



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

All of the children seem to have settled so well into their new classes and have settled down to work extremely well. Well done to everyone. Children in our Nursery are now in every morning and again have done very well in coming in and settling so well.

School Rules

Just a reminder that our School Rules were devised by the School Council last year.

The school rules are:

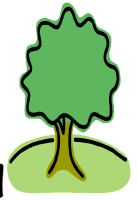
RESPECT YOURSELF, OTHERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Reparation for the Sacraments at Holy Cross and St Francis Catholic Church

Catholic parents who would like their children to receive instruction in preparation for the Sacraments are invited to contact the parish priest, Fr Michael Dolman on 0121 351 2161. The course begins in November and will take place in the presbytery from 9.30-10.15am each Sunday.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have 2 vacancies for Parent Governors for the Governing body here at New Hall Primary. If you are interested in further details then please have a chat with Mrs Hanks, who can give you an insight into this important role. Alternatively ask at the school office for a governor nomination form.



Green Tree School Award

Your child may have told you about planting trees in the school grounds last year. I am delighted to say that we have achieved a Bronze Green Tree Award from the Woodland Trust for all of our efforts and to help the environment even more we will have another 30 trees to plant this Autumn.



Missing School Uniform

We can not highlight enough the importance of labelling your child's school uniform and belongings such as lunch boxes, PE kits and coats. PLEASE, PLEASE name these items because if they are not named then it makes it almost impossible to find that missing jumper or coat and to prove it is yours!

Parent questionnaire results

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the questionnaire given out on the Open afternoon in the Summer term. Your feedback is always valuable and helps us move forward as a school. The overwhelming majority of parents are very happy with their child's school experience and happy with how the school supports learning.

- We received 100% agreement that we keep pupils safe and that the teaching is good from you and 99% of you stated that your child enjoys school and their particular needs are met, which is absolutely fantastic.
- 97% agreed that you are informed about progress and that your child is making enough progress and that the teaching helps support this.
- 95% agreed that unacceptable behaviour is dealt with effectively

At New Hall we will continue to work on any concerns you may have, and to that end, we would like to share with you our school focus targets for this year. All of the pupils and staff are aware of these and we want you to be to. Our school priorities are:

- For teachers to continue to deliver good and outstanding lessons
- For pupils to make progress in each year group across subjects
- Attendance will be above 95%
- Our school rules will be followed by all, so that everyone can learn.



Staff Training

On Friday 2nd September staff at New Hall Primary completed a full day training course on 'The use of Positive Handling'. Staff were awarded certificates to recognize the fact that we received and passed this training and are now able to handle children in exceptional circumstances if required to keep them safe from harm, in line with Birmingham City Council policy.



Starburst Awards

Thursday 22 September 2011

Team Boyce - Mehaq Hussain
Team Cookson - Matthew Moylan
Team Davis - Casey Murdoch
Team Jones - Niyrice Walker Smith
Team Jaremko/Jurczak - Bethany Hunt
Team Spiers - Liam Hill
Team Wood - Savannah Stokes
Team Roberts - Daniel Bradbury



Dates for the Diary

October Half Term - Mon 24 Oct - Fri 28 Oct 2011

Tuesday 1 November 2011 - Individual School photographs taken

Christmas Holidays - Mon 19 Dec - Mon 3 Jan 2012

Please note all dates for diary are on the New Hall Primary website under the "More" tab and then scroll down to the calendar

