KIDS Guide to Net Etiquette at <http://www.wisekids.org.uk/netetiquette.htm>

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 the school office on 0121 464 5170.

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 contact the school office on 0121 464 5170.

Dates for your Diary 2019/20

February

7th - Year 4 trip to Warwick Castle
School closed: Monday 17 February -
Friday 21 February
School reopens: Monday 24 February
24th - Team Steadman trip to Mosque
25th - Tem Collis trip to Mosque
26th - Parents Evening

March

24th - Year 3 trip to British Motor Museum

April

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

May

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

June

School closed INSET day: Monday 1st June
School reopens: Tuesday 2nd June
3rd - Year 2 trip to Holdenby House
16th - Year 5 trip to Cadbury World
24th - Year 1 assembly to parents

July

6th - 8th - Year 6 Residential trip
15th - Year 6 Leavers assembly to
parents
Inset Day school closed: Monday 20th July
School closed: Tuesday 21st July -
Monday 31 August

September 2020

Inset Day school closed: Tuesday 1st September

School open: Wednesday 2nd September to pupils