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# NEWSLETTER

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

School Website: [www.st.jhv.islington.sch.uk](http://www.st.jhv.islington.sch.uk)

## Parents Evenings

Just a reminder that parents evening will be coming up in a few weeks' time. The dates are Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. We will put sign-up sheets in the main hall the week beginning the 18<sup>th</sup> November. For new parents to the school, please sign up to a time slot which suits you best on either day available. This meeting is to discuss the progress of your child so far this year and an opportunity to speak with the class teacher about any other questions you may have.

## New Appointment

We are happy to announce that we have finally appointed a new permanent member of staff for the front office. Jaclyn Pagal came to us on loan to cover the position for the first three weeks after Carol left, but had to return to her own role. After falling in love with St John's in the short time she was here, she applied for the position when advertised and was successful. She is a great new addition to the team and we feel very lucky to have her here working with us. Please say hi when you see her.

## Sports Competitions

Join Sarah Cleary has now took over organising all of the sports competitions for St John's. She has previously gone along to many events and has a real passion for sports, so we are in good hands. There are a lot of exciting events coming up in the future that Sarah is keen to take the children to, but in order to do so we really do need some parent volunteers to support. If you are able to go along and support any of the events please contact Sarah at [sport@st.jhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:sport@st.jhv.islington.sch.uk).

## Poppy Appeal

Every year, as a school we sell poppy's at the beginning and end of the day, the week before Remembrance Sunday. This year is no different, please see our Year 6 children on the playground to grab your poppy. Also on sale this year are reflectors, zip pulls, snap bands and wrist bands. We do only have one box of these, so they will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

## Good News

It is with great pleasure that we have the opportunity to announce not one, but two wonderful pieces of news. Mrs Sime, our Year 2 teacher is expecting her first child with her husband Chris due in May of next year. Mrs Hodgson is also expecting around the same time. This will be her second child with her husband David and a younger sibling to her son George. We can't wait to see both ladies bloom through their pregnancy journey.

## Christmas Card Project 2019

This week the children were sent home with their lovingly prepared art-work for their Christmas card designs. You can order cards, gift tags and wrapping paper with your child's design from the APFS website (see instructions on the sticker on the back of your child's artwork). <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk> The deadline for all orders is Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We will receive the cards etc. in school around 18<sup>th</sup> November. As well as enabling you to send your friends and family some lovely cards, this is also a great fundraiser for the school! Last year we raised approximately £500. All orders must be placed on the above website - please do not bring money/orders into the school office. Any questions, please contact Emma ([Emma.j.mcneely@gmail.com](mailto:Emma.j.mcneely@gmail.com)) Thank you Friends of St John's.

## Year 4 RE

David and Goliath R.E. The children wrote down their fears on a post it note and stuck them on the image of Goliath. Children then dipped a clay (stone) in paint and launched it at Goliath.



## Year 6

Year 6 went to the Arsenal Hub to participate in the 'Show Racism the Red Card' event, along with other local schools. The children had an hour of 'football fun', listened to a number of speeches, played the role of reporters, had a short tour of the stadium and at the end of the day the children had the opportunity to ask some very influential people some questions about racism.

