



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

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another busy week at St John's this week. The whole school took part in only the second whole school assembly of the academic year, when we gathered in the main hall for a Remembrance Day service, led by Gabriel Anstis. The children recapped their understanding of Remembrance and the importance of it in British history. The whole school also carried out a two-minute silence on the playground at 11am yesterday.

One of the most favorite parts of my job, is when the children come to show me the amazing work they have produced in class. This week, I have seen some excellent written work around the poet Benjamin Zephaniah, from our Year 6 children, some lovely art work in Reception class, linked to Bonfire night and Remembrance and excellent RE work from Year 1, who have been learning about Saints.

## **Key Stage 1 Nativity**

I know that a lot of parents and carers have been waiting with baited breath to find out the dates and times for the nativity performances. I can confirm that the children will do two performances of the nativity on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December, both starting at 2pm. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, parents of year 2 children are invited into school, as well as Reception parents who also have older children in the school. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Year 1 parents are invited in school, alongside Reception parents who do not have any older children in the school. A separate letter will be sent out to parents with a ticket attached. We are very mindful of having too many people in the school hall at once. Therefore, we are asking that only two people from each family attend. Please do make sure you come on your allocated date to help us control the number of adults in the school at one time.

## **Volunteer Readers**

Before COVID-19, a number of parents very kindly volunteered their time to come into school and read with our children. I would love to get this started again. If you have a spare fifteen minutes in the morning after drop off or at the end of the day before pick up, we would love to have you in school to hear our children





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read. Reading is the most important skill for our children to learn, and regular reading sessions really helps to support children's learning and their love of reading. If you could please speak to Edita at the front office if you are interested and let her know times and dates, we would love to have your help and support.

## Islington Sports Events

Absolutely brilliant news that Abigail in Year 6 won the girls cross country race across all of the Islington schools participating. Dylan in Year 6 also came fourth in the boys cross-country events. Huge congratulations to both, who, as a result, have now been invited by the sport development officer for Islington to compete in the London Youth Games, representing the Borough. The whole of Year 6, as a class, came third in the whole competition, which was determined on points, and have each received bronze medals for their participation.

In the Year 4 boys race, Leo A also finished in third place. Both Year 4 and Year 5 finished in fourth place overall, not a medal position, but very respectable. A huge well done to all children who took part.

Next week, we have Year 5/6 tag rugby events and the week after a swimming gala. We are most definitely keeping active at St John's!

## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-bullying week, and St John's will be kicking it off on Monday and showing support by joining in with Odd Socks Day. Please talk to your children about wearing odd socks on Monday and coming to school in the most colorfully designed socks they own. Teachers will be delivering a session in class around Anti-Bullying and this year's theme of 'One Kind Word'.

## Children in Need

Next Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need day. The children are welcome to come into school wearing spots and stripes and we ask for a £1 donation into the bucket at the school gate at the beginning of the day. All money raised will be donated through the front office. If any children wish to do any additional fundraising and contribute to the whole school total raised, please inform of what they have done and provide photos for us to share in next week's newsletter so we can celebrate their achievements.





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## Parent Governors

There is still time to apply for the two parent governor roles we are looking to fill in school, starting in January 2022. If you require a nomination form, please speak to Edita at the front office. If you would like any further information on the role, and what would be required, please feel free to e-mail me or make an appointment to speak with me. Alternatively, you can contact Harry Oulton, the current chair of governors, on his e-mail address [houlton@stjhv.islington.sch.uk](mailto:houlton@stjhv.islington.sch.uk)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Lindsey Hodgson  
Head of School

