



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic full week in school. The children have been calm, focused and getting used to their new learning environment.

Reception Class

This week, we have welcomed some of our new Reception children to the St John's community. It has been wonderful to see the children settling into their new environment and making new friends. We are looking forward to meeting the rest of the children over the coming weeks.

House Captains

On Tuesday, we heard some fantastic speeches from our Y6s, where they highlighted why they should be the house captain. So many Year 6 children put themselves forward for the role, and some of the candidates should think about a career in politics. Well done everyone. Children from Year 1 to Year 6, had the opportunity to vote for who they would like to represent them as this year's House Captains.

I am pleased to announce the result of the vote and the new St John's House Captains for 2023/2024:

Green - Rosa and Bea **Yellow** - Louis and Sofia

Blue - Farah and Maggie **Red** - Etta and Callum H

Congratulations! I look forward to working with the new House Captains.

Learning council

This year, we will start a Learning Council for Years 1 to 5. Each class will have two members voted in by their classmates. The learning council will help to improve learning for all children. They will visit other classes and schools to look at learning activities, comment on resources and carry out pupil surveys. They will work with the House Captains and make recommendations to leadership. If your child would like to be a member of the Learning Council, please help your child prepare a speech which they will present in their classroom.





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Golden Book

Children who made it into the book for the week beginning 11th September are listed below. A huge well done to them all. Every week, those children who find themselves nominated in the Golden Book are allowed to come to school in their own clothes on Monday and will be collected for a special treat with me, Mrs Slack or Ms Slater

Year 1: Vittorio Year 2: Issac

Year 3: Felix Year 4: Zoe and Amelia

Year 5: Lisa Year 6: Miles

Safeguarding

If you have any questions regarding safeguarding, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the leadership team. The safeguarding team at St John's are me, Ms Slater and Mrs Slack.

Homework

This year, we will be sending out homework on Google Classroom. Each week, children will receive a Maths and English task, which will consolidate learning done in class. This work is to be submitted by Wednesday. Teachers will then post answers to the tasks so that children can check their work. Weekly spellings will also be posted, and it is expected that children practise these at home in their best handwriting. Lastly, but most importantly, children are expected to read daily. They must record their reading in their reading records with the date and a comment (depending on year group). Teachers will be checking reading records as well as homework that has been submitted. If you prefer paper copies of homework, please ask your class teacher.

Absences

Inform the school office if your child will be absent from school. You can do that via e-mail to admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk at any time, or you can call on 02072264906 from 8am if you wish to speak to someone. If you are absent and have not informed the school, someone from the office will call for a check-in.

Punctuality

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time. The gates open at 8.45 a.m. and the rings at 8.55 am. It is important that children are on time so that they do not miss out on any learning.

Breakfast Club and Kidz Club

Bookings for breakfast club can be made on the School Gateway app until 12pm the day before. Kidz Club can be booked up until 12pm on the day of the club. Please ensure bookings are completed by these deadlines to enable us to cater for all children who attend. If you need any help with booking on the School Gateway App, please contact the school office for assistance.





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The gate is open from 8am to 8.15am for breakfast club. Please arrive on time as this allows the children to eat breakfast with their peers and have the opportunity to play. If you are running late, please let the school know.

Snack at playtime

The school provides fruit at playtime for Reception and KS1 children. KS2 children, if they choose to, can bring fruit or a healthy snack to eat at playtime.

Behaviour Overview

At St John's, the children demonstrate positive learning behaviour, and the staff have high expectations for all children. You will receive our behaviour overview as a separate document. Please familiarise yourself and come and speak to the class teacher or a member of SLT if you have any questions.

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Medical Health Care plans

We are reviewing all the medical healthcare plans, and we will be contacting you shortly. If you have any significant changes, please speak to the school as soon as possible.

School Lunches Update

We need to replace the gas meter which we hope will be completed over the weekend. This means that we should be able to provide the children with cooked meals, as usual, from Monday. If this is not the case, we will contact you as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and flexibility in helping us to resolve this matter. Richard has been working really hard to get this matter resolved as quickly as possible, and thank you to the catering team for being so creative with the lunches.

Key events next week

Headteacher update meeting

18th September 9.15 am (Maberley Hall)

Parent workshops

In addition to the workshop I listed on my Head of School letter last week, there will be another workshop for our Reception parents on 6th October at 9.05 am.





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Thank you for your support.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,
Ms H Khan
Head of School

