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NEWSLETTER

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

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Breakfast Club

If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, please can you ensure that you book places in advance. We understand that there are times when there will be an emergency and you need the service at short notice, which is fine. However, if you know you will need the service in advance please do book your child a place through the front office. We must ensure we have the right ratio of staff to children.



The class with the best attendance last week at 97.8% was ...

Year 1 & 6



The class with the best punctuality last week and with 0 children late all week was ...

Year 6

Coronavirus – Advice for all early years providers and schools

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China. Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>. You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years or school setting as normal. We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

FOSJ

A reminder that there are two amazing events coming up this term. Infant Cinema night is planned for Friday 6th March, and will be held in Maberly Hall from 3.30-5.30pm, for Years R, 1 and 2. The Junior Disco will also be happening on Friday 13th March in the Main Hall from 6.30-8.30pm, for all of KS2 classes.

A huge thank you to FOSJ for organising these fun events for our children.

End of Day Collection

It has come to our attention that some children are running out of the school gates ahead of their parent or carer at the end of the school day. Where we can, we will stop them and ask them to wait, however we can not catch them all and some children have been seen running across the road on their own. We will speak to the children about this in school, and if you can reiterate it at home also, that would be really helpful. Conewood street is very busy at the end of the school day and we really do not want any accidents occurring unnecessarily.

Recent News

Last Friday there were so many wonderful things happening around the school. It was brilliant to see children in all year groups involved in so many brilliantly planned lessons and creatively engaging topics. Year 6 had an Indian themed day, all linked to their class text, *Keeping Corner*. There was cookery in the morning, which involved making Nann bread and Daal. In the afternoon, the children took part in a Bollywood dance class.



In **Year 5**, the children have been looking into natural disasters in their Geography lessons. Last week, they explored the layers of the earth, and what happened when the tectonic plates came together or moved apart. To recreate the effects of a volcano, the children created a mixture of a number of household ingredients, such as vinegar, washing liquid and bicarbonate soda, to create a chemical reaction and produce natural gases, which mimicked those of a volcano.



In **Year 4** this week, the children have been exploring electricity and circuits. They have been experimenting to see what components are needed in a circuit for it to work, and looking at objects that are conductors or insulators. The children made predictions and tested them to see if they were correct.