



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas fair

I would like to start my letter by saying how wonderful the Christmas fair was on Sunday. The children, including my son, could not stop talking about it on Monday. We had a great time! Thank you to all the wonderful parents and carers for organising this lovely event. These events could not have happened without your generosity. To Santa number 1, thank you for telling my son to listen to his parents - we had much more cooperation at home this week!

Christmas Parties

KS1's Christmas party afternoon will be held on Monday, 18th December, and KS2's Christmas party afternoon will be held on Tuesday, 19th December. The school will provide a party bag for every child in school, so we are asking for a £3 donation per child, payable on the school gateway app. Please come and speak to me or an office staff member if you have any questions.

Kidz Club

This is a reminder to all parents whose children attend Kidz Club: On **Friday, December 15th**, Kidz Club will end at **5:00 pm**. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Attendance and punctuality

It is important that children are on time to school and attend every day. Attendance and punctuality is something that we monitor daily and it is reported to the local authority. Term time holidays will not be authorised. Please try to inform the school office before 8.30 am **each day** if your child will be absent. You can do this via telephone or email to admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk at any time. If you are absent and have not informed the school, someone from the office will call for a check-in, and if we can not get through to you, we will come and visit the house. Poor attendance is defined as anything below **90%**. The Department for Education expects a minimum attendance rate of **96%**.

Please inform the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in **appointment cards/letters**.

We take our register between 8.55 and 9am. If your child arrives after this time, they will be marked late. Please make sure your child/children are on time. If you need help with attendance and punctuality, please speak to me.





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Reception and KS1 Nativity

We are looking forward to the Nativity. Please read the letter we sent this week for the logistics (when, where, and what to do after the show). If you have any questions, please come and speak to me. Please donate generously to support **St Augustine's Islington Centre for Refugees and Migrants**.

Emotional Literacy

Thank you to all the parents for attending the emotional literacy workshops. We will put the resources on the school website once we receive it from the professionals.

End of term

The next two weeks will be very busy in school with a lot of Christmas events. We will continue with formal teaching and maintain high expectations for all our children. Some children can find the end-of-term over-stimulating and can become distressed with changes in timetables and routines. Please speak to the class teacher if you are concerned or would like to know how we will support your child.

Key dates for December

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity 2.00pm (R, Y1 and Y2)

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Nativity 2.00pm (R, Y1 and Y2)

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch at school (R to Y6)

Friday 15th December – Christmas Craft activities at school led by parents (R to Y6)

Monday 18th December – KS1 Christmas Party Afternoon (R, Y1 and Y2)

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas Party Afternoon (Y3 to Y6)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Service at St Augustine's Church 2.00 pm (R to Y6)

Thursday 21st December - Carols around the tree 9.30am (R to Y6)

Thursday 21st December - Report Cards out (R to Y6)

Thursday 21st December - End of term 1.30pm (R to Y6)

As always, thank you for your support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Ms H Khan

Head of School

