



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

Hello from New Hall's Governing Board!

Hello, my name is Thersea Hyde, I am pleased and proud to have been appointed the Local Authority Governor at New Hall.



My family have lived in Sutton for over 30 years and my 3 children all attended local primary and secondary schools. My professional experience was gained by working in many schools in Lancashire, Staffordshire, Birmingham and Walsall for over 25 years. This tells me what a fantastic, all embracing welcome New Hall has. Staff, non-teaching and teaching, parents, governors, the wider local community in Falcon Lodge and Sutton, together with external agencies all work together for the benefit of New Hall pupils.

A number of staff serve on our committees or attend to explain their role in school and how standards are being met and improved upon. Strengths and areas for development are regularly shared with and scrutinised by governors against the school improvement plan {SIP}.

I'm really interested in the curriculum which is designed to meet national standards, monitor skill progression and reflect the needs and hopes of the wide range of our children at New Hall. We meet with subject leaders, ask some hard questions in order to get to know exactly what is happening but also to help give the teacher confidence preparing for a challenging Ofsted interview.

Staff provide evidence of what they are doing including policies, black books-reflective journals, planning and tracking documents. Staff are always willing, appreciative, and professional.

The children love coming to school and they happily explain what they have been doing. Children are polite and caring and reflect New Hall's values. They do love to learn.

Speaking as mum, grandma and governor I know if pupils are worried they know what to do and who to speak to.

They are so very safe, secure and well cared for at New Hall by all staff non -teaching and teaching.

Parents are the first educators of their children. As a mum of a SEND pupil I was told I was the expert about my child. New Hall follow on with professional expertise and a real sense of care and commitment and aim to work with and welcome parents .

Governors are keen to also celebrate all the fantastic extras provided at New Hall. I am so lucky to have been invited to, and attend; Christmas plays, Easter, harvest assemblies and share in the parents' and teachers' pride in the children; World Book days (dressed as Gangsta Granny) mental health and curriculum events, lunch time recorder club, P4C and class observations. Two governors are working with school and Age Concern Birmingham to provide a fun and games night in June 2020.

This all happens because Mrs. Hanks our experienced and well respected head teacher is a brilliant leader and manager. She has the vision and skills to keep us all on our toes. She continues to ensure the best for children's learning and the whole school community wellbeing .

She leads the whole team in giving our children the best education and preparing them to be happy and active citizens in the future.

Department for Education - Public Health England

As a school we are being kept up to date by the Department for Education on how the Coronavirus may impact schools. Currently we are not taking any further action, other than regularly reminding the children to wash their hands thoroughly, use a tissue for coughs and sneezes and using handgel appropriately. Further advice can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Mental Health & Well Being Week

We all enjoyed the activities for well-being last week.

On Monday we Connected and thought about our own and others well-being.

Tuesday was Activity day and we all worked together to walk a marathon and improve our fitness.

On Wednesday we were Mindful.

Conversation stations were set up around school for pupil and staff chats - It's good to talk. Breathing and yoga helped us relax.

On Thursday we shared our amazing talents on Keep Learning day. We are all unique and celebrated our individuality and hobbies.

Finally, Friday was Give To Others day. Each class carried out good deeds and we wore our own clothes to raise money for the charity mentalhealth.org.uk. We raised £264.40. It was a fantastic week and we all now feel energised for 2020!

Chinese New Year Workshop

On Monday 3rd February, Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 participated in a dance workshop to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children learnt a traditional Chinese dance, about the significance of the different characters in the main parade and even created their own celebratory parade. It was a fun session that was enjoyed by all.



Year 4 trip to Warwick Castle

Year 4 had a brilliant day out at Warwick Castle to learn all about how crime and punishment has changed throughout history. We loved finding out what would happen to a thief hundreds of years ago (you would have had your hands chopped off) and how unlucky you were if you were accused of being a witch (they would burn you alive)! We are looking forward to putting all of our knowledge into practise next half term when we look more closely at the history of crime and punishment during our history lessons.



Year 5 trip to Symphony Hall

Year 5 went to Symphony Hall on Monday 27th January to enjoy musical performances from different school bands from the West Midlands.

We heard a choir, brass band, steel drums and a jazz band. It was extremely enjoyable and gave us all an appreciation of musical talent.



PCSO Awards

Year 5 pupils have recently had the unique opportunity to take part in a six week program alongside West Midlands Police to become Junior Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). During this time, the children have become familiar with the phonetic alphabet, road safety regulations and environmental issues in our community. The children have then had the opportunity to explore their local area alongside PCSO Lindsay Brenton. The Year 5 pupils now serve the West Midlands Police with integrity and honour and are trying their best to help their environment and everyone that they meet.



STRANGER DANGER REMINDER

The police have asked us to share stranger danger advice with you to help keep you safe when you are out and about and travelling to and from school.

STRANGER DANGER PREVENTION ADVICE

Here are some simple steps you can take to make sure you stay safe on the street.

- Never go off on your own with a stranger, take things from them or get in a car with them
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or a police station
- Remember to tell someone what has happened straight away
- If you have Snapchat check the settings on the new location sharing feature, Snap Maps, including details about how to change your settings and tips for staying safe.

USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) is the only children's charity which can safeguard children. Visit their website for more information - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

SCCT School Uniform Grant Applications 2020

On Thursday 5th March 2020, parents will be able to collect from the school office an application form for the SCCT School Uniform Grant. The eligibility criteria and proof of benefit required is explained on the application form.

Deadline for the application form is Wednesday 25th March 2020. Please make sure all forms are returned to the school office by then.

Year 2 trip to the Meditation Centre

On Monday 10th February and Tuesday 11th February Year 2 visited the Buddhist Meditation Centre in Birmingham. We travelled there on our school mini-buses and were very excited to pass lots of interesting buildings on the way - the Aston Villa football ground, Birmingham Children's Hospital, tall glass office blocks and a huge, stone Pagoda were just a few that caught our interest. It was very exciting! Once we got to the Meditation Centre we had to take our shoes off to go into the meeting room. Inside we looked at the many different statues, learnt how to point at a statue (not with your finger but with your whole hand), had a go at some prostrations and meditation and, if we wanted to, we also had the chance to give an offering. We ended our visit by asking lots of questions! We had a great time and have learnt lots!



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February New Hall celebrated Safer Internet Day. This years' theme was 'Together for a better internet'. During the week classes attended Workshops and completed lessons about Online Safety. Children were taught songs and actions to help them remember important rules of how to keep safe online and what to do if they feel uncomfortable about content that they see.



New Hall Sports

On Wednesday 29th January, girls from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 participated in the interschool's gymnastic competition at GMAC, Alexander Stadium. The girls took part in a variety of events including body management, floor routines and vault. New Hall competed against 11 other schools, with Lanai and Amelia winning individual silver medals for vault, and the team from Years 3 and 4 winning silver medals for their Team Vault and Team Floor routines. Well done, girls!

Upcoming Sport Events

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

Star Burst Assembly

Thursday 30th January

LKS2

Team Durning - Finn
Team White - Filip
Team Dudley - Nikhil
Team Scrivens - Daisy

Thursday 13th February

KS1

Team Carpenter - Victoria
Team Degville - James
Team Rainbird - Mackenzie
Team Wood - Lainie Mai
Team Lynch - Zara

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.

Friends of New Hall

Join us on facebook and follow our PTFA page 'Friends of New Hall'. There you can find up coming PTFA events.

E-Safety Tip

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

Reminders.....

New Inset Day

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

Breakfast Club Price Increase

With effect from 20 April 2020, breakfast club will increase in price to £3.50 per child for regular fixed sessions. The charge for one off sessions will be £5.00.

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.

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.

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

March

5th - World Book Day Vocabulary Parade
10th - Year 1 trip to Sea Life Centre
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
9th - Year 4 trip to Think Tank
9th - Parent Internet Safety workshop tbc
10th - EYFS Sports day
11th - Year 1,2,3 Sports day
12th - Year 4,5,6 Sports day
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