



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic first full week back! Throughout the week, all of our classes have revisited key learning from the last academic year. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have retained information as I walked around the school. A big well done to all the children for their hard work!

This Term's Value: Friendship

Our value this term is *Friendship*. During collective worship, we discussed the importance of friendships and how to nurture them. Some of the key words we explored were loyalty, trust, honesty, respect, and laughter. These qualities help us build and maintain strong, healthy friendships.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' event. We hope you found it informative and helpful. Clare will be emailing you the slides shortly for your reference.

Attendance and Punctuality

As you know, regular school attendance is crucial for a child to reach their full potential. Consistent attendance supports not only academic progress but also the development of friendships and social-emotional skills.

School begins promptly at 8.55 am, with the gates opening at 8.45 am. Please ensure your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Even occasional absences can impact their progress, leading to gaps in core subjects like reading, writing, and maths, which could affect their learning as they move through the school.

Please also remember that holidays during term time will not be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any such requests must be agreed upon in advance with me.

Illness

If your child is unwell, please contact the school by 9 am. to inform us of the reason for their absence. You can leave a message on the answering machine if calling before 8 am, or you can email us. Remember to call each day your child is absent, not just on the first day. If we don't hear from you, Clare will follow up to determine the reason, in line with our safeguarding and attendance policies.

Appointments During School Hours

If your child has a medical appointment (e.g. dentist, doctor, optician) during school hours, please provide an appointment card for our records. The absence will be authorised if proof is provided. Whenever possible, please schedule appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning.



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Administration of Medicines

If your child needs to take medication (e.g. antibiotics, Calpol, antihistamines), the medicine will be stored in the office. Parents or carers must complete and sign a consent form, available from the school office, and submit it along with the medication to Clare.

The medicine container should be clearly labelled with the child's name, class, dosage, and timing. This includes inhalers for asthma. Please note that no medication will be administered without the proper procedure being followed.

Emergency Contact Information

It is essential that we have up-to-date emergency contact details in case your child becomes ill or injured. If your emergency contact information has changed recently, or if there are any other changes, please complete the form linked [here](#). Alternatively, you can contact the office directly to update your details.

Celebrating 30 Years at St. John's

We are thrilled to celebrate Ruth, our Higher Level Teaching Assistant, who has dedicated 30 years to St. John's. Her contributions have shaped countless young minds, and we are incredibly grateful for her service. Please join us in congratulating Ruth when you see her in the playground!

Key Dates for Next Week

- 23rd and 24th September: Y1 to Y6 Parents' Meetings

Wishing you a wonderful weekend! For those children participating in the choir performance, I look forward to seeing you on Sunday at 9.40 am.

With warm regards,

Ms. H. Khan
Head of School



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