



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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**Friday 26th January 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful week. The children have continued to show resilience and a great attitude to learning. I have had many children sharing their work with me and feeling very proud of themselves.

## **Holocaust memorial day**

27th January marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. We had a whole school assembly to come together to learn more about the past and take action to create a safer future.

## **Friday 2nd February**

Friday 2nd February is Number Day. We will be 'Dressing up as Digits' to fundraise for the **NSPCC**. Children and staff can wear an item of clothing with a number on it and make a donation. (No sports tops, please). Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice.

## **Number Fluency**

By the end of KS1, children should be fluent with number bonds within 20. They should be able to use these bonds to derive addition and subtraction facts. Example: 7 and 8 are parts of 15; therefore,  $7 + 8 = 15$ ,  $8 + 7 = 15$ ,  $15 - 7 = 8$  and  $15 - 8 = 7$

In KS2, children should be fluent with their times tables to 12. Multiplication is necessary for many other calculations, including working with fractions, decimals and percentages.

Examples of fluency:

6 + 7: children should use knowledge of near doubles rather than counting on

99 + 99: children should use adjustment ( $100 + 100 - 2$ ), rather than the column method

47 x 5: children should use adjustment ( $250 - 15 = 235$ ), or mental partitioning ( $40 \times 5 + 7 \times 5$ ) rather than a written method

## **Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 6th February**

This day is celebrated each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Children will be completing activities in class around the theme: **Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**. Mrs Slack will lead an online safety workshop for adults in Maberley Hall at 9:00.





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## **Healthy Snacks**

If you choose to send a snack for your child for Afterschool Clubs, it should be something small and healthy as a quick energy boost. The time the children have to consume something is minimal. Please do not allow children to bring sweets to school.

## **Key dates for next week:**

Thursday 1st Feb - House Captains to visit St Paul's Cathedral

Friday 2nd Feb - Number day

Thursday 1st Feb - Y4 - River Thames Cruise

## **Following week**

5th Feb- children's mental health week

6th Feb - Safer Internet workshop parents (R to Y6)

9th Feb - Y2 Sharing Learning Assembly (2.50 pm)

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

Yours faithfully,

Ms H Khan  
Head of School

