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Autumn Term Issue 2

NEWSLETTER

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

School Website: www.st.jhv.islington.sch.uk

The Big 2K

Just a reminder that on Friday 27th September St John's Big 2K will be taking place. The fun run will be taking place around the Arsenal stadium and special guest Gunnersaurus, will be getting us all warmed up before we set off. It is a sponsored fun run in order to raise money for the school. Sponsorship forms are available, however a Just Giving page has been set up to make donating easier, please follow the link below. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stjohnsbig2k>. More information will follow in the weeks to come.

Another New Face

A lot of you have already had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Tonnie Read, as she has been out on the playground at the end of last week and the beginning of this week. Mrs Read will be supporting the school, and particularly Mrs Hodgson, as Interim Executive Head, for the period of time that Mr Richardson is not at school.

Mrs Read has a great sense of humour and is always ready to greet you with a big smile. Make sure you say hi when you see her.



Healthy Schools Award

At the end of last year, the senior leadership team started looking into how here at St John's, we could achieve the healthy schools award. It does take some work, but this is something we are very passionate about, and would like to try to achieve. There are three different awards, bronze, silver and gold, which the school is awarded, depending on the level of commitment. Please click on the link below to read further information about the award.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/health/healthy-schools-london/awards/home>

In going for the healthy school award, it does mean some things will have to change quite quickly. We will no longer be handing out cakes, sweets, chocolate or biscuits for children's birthdays. You are more than welcome to bring in fruit, but sugary snacks will no longer be accepted. Children's packed lunch boxes will also need to contain healthy options, please look at the website below to find a range of ideas for a healthy lunch box. <https://www.nhs.uk/change+life/food-facts/sugar/sugar-swaps-for-kids>

Apologise

We would just like to apologise for the confusion with clubs over the past week. There are a lot of new and exciting clubs starting both before and after school, which have caused a few teething problems with people being in the right places at the right time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused due to this and hope that by next week everything will be up and running smoothly.

Netball

A regular feature at St John's is parent netball on Friday mornings. As ever this will be starting up again this term. Jo Sargent, who organises the netball, is always looking for new parents to join the group. Enthusiasm is the only requirement to play. If you would like more details, please speak to Anne-Marie and she will advise you how to confirm your interest with Jo, or just turn up on Friday morning!

Recent Events

School Gardening

A big thank you to some of our parents and children who gave up some of their spare time and came into school during the summer holidays to clear the school garden area. We are hoping to spend a lot of time on the school garden this year and get it to a useable and workable space for the children. Every Friday lunch time a freegardening club will be ran by some parents volunteers. The Key Stage 1 club will run from 12.30-1pm and the Key stage 2 club from 1-1.30pm. The club members will rotate every half term so that all children who want to be involved can be. If your child is interested in being in the gardening club, please give their name to Jackie at the front office. You will receive a text message by Friday if your child will be joining gardening club this half term.



St John's Prayer Group

St John's parents meet to pray for the life of the school and the community every Friday afternoons 2.45pm in Maberly Hall. The first meeting this term is this Friday 13th September. All are welcome! Please contact Kirsty Hannah on Kirsty.hannah@doctors.org.uk or Angie Catlett, Anna Sharp or Emma McNeely for more details.