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NEWSLETTER

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

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

St John's School Vision Statement

St John's prides itself on having strong links with the community and especially working closely with our three churches, St. Thomas's, St Augustine's and Christ Church, so our children understand and live out our school vision and values. This year we will be focusing strongly on how our Christian vision to ensure every child, adult and member of our community work towards being the best they can be.

Our vision is: "to be a school where every child is valued as a unique individual created in the image of God, where everyone has equal opportunities and where teaching and learning are of a consistent high standard."

Summary of our school vision: *'Every Child, Every Opportunity, Every Day'*

We aim to provide the foundation on which children can grow, enabling them to move on to the next stage of their lives, confident that, in the words of St. Paul:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

International Day



On Friday 12th October, St. John's will have an International Day, based around the school values, "Friendship" and "Respect". Children can come to school wearing clothes/outfits that relate to their family heritage. During the day the



pupils will learn about different cultures, languages and traditions from countries around the world. Parents have been invited to share stories from their own cultural backgrounds. At the end of the day the FOSJ are supporting by running food stalls in the playground, so please donate or bring food to share at the end of the day.



Next week is Harvest Festival at St Augustine's Church on Thursday 11th October, starting at 2pm. All parents and family members are welcome to celebrate with us. As part of the tradition of this time of year, as a school we asking for donations of tinned food to support our churches Food banks and Food shelters, during the winter months. On **Wednesday 10th October**, it would be fantastic if every child could donate some tinned food, so we could support our local charities. Please bring the food to the school hall before 8.55am, where the House Captains will be there to say thank you.

Perform Highbury - Free Trial Session and £40 discount

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of this school if you sign up by October half term. Parents should quote NEWS30/10/18 when they book their free trial session by going to www.perform.org.uk or calling 020 7255 9120.

Your nearest class is here at St John's Highbury Vale on

Tuesdays- 4pm and 5pm both suitable for age 4-7s

Thursdays- 4pm suitable for 4-7s and 5pm suitable for 7-12s.

Saturdays- 9.30am is a Dance based class for 6-12s and 11.15am - 7-12s

Our website is www.perform.org.uk and we'd love to see some of your children at our classes soon.



School Uniform

It's great to see all the children back in uniform looking smart and representing St John's. Please can I remind you to put their name in all of their clothes, including PE kit and school coats. Also if pupils wear trainers to school, they must be all black, no white soles or branding to be standing out.

Assembly Dates

- Tuesday 6th November - 9am - Year 6
- Tuesday 13th November - 9am - Year 4
- Tuesday 20th November - 9am - Year 1
- Tuesday 27th November - 9am - Year 2
- Tuesday 4th December - 9am - Year 5
- Tuesday 11th December - 9am - Year 3

Parent Forum

Last year parent forums were designed to support parents with understanding of their child's learning. With positive feedback, parent forums will return this year every half term. The first forum will be on **Wednesday 10th October at 9.00am for 45 minutes in Maberly Hall**, and will be run by Miss Newman. The focus of the session will be on reading domains, a key part of our school improvement this year.

Contact Details

If your details have changed over the holidays, please can you contact the school office and update us with your new address or contact number or email address.

Year 1 Cake Sale

Thank you to the Year 1 class reps and parents who helped organise and provide amazing cakes for last Friday's sale. A total of £102.60 was raised.



Free School Meals

As part of the school income from the Government, we receive extra funding for pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals. If your child receives FSM or you wish to ask if you are entitled to this, please contact Anne-Marie, so we can check the system or help you complete the online application. These finances make a big difference to the school and our pupils, so please make sure we have the correct information.