



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week we have had!

Thank you for your support this week. The kind words and encouragement we received from parents made me so proud to be part of this team. Thank you for completing the parent questionnaire and for being so positive about the school. Unfortunately, we are not yet able to share the outcome of the inspection; we are, however, pleased with the outcome. The Ofsted report will be published subject to **quality assurance**. As soon as we receive the report, we will share it with you. Our children were amazing; they were able to speak about St John's with confidence and passion and were an absolute credit to our school.

RAAC

In our parents' meeting on Monday, parents asked about Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete(RAAC). I am pleased to say our school is **not** affected by this. We are safe, and professionals have verified this.

School Lunches Update

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding changes to our menu. Hot food is now being served as usual.

Friends of St John's+

FOSJ runs an annual programme of activities and events which are important for both fundraising and bringing the wider school community together. FOSJ+ is an extension of this work, providing a mechanism for parents to donate to the school. Some parents have asked how they could donate to the school. The decision to make a one-off donation or give regularly is completely voluntary, and all forms of support are welcome. If you would like to donate, please speak to the office or a member of Friends of St John's Plus. Last year the money raised by Friends of St John's Plus was spent on: trips, workshops from external agencies, Art therapy, playground equipment and a lot more exciting things. Thank you, we really appreciate your support.

After School Club

If your child attends a sports club, please make sure they have a kit with them (tracksuit bottom or leggings and T-shirt). It does not have to be their school PE Kit. Please provide a healthy snack for the children. Those who attend Kids club do not need a snack, as food is provided.

Google Classroom

This year, we will be sending out homework on Google Classroom. However, some parents have requested paper copies and homework books. For Y1 and Y2, we will provide hard copies as well as post on Google Classroom. For KS2, please let your class teacher know if you would like a paper copy. You do not need to type the homework or print it. We are encouraging children to write on paper, take pictures and upload them to Google Classroom. If you require any support using Google Classroom, please come and see one of us.





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We would appreciate feedback to improve homework for all our children; therefore, I am encouraging you to come and speak to me about this new process.

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 8 am 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, and if we can not get through to you, we will come and visit the house.

Learning Council

The speeches the children wrote were excellent. One of the Ofsted Inspectors commented on how professional the children sounded — well done, everyone. The winners will be announced on Monday.

TTRS

We are putting times tables at the forefront this year! **Next Friday (29th September) will be Times Tables Rockstars Day! Children can come to school dressed up as a rockstar.** Maths lessons for the day will include practical activities around times tables with rocking music in the background. Please see the information posted on Class Dojo to understand how to use TTRS at home best.

Key events next week

Meet the SENCO - Monday, 25th September at 9.15 am

Parents Meetings

Y1 - 25th and 26th September

Y2 - Y6 - 27th and 28th September

Pre-owned uniform sale

On Friday, 29th September, at 3.30 pm, FOSJ+ will be holding a pre-used uniform sale with all items at £1. Please leave any donations under the playground shelter on the day of the event.

As always, thank you for your support.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,
Ms H Khan
Head of School

