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# NEWSLETTER

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

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## Half Term

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and support over the past seven weeks. It has not been the easiest of starts to the year with a lot of change and uncertainty. As we approach the half term holidays, we are all ready for the break and feeling a lot more settled. We wish you all a wonderful half term and look forward to coming back and continuing some of the great work that has been started so far this academic year.

### FOSJ

Friends of St John's held their AGM yesterday. Minutes will be available soon, but in the meantime we are delighted to announce the following committee for the 2019/20 academic year:

Chair: Melanie Rockcliffe \*

Vice-Chair: Emma McNeely

Treasurer: Cisela Boomgaarden

Secretary: Abigail Mardlin

Becky Osborn and Alison Hamilton will sit on the committee as trustees elected by the governors.

\* Emma and Becky will continue to lead FOSJ until January, at which point Melanie takes over with Emma supporting her.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the outgoing team: Anna Sharp, Alison Hamilton and Becky Osborn. Although Alison and Becky are not going anywhere, recognition should be made to both for all their hard work over the past year.

### The Strings Club

Join The Strings Club this October Half Term in Islington. They are offering an exclusive offer for pupils of St John's Highbury Vale School: **Bring a friend for free!** The multi award-winning Holiday Camp is at New North Academy, 32 Popham Rd, Islington, NI 8SJ.

The Ofsted registered Holiday Camps bring together the very best of music and childcare to engage and inspire your child every school holiday. Each day is wonderfully different and includes our "Learn Together, Play Together" morning ukulele lessons alongside our carefully-created afternoon workshops. There is free hire of an instrument too! Childcare Vouchers are accepted.

As a special incentive they would love to give your child the opportunity to bring a friend for one free day at a Holiday Camp of your choice (usually priced from £40). All you need to do is call 0121 296 9204 to register your child and their friend.

### Lost Property

All lost property will be put out in the playground on Friday after school for parents to look through and reclaim back any items your child made have lost or misplaced over the past seven weeks. Any property not claimed by the end of the day on Friday will be disposed of.

### New Curriculum

A parent forum will be held on the first Wednesday back after half term, 30<sup>th</sup> October in Maberly Hall. This has been rescheduled from last half term. At the forum the curriculum vision and map will be shared with parents, along with examples of work from a range of year groups. We will discuss the 'Big Questions' and where they have originated from.

## Recent Events

### Year 2 Football

In the Islington Year 2 football festival on Tuesday, some of our boys went along to represent the school. The children played four games in total, in those games they scored fourteen goals altogether and conceded none. As you can see from the picture, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have shown great potential for the future. Because it was a festival, there was no overall winners, but they are definitely winners in our eyes!



### Year 3 History

Year 3 have been creating some very authentic cave art in class to link with their Stone Age topic. A lot of Art skills were used in the lessons, which involved mixing colours, choosing the appropriate equipment and planning the resources needed. The children's work is now displayed outside of the classroom for all to see.

