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NEWSLETTER

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

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

SIAMs Inspection

We are very excited to announce, that we have now received our official Inspection Report, which we can finally reveal that in all three areas of focus for the inspection; teaching of RE, collective worship and an overall grade, we received **Excellence**. The inspector states in her report, '*Relationships within all parts of the school community are overwhelmingly positive. Pupils flourish because they feel safe with, and respected by, children and grown-ups at school.*' To read more, please view the whole Report on the school website in the SIAMs section.

London Maths Week

This year, St John's will be taking part in the Maths Week London Contest from Sumdog. We will be competing against schools across the capital to become London's maths champions! The contest is completely FREE to enter and is a great way to motivate children and encourage teamwork. The contest runs from 7th–13th June, all children have now been registered, and from Friday 7th June they can play in class or at home. The children will bring home their individual log in details on Friday to start playing at home. The winning class will have achieved the most accurate scores during the week. All of the questions are tailored to each pupil's level, giving everyone a fair chance of winning. The winning class will be awarded a Sumdog trophy and special goody bags. Tweet @MathsWeekLDN using #MathsWeekLDN to get involved!

Class Assemblies

A reminder that class assemblies are now held on Friday mornings, the first of which will be performed this Friday by Year 4. Class assemblies always prove very popular with parents and carers, and space is often limited. We kindly ask that you do not take buggies into the hall in order to save space.

School Photographs

This Wednesday, 5th June, is the last day that the school office can take orders and payments for children's individual photographs, which were taken last half term by Kittle Photographers. If you still have not placed your orders, please do so by the end of the school day on Wednesday, with either Carol, Kelly or Anne-Marie.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this term is 'Changing Me'. This is the topic in which the children will look at how they grow and change, as they get older.

We teach our PSHE through the Jigsaw scheme of work. Teachers are opening up their classrooms this week so that parents can come in and look at the resources we use if you wish to do so.

Thursday Evening @ 3.35pm – 4pm

Years 2/4/5

Friday Evening @ 3.35pm – 4pm

Reception/ Year 1/3/6

Celebration Board

Back by popular demand, a celebration board will be created again in the school hall. This seems to have been something which was very popular in the past at St John's and something that is missed. If your child has achieved something outside of school that they are especially proud of, please encourage them to come and share this with either Mrs Hodgson or Mr Richardson, so that we can then share it with the rest of the community.

FOSJ+

FOSJ+ foundation has been set up to extend the fundraising work of Friends of St John's in light of the current difficulties all schools are finding themselves in around budgets and funding. It gives people the opportunity to support the school through regular contributions by standing order, and is eligible for Gift Aid. FOSJ+ uses a different bank account to FOSJ, so please if you have not seen the letter that was e-mailed out before half term with the details on, pop along to the school office and collect one there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have donated so far. We really appreciate your generosity!

Parent Volunteers

Many parents and carers have shown a great interest in offering their time to come and help out in school. This week we will be sending out a parent volunteer form. Please fill in the form and hand it in to the school office if you wish to help. If what you wish to volunteer in is not on the form, there is a space in which you can make your suggestion. Once all of the information is collated, we will try to organise a timetable and get in touch with parents with proposal of how the volunteered time will best work with the school.

School Website

There was a slight delay in getting the new school website live, however as of Monday 3rd June it is accessible. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

www.sjh.v.islington.com

Recent Events

Year 6 have recently started their kayaking lessons. Children are having a great time and learning many new skills. Lessons will continue up to the end of term.



Year 1 had their Enrichment Day Workshop today. In one day the children have had a taster in three topics for this half term; science – our bodies, geography – travelling abroad, history – seaside of the past.

