



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Although restrictions are being tightened and changes are being made to make sure we are protecting the children and the community as a whole from the new strain of COVID-19, I really do not think these changes have affected the children in the slightest. All of the wonderful Christmas events we have in school, have managed to take place in some adapted way, shape or form this week. Christmas lunch was a huge hit on Wednesday! The children pulled Christmas crackers, shared the jokes from inside, sang along to Christmas music and ate a wonderful lunch prepared by Beverly, Janet, Janet and Toshiba. We have had three nativity performances this week, all of which went off with a bang. A huge well done to the Key Stage 1 team who put in all the hard work to get the children to the point in which their performances were amazing. We have ended the week with Christmas jumper day, which not alone brightens up the school with the vibrant coloured jumpers, but also raises money for Save the Children charity.

Next Week

The festivities continue next week with Key Stage 2 Christmas party on Monday and Key Stage 1 Christmas party on Tuesday. Children can come into school wearing their party clothes. We have asked for a donation of £3 per child, so that we can provide them with a party bag to eat at some point over the day. Please do not send any food into school. On Wednesday, we will be having a Christmas Service in school, these will be held in key stage bubbles. Weather permitting, we will have carols round the tree on Friday morning in the playground. Unfortunately, I will not be able to confirm whether or not this is happening until we have a better idea of the weather forecast nearer the time. I will write to you separately next week to update you further.

Islington Food Bank and Soup Kitchen

Thank you so much for the donations that have come in so far for the food bank and soup kitchen at St Johns Brownswood Park. You have been incredibly generous and I know that each and every item will be greatly appreciated. The last day for donations will be Wednesday 15th December.





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Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all involved with FOSJ for organising the Christmas Fayre last week. It was a real community effort, a great day of fun for all of the family, and more importantly, raised a whopping £4,448. Thank you to all who came along and contributed to raising such a great sum of money too.

Parent Governors

A reminder that the ballot box will be located in the front office with Edita on Monday. A letter was sent out earlier this week with statements from all four candidates. Please read the statements and vote for only one candidate, via postal vote, e-mail or by hand, no later than 4.30pm on Monday 13th December. The result will be announced on Tuesday 14th December.

School Timings

As of January, we will no longer be having the soft start at the beginning of the school day. This worked really well for us when there were tighter restrictions in the first lockdown, however, we are now finding this is no longer the case. We have more children late into school now than we ever have before. We will be returning to the children lining up in the playground, at their classes specific point, and teachers collecting them from the playground at 8.55am. Teachers will take the register and submit it to the front office by 9am. The gates on the school playground will also be locked at 9am. If you and your child arrive after 9am, you must go into school through the front office.

I hope you all have a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

