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NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale C. of E. Primary School

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Important Notice

School finishes for the Christmas holidays next **THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER** and collection of your children is at **1.30pm**. Please ensure you collect your child on time. Elizabeth House childcare does not start until 3pm, so please make sure alternative arrangements have been made for them if they are normally collected by their service.

Carol Singing

The school choir very bravely bared the terrible weather conditions last Friday to sing Christmas carols in order to raise money for charity. All Islington deanery schools paired up across Islington to carry out the synchronised sing. St John's paired up with St Jude and St Luke's Primary School at Highbury and Islington tube station. St John's managed to raise just under £70 towards the joint collection.



Christmas Tree Sales

A huge thank you to Maggie Kemmner for bringing the idea of selling Christmas trees from the school earlier this year. The Christmas trees raised a whopping £2912! As a gift for the school, Maggie and her team also bought a Christmas tree for our school hall. You will see it in all of its glory for Carols Around the Tree on **Thursday 19th December at 9.15am**.

The selling of the trees couldn't have happened without Richard and Anne-Marie's help in organising too. And of course, a number of St John's pupils chipped in and helped out too: Callum Crease who distributed flyers and wrote a notice to every house in his road.

Bea and Rosa Davis who distributed flyers and helped sell tea and coffee on the day.

Finlay Rockcliffe and Millie Brewster also helped distribute flyers. A great effort from everyone involved and a huge thank you from Mrs Hodgson.

Christmas Service

Our Christmas service will be held at St Augustine's Church on Tuesday 17th December. We are aiming for a 2pm start. The children will be singing carols at the service and will be reading. Our Year 2, 3 and 4 children will also be playing a small musical piece with their recorders at the service. Parents/Carers please could you ensure that your child brings their recorder to school with them ready for the concert. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Recent News

Reception class visited London Zoo last Friday and saw a very special nativity performance. The children had a wonderful time and also were able to see some of the animals they heard about in the nativity.



A big well done to all of our children who took part in the Islington Schools Swimming Gala on Friday night. The children were all amazing and we won one silver medal in the Yr5 boys' freestyle thanks to Oliver, a bronze medal in the Y5 backstroke thanks to Ivy and bronze medal in the Y6 backstroke thanks to Martha A.

