



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week we had celebrating Book Week. The wonderful Miss Bullen organised a fun-packed week with activities encouraging reading for pleasure. Thank you, Miss Bullen.

All the classroom doors were decorated to turn into a cover page of a book the children are either reading or familiar with. The children had different teachers reading a story, they had an online and dance workshop, sponsored reading, dropping everything and reading, dressed as a book character, and much more. Please see our newsletter to see what we did this week to promote reading for pleasure.

Why World Book Day is celebrated every year

UNESCO created World Book Day on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading (I wonder if anyone knows why 23rd April - please let me know your answer when you see me at the gates). It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading.

World Book Day is celebrated to promote reading for pleasure. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success—more than family circumstances, parents' educational background, or income. We need to work together to ensure our children read regularly.

Pictures of children reading

Thank you so much for sending pictures of your children reading in different places. I hope to create a lovely collage with the pictures to show that children at St John's read for pleasure.

Science Week

Please see the leaflet sent to you yesterday for more details. We would love as many children as possible to take part in building a science experiment or model of a scientific idea and bring it to school on Friday, March 15th.

Mother's Day lunch.

It is wonderful that so many of you have signed up for this event. Please ensure you come at the time allocated to your child's year group. We will arrange for siblings to eat together. If you have children in different year groups, please come to the younger sibling's time slot, and the older sibling will join you. Each slot is 30 minutes long. Please leave after the time allocated to your child's year group. We need to make sure all our children have time to eat. Please make your payment to School Gateway before next Thursday.





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R - Y1 - 11.30
Y2 - Y3 - 12:00
Y4 - Y5 - 12.30
Y6 - 1:00

Trip consent form

Please complete the Google form as soon as possible. We have several trips booked in the next few weeks, and by completing this form, you are helping us to be more efficient. We appreciate your support. Please let the office staff know if you have issues completing the form. The form is linked again [here](#) for your convenience.

After School Music Centre

Last week, I wrote about after-school music lessons at the City of London Academy Highbury. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please see me. Emma, our music teacher, and I want an Orchestra in school. **Parents of Y4, Y5, and Y6, we would love to see you at our music concert on Tuesday, March 19th, at 2.45 pm.**

After school club

As a team, we always consider enhancing your child's experience at St John's. We visit other schools for ideas, read research and, most importantly, talk to parents and children. Next term, we would like to offer Mandarin club to KS1 and KS2 children. If you would like your child to attend, please read the letter from the office staff, and make the payment on School Gateway. We have to ask for payment first to secure your child's place.

Red Nose day

The official RED NOSE DAY is on Friday 15th March. We would like the children to dress in red. Please donate £1 or more at the gates.

Key Spring Term 2 dates:

Key dates for next week

Monday 11th - Y1 Gillespie Ecology Centre trip
Tuesday 12th - Choir from Y4, Y5 and Y6 to Royal Albert Hall
Wednesday 13th - Reception and Y6 height and weight check
Thursday 14th - Mothering Sunday lunch (11.30 - 1:00)
Friday 15th - Red Nose Day
Friday 15th Y1 - Sharing assembly - 2.50





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As always, thank you for your support. Have a creative weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Ms H Khan
Head of School

