



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

If only we could end every week with a picnic on the pitch! Last Friday was a lovely celebration for the King's Coronation. It was evident from the wonderful pictures that were captured on the day, that the children had so much fun! Some of these have been displayed in the newsletter for you to view. A HUGE thank you to the wonderful Judy, who organised all of the cooking of traditional English desserts. The children loved being involved in making and eating them.

This week has been a little more serious, especially for our Year 6 children. It has been heads down and full focus on the SATs. The children have been amazing in their attitude towards the tests and they could not have been any better prepared. They have showed huge resilience and determination every day. Again, a HUGE well done to the adults involved in supporting the children to be SATs ready, especially Ruth and Mr Goldie-Scot.

School Crossing Patrol (Blackstock Road)

Some parents and carers have been interested to know whether there would be a replacement for the wonderful Janet, as a school crossing patrol person, on Blackstock Road. I have made contact with the Islington Public Realm team, who have advised me that they are currently in the process of recruiting a new School Crossing Patrol Officer and as soon as there has been an appointment, they would let me know.

RSE Resources Sessions

You should have all received an e-mail this week advising when your child's class will be holding the session for the sharing of the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) resources. Every session will be held in the main hall at 9am, after drop off. The class teacher will be there to answer any questions you may have. There will also be copies of the school's equality policy and a booklet specifically provided by JIGSAW (the PSHE resource we use in school) around the teaching of LGBTQAI+ in school, for parents to take away with them. Please refer to the e-mail sent earlier in the week for each class's specific day.

Although the summer term is a busy one, we have some wonderful events to look forward to. Next week, we will start our class open mornings again, where we invite parents to come into Maberly Hall for tea, coffee and biscuits and spend some time with their children looking through their books and acknowledging all of the progress they have made this year. Class open morning dates are listed below:



In the Main Hall at 9am

19th May – Year 4
26th May – Year 5
9th June – Year 3
16th June – Year 1
23rd June – Year 6
7th July – Year 2
14th July – Reception Class





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Other dates for your diary:

French Day – 29th June

Sports Day – 30th June

Year 6 End of Year Show Afternoon Performance – 12th July

Year 6 End of Year Show Evening Performance – 13th July

Year 6 Leavers Service – 20th July

St John's KS2 Showcase of Talents

On Thursday 22nd June, we would like to invite parents of all Key Stage 2 children (Years 3,4,5 and 6) to join us at St Augustine's Church at 2pm. The children will be performing something they have worked on over the spring or summer term. Year 3 will perform the dance they have created for the Islington Schools dance competition, Year 4 will perform the song they wrote for Stephen Lawrence day, Year 5 will deliver their Macbeth performance and Year 6 will perform a piece of music they have been working on in music. The first screening of the Year 6 News Club will also be aired. You can read more about the News Club in the following article <https://www.city.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/2023/04/islington-school-news-club>. We would love to see as many of you as possible at St Augustine's on Thursday 22nd June to support your children.



Run Islington Run

We hope that as many children as possible can take part in this year's sponsored run which raises important funds for our school. The event takes place on Sunday 25 June, with people running between 10am and 12pm. We know that for some of our families, this clashes with the Sunday service at your church, and as a school, we want to encourage you to be part of Sunday worship with your church family. We also want to make the most of this opportunity to raise much needed funds, that numerous schools will be taking part in from across Islington. As a school, the date and time of the run are not in our control, but if you are able, we would love to encourage you to take part in the sponsored run, and also attend a service at your church, either before or after you have run. You might find that you can attend a service before the run, or a service after the run, even if you are a little late or a little sweaty: your church leaders would be delighted to see you either way!





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Golden Book

Well done to all of the children listed below who have made it into the Golden book either this week or last week.

Week beginning 24th April

Reception Class

Seryn

Indie

Year 1

Woody

Week beginning 28th April

Year 3

Taliah

Year 4

Justin

Week beginning 5th May

Year 2

Ruby

Delilah

Year 5

Kareem



Next week, our Year 2 children will be starting their statutory end of year assessments. The tests will take place over two weeks, and we wish them all the very best of luck.

It is also Mental Health week next week, and every class in school will be doing work around understanding how they can support their own mental health. I am ending with a prayer to acknowledge this.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

A PRAYER FOR WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Loving God,
be with all who struggle with their mental health,
and all who support them.
Give each of us faith to see beyond the troubles of this time,
hope to face this day and every day,
and a true sense of your love for all your people,
revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

