



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to say a huge thank you for the support the parents, staff, and governors have provided to the new Senior Leadership Team this term. You have welcomed us to this wonderful school and community. I would also like to thank Revd Andy Chrich, Revd Gabriel Anstis, and Father David Evens for their work in supporting the school this half term. In some of the assemblies, children are given time to remain still and reflect on how they can be a courageous advocate in our community.

Busy Half Term

We have had a busy half-term. These are some key highlights: many educational visits for almost every class, poetry day, Times Tables Rock Stars day, World Mental Health Day, kindness project, choosing our House Captains and Learning Councils, Harvest Festival, sports tournaments and, of course, the fantastic teaching delivered daily by our talented staff.

PGL

Our Y6 went on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight this week, and the children had a wonderful time. They worked well together as a team, forged new friendships, and supported each other when they were missing home; some children challenged themselves to overcome some fears, and most importantly, it provided the children with a unique learning experience outside the classroom.

I would like to thank Miss Powder, Ruth and Mrs Slack for their dedication and effort to make the trip successful for the children.

Half Term Cleaning

During half term, all the classrooms will be deep cleaned. This will help make the environment germ-free once the children return after the half term.

Prayer for Peace

Schools and colleges offer children, young people and staff a safe environment to learn and work. To show that we are thinking about all the victims involved in the conflict in Israel and Gaza, Revd Andy Chrich delivered an assembly on Peace **on Wednesday**. The children have written prayers for peace. You can read some of the prayers in the newsletter.





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Ofsted Report

A number of you have asked when you can read the Ofsted report. We have received the draft report, and the final report should be out after the half term. We will let you know as soon as we receive it.

Nut Free

If you bring snacks to school at the end of the day for your children, and if they contain nuts, please wait until you leave the premises to give them to your children. There are a number of children who have severe nut allergies.

Curriculum Leaflets Autumn 2

Autumn 2 curriculum information is available on the school website. We will send out copies on the first day back after half term.

Term Time Holidays

Islington Council recently reminded schools that we are not able to authorise term-time leave for holidays. Please note the information below, which has come directly from Islington.

***“The threshold for issuing term time leave Penalty Notices is 10 sessions, so 5 full days of absence. The fine itself is £60 if paid within 3 weeks, rising to £120 if paid in the 4th week. Parents should bear in mind that the fines are per child, per parent; so, for example a two-parent family with two children will in fact, receive four fines.*”**

Key events next half-term

Week beginning 30th October

Tuesday 31st October - Individual and siblings photos (Reception to Y6)

Wednesday 1st November - Flu vaccination (Reception to Y6)

2nd November FSJ quiz night - parents and carers

Friday 3rd November - Y4 Coffee morning

Week beginning 6th November

Monday 6th November 9.15 am - Early reading parent workshop (Reception to Y2)

Wednesday 8th November - Remembrance Day Assembly

Friday 9th November - Y3 Coffee Morning

Further ahead (subject to change)

Monday 13th November- Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th November - Y2 Coffee Morning

Friday 24th November - Y1 Coffee Morning

Wednesday 29th November- Flu vaccination (Reception to Y6) catch up session

Friday 1st December - Reception Coffee Morning





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Sunday 3rd December - FSJ Christmas Fair

Tuesday 12th December - KS1 Nativity 9.30 am

Wednesday 13th December- KS1 Nativity 2.30 pm

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Lunch at school

Monday 18th December - Christmas Party Afternoon

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Service at St Augustine's Church

Thursday 21st December - Carols around the tree 9.30 am

Thursday 21st December - Report Cards out

Thursday 21st December - End of term 1.30 pm

As always, thank you for the support and commitment that you show to the school.

I hope you have a restful half-term, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 30th October.

Yours faithfully,

Ms H Khan

Head of School

