



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. We have been busy at STJHV. The children have worked very hard and are making great progress. Many children have visited my office this week to share the amazing work that they have completed in class - it is definitely one of the highlights of my job!

Parental engagement:

At STJHV, we are lucky to have excellent parental engagement. Research carried out by the Education Endowment Foundation shows it has a significant impact on the children's learning equivalent to **an additional four months progress over the course of a year**.

These are some of the ways you can get involved in your child's education:

- reading with your child every night
- supporting with homework
- practising times tables
- practising sounds that the children are learning in phonics
- talking to them about what they are learning in school
- if the child is learning a musical instrument, encouraging them to practise regularly.

Please speak to me or your child's class teacher if you have any questions or would like to know how you can support your child with their learning.

Reading record

This week, I have looked at children's reading records, and I would like to say a big thank you for regularly completing them. The purpose of the diaries is to help the school monitor how much reading takes place and what more we can do to support your child's reading.

Therapy Dog

I am very excited to inform you that we have another St John's family member - **Miep**, our therapy dog. Miep came into school on Monday and met with all the children. She will be in school every Tuesday afternoon to work with some children. Please have a look at the newsletter and see why the staff and children have fallen in love with her.





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Parents evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting. If you were unable to attend, please book an appointment with the class teacher.

Lunches for Class Trips

When class trips occur over lunchtime, we are happy to provide a school-packed lunch for children. **Please only order a lunch from school if your child is not going to bring a packed lunch.** We have had a number of wasted packed lunches recently, due to children bringing food from home after ordering a lunch from school.

Key dates for next week:

Thursday, 25th January - **Y5 PGL** parents meeting (**Zoom**) - 3 pm

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

Yours faithfully,

Ms H Khan
Head of School

