NEWSLETTER

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

School Website: www.stjhv.islington.sch.uk

St John's International Day

International Day was a huge success with 44 different countries represented from around the World by pupils at STJHV. Pupils and parents shared their own experiences and as part of the school values, pupils looked at friendship and respect for how cultures are similar and different. Thank you to all the parents who provided food at the end of the day; it was great to see so many people sharing and talking about their different tastes and experiences.

Sporting Success

Last half term, the Year 5/6 boys, Year 3/4 boys and Year 3/4 girls' teams took part in the Islington Schools football competitions. All teams played very well for their first tournament, but there was a big congratulations to the Year 3/4 boys' team who were the overall champions and did not lose a game all morning. Thank you to the coaches and parents who supported the teams on the days.

Arriving Late

Last half term we had an increasing number of children arriving after 8.55am. Please ensure your child is in the playground ready to line up at 8.50am every day. The start of the school day is very important to ensure every child can achieve and settle into their learning effectively.

FOSJ Quiz Night

Thank you to all the parents who came along and enjoyed the annual quiz night. Once again it was very competitive and congratulations to Year 3 parents. At present through donations and ticket sales we have raised £1671. I would like to say thank you to the FOSJ for organising the event and to Guy for his time in preparing the quiz.
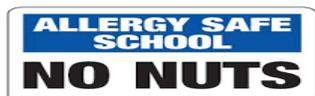
Christmas Fair

Friends of St John's are presently working hard in preparing and organising the School's annual Christmas Fair. If you have not already put it in your diary the date is <u>SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER.</u> If you can support the event with donations, ie. buying extra raffle tickets, baking cakes / mince pies, that would be greatly appreciated. If you need any further information please speak to your class rep or directly with Emma the Chair of FOSJ.

No Nut Policy

We like to celebrate pupils' birthdays at STJHV, but please remember we are a nut free school. We do have several pupils who have server nut allergies and at present parents are sending in snickers, celebrations, Nutella bars, fruit & nut cereal bars etc.

Thanks for your support

ALLERGY SAFE SCHOOL
NO NUTS

School Uniform / Winter Coats

Now the weather has turned colder, please can you ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat and their school jumper or cardigan in school every day. It is important that they wear a coat, (hat if necessary) for break and lunch times.

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
- Thursday 6th December –9 am – Year 5
- Tuesday 11th December – 9am – Year 3

Christmas Dates

- Wednesday 12th December
  Christmas Service @ St Thomas's
  2pm start
- Friday 14th December
  Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 13th & Friday 14th December
  KS1 Nativity – 2pm start
- Tuesday 18th December
  Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 19th December
  KS1 Christmas party
- Thursday 20th December
  KS2 Christmas party
- Friday 21st December
  Carols around the tree
- Friday 21st December – 2pm Finish

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 Tuesday 13th November at 9.00am for 45 minutes in Maberly Hall, and will be run by Miss Jones. The focus of the session will be for all Reception parents on their child's learning journey and expectations over the next 2 terms.

The second forum will be on Wednesday 5th November at 9.00am for 45 minutes in Maberly Hall, and will be run by Mr Lloyd. The focus of the session will be on challenge in maths, which is key part of our school improvement this year.