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NEWSLETTER

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

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



Easter Service



Diary date. The Easter service will be on, **Thursday 4th April at 2pm** at Christ Church. It would be great to see you there to celebrate Easter with us.

Pupils Collection at End of School Day

Thank you for your support with the improved arrival at school on a morning and collection on an evening. Late arrivals have dramatically reduced, which has improved the children's start of the school day.

Since returning after Christmas there have been a number of incidents at the end of the school day linked to pupils being collected by adults unknown to the class teacher or groups of children being collected by one adult, and the school not being aware of these arrangements.

A key aspect of safeguarding is ensuring every child is safe at school. To ensure we are meeting the statutory requirements all parents must please inform the school office or class teacher of a change of arrangements for the collection of your child at the end of the school day. e.g. family friend collecting or a play date at a friend's house.

School Value - Wisdom

In Collective Worship this half term the children have been learning about how they can use wisdom to make better choices for themselves. We have looked at a variety of biblical stories and present day situations where wisdom has, or can be used to make a wise choice.

We have discussed in detail - James 3: 13 - 18.

The wisdom from above, with the children focusing on verse 17. *But the wisdom from above is pure first of all: it is also peaceful, gentle and friendly; it is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds.*

We have also talked in depth about the story of the two rabbits and how the value of friendship is key to sharing wisdom.

Environmental Day

STJHV will be holding an Environmental Day on Friday 15th February. We have added this into the school diary to increase the pupils' awareness of how we can help improve the environment that we live in. Each class will focus upon a particular area, which they will learn about and explore how they can impact and change for the future.

Half Term

School will close on Friday 15th February and re open on Monday 25th February.

I hope you all have a fantastic break and I look forward to hearing about the children's adventures on their return.

SUGAR SMART

Sugar Smart Islington Launch



Islington council have become the 11th London borough to support the problem of increased tooth decay within young children. Sugar Smart is a national scheme to try and increase the awareness to parents about the effect sugar causes to young children. Key facts – *over 20% of 5 year old children in Islington have tooth decay. Only half of under 4s have ever seen a dentist. 28% of children in this country are now classified as obese.*

The schools catering company, Caterlink have now redesigned their school menus to reduce the amount of sugar, they have increased the use of natural sugars rather than free sugars. Arsenal FC are also supporting the scheme and their catering company have already begun to reduce sugar contents on match days.

After half term we are going to support the Sugar Smart scheme and commit to reduce the sugar intake of pupils at school.

I will be sending a letter out next week informing all parents about our changes and hope that you will all support us in making a difference in our child's lives. Please look at the link below for further information and I have attached a picture below that simply shows how much sugar certain drinks contain.

https://www.sugarsmartuk.org/news/sugar_smart_islington_launch/



SOME PEOPLE EAT AS MANY AS
40 TEASPOONS OF SUGAR EVERY DAY
THAT IS MORE THAN 5X
THE RECOMMENDED DAILY ALLOWANCE



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.



Please make sure your child has a warm coat in school each day. January, February & March are very cold months!

Thank you for your support with the Bag2School collection last week. The school received £124 for our collection, but the key aspect is that our old clothes have gone to a very good cause. Thank you for your support



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 severe nut allergies and at present parents are sending in snickers, celebrations, Nutella bars, fruit & nut cereal bars etc.

Upcoming Events

- Yr.2 Class Assembly – Tuesday 5th March
- Yr.3 Class Assembly – Tuesday 12th February
- Yr.4 Class Assembly – Tuesday 26th March
- Yr. 5 Class Assembly – Tuesday 19th March
- Yr. 6 class Assembly – Tuesday 12th March

- Parent Forum – PSHE – 27th February
- Parent Forum – RE/SIAMS – 27th March
- Class Open Afternoon – Friday 15th March

- FOSJ Coffee Morning – 15th February
- Environmental Day – 15th February
- World Book Day – 7th March
- Red Nose Day – 15th march

- School Finishes –Thursday 29th March at 2pm