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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. Please ensure you complete the parental permission for your child to receive communion or a blessing at the service. You will find the survey on Parent Pay.

Healthy Me - PSHE

This term, through our PSHE Jigsaw scheme, the whole school has been focusing on the current topic of 'Healthy Me'. Each class has been finding out the impact of food and exercise on the body. They have been discovering the health benefits of exercise and the negatives of too much sugar.

After half term, we are going to support the Sugar Smart scheme and commit to reducing the sugar intake of pupils at school. We are hoping to move forward next term in becoming a Sugar Smart school. Sugar Smart is a national scheme, which tries to increase the awareness to parents about the effect sugar has on young children. 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/

Class Assemblies

As of the summer term, class assemblies will no longer be held on Tuesday mornings, but instead at the same time on a Friday morning. We have decided to combine class assemblies with celebration assemblies, so that parents can also join with us to celebrate the children's achievements of the week. This also allows us to have a more consistent Collective Worship programme for the rest of the week.

Easter Bonnet Parade

As a true St John's tradition, an Easter bonnet parade will take place on the last day of term, Friday 5th April. The gate will open at 1.30pm straight after the children's lunch, and the parade will start at 1.40pm. The parade will be held in the playground, weather permitting.

Children are encouraged to be as creative as they can with their designs.

St Augustine's Church

Good Friday Holiday Club – Free for all primary school aged children. Friday 19th April at St Augustine's Church, Highbury New Park, N5 2DR. 9.30am-11.30am. Two hours of fun, games, crafts and songs as we explore the story and meaning of Easter. Places limited. To book on, please phone 020 7354 5515, or email office@stac.org.uk

Half Term

School will close on Friday 5th April at 2pm and re-open on Tuesday 23rd April.

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



A big thank you to the FOSJ and parents who volunteered for the KS2 disco last week. It was a great success. Also a huge thank you to DJ Gareth for great music.

Safeguarding

Many of our children have their names on the outside of their personal school backpacks. We recommend that moving forward, all children's names should be kept somewhere on the inside of their bags and initials only

Comic Relief

Thank you to parents and children for your involvement in our collection for Comic Relief. On Friday 15th March we managed to raise £232.90.



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.4 Class Assembly – Friday 7th June
- Yr.5 Class Assembly – Friday 14th June
- Yr. R Class Assembly – Friday 21st June
- Yr. 2 Class Assembly – Friday 28th June
- Yr. 1 Class Assembly – Friday 5th July
- Yr. 6 Leavers Assembly – Friday 19th July

- Parent Forum – RE/SIAMS – 24th April
- Parents Coffee Morning for children taking SATs run by CAMHS – Friday 3rd May
- Class Photos – Friday 3rd May
- FOSJ Coffee Morning – 10th May
- FOSJ Auction of Promises – 16th May

- School Finishes –
Half Term Friday 24th May
returning on Monday 3rd June