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NEWSLETTER

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

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Christmas Events



Christmas Fair

Thank you to the Friends of St John's, parent reps, parent volunteers and all who attended our Christmas Fair and made it such a wonderful event. The total raised was £4,331.00, which is a fantastic amount of money raised in an afternoon. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Service – St Thomas's

It was amazing to see so many parents at our Christmas service, which was led by Stephen. The choir and pupils sang beautifully and pupils from Year 5 and 3 read lovely from the Bible.



Christmas Nativity

Once again the school nativity was outstanding. KSI pupils performed and sang remarkably well over the two days. Thank you for your support with the costumes and learning the lines and KSI staff for all their time and effort.



Well done to Year 5 who have dedicated much of this term to learning about Romeo & Juliet. Mr Lloyd worked very hard to prepare all the pupils to perform at the Park Theatre in Finsbury Park. Each child committed to the project and dedicated learning their lines or performance roles.

I look forward to seeing our budding actors and actresses in the future.

Friday 21st December

On the last day the traditional STJHV Carols Around the Tree will start at 9.10am in the school hall, with Mrs Caicedo leading the event.

Please remember school closes at 2pm

Tuesday 8th January

Monday 7th January is a staff training day. School will start back on **Tuesday 8th January** at normal time.

I look forward to hearing all of the childrens' New Year's resolutions.

Start of School Day / Teacher Meetings

Expectations are important to a child starting their school day, entering the class with their friends, being part of registration and then being ready to start learning at 9am. Unfortunately, we are having an increased number of pupils and parents arriving after the bell, which is having a detrimental effect to their learning and the classroom environment. From January, the school playground gate will close promptly for pupils entering the playground once the bell has been rung at 8.55am. Any child arriving after the gate is locked, will be signed in as late at the school office and this registration mark is then recorded on their attendance record. Please try and plan your morning and arrive into the playground no later than 8.50am.

Also this term we have had an increased number of parents wishing to have lengthy conversations with teachers at 8.55am. This is not a suitable time as the teachers need to start their school day. To try and improve communication between parents and teachers, starting from January we will have a teacher request / information form in the school office. If you have a concern or wish to make an appointment with your child's class teacher, please complete this form and return it back to the school office. A class teacher will respond in person, by telephone or email within 24 hours.

Governors' Bulletin

The new Chair of Governors, Harry Oulton has written a Governors' Bulletin to share all the information that has been happening this term linked to the school.

I would like to say thank you to the schools Governing Board who volunteer behind the scenes to ensure STJHV continues to improve. Thank you.

There will be a Bag2School collection (old clothes and shoes) at school on 24th January so please hang on to your bags from your post-Christmas clear-outs!



After School Clubs

After school clubs start on **Monday 14th January**. Please ensure you are on time to collect your child at 4.30pm.



Spring Term Dates

The school office have emailed out all the key dates for Spring Term. They are also displayed around the school on noticeboards etc. Please put these dates in your diary.

School Website

We were supposed to have the new website completed by November, unfortunately timescales have been moved, which were out of our control. Fingers crossed in January we will go live.



School Uniform can now be purchased online from <https://forestcasualwear.co.uk/pages/st-johns-highbury-vale> The school office has a limited amount of uniform available to purchase whilst stock lasts.