



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

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it's Friday, the week went by so quickly, and it was not without drama! I know many of you were in the playground at the end of the day when the school fire alarm went off. This was not planned and was a surprise to us all! I just want to acknowledge how quickly the children and the staff safely left the building and made their way to the fire assembly point without any distractions, and believe me, at that time of the day, there were many. It was thankfully a false alarm, however, the school alarm is connected directly to the fire station and so the fire brigade did arrive and double checked the whole school building for us whilst they were there.

## **Beginning of the School Day**

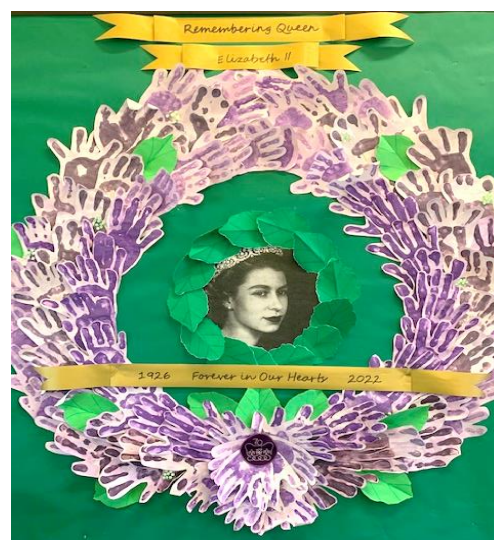
A gentle reminder that the school gates do not open until 8.45am. Children should not be left alone waiting outside of the school gates before then. Once in the playground, there are only a limited number of staff available until the teachers come out at 8.55am. As parents and carers, if you witness a child have an accident on the playground, please report this to a member of staff. It may be that a child needs additional medical attention, or if the incident is behavior related, it may need to be addressed and followed up by a member of staff.

## **Happiness Project**

This week, the children have been learning how to have a 'Health Body'. As always, throughout the Happiness Project, the children have been working in their classes, learning more about how to keep their bodies healthy, the importance of a good sleep routine and exercise. We also arranged for every child to receive a new toothbrush and toothpaste from Colgate, to support their understanding of looking after their oral health.

## **Our Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II**

At some point over the past two weeks, every child in the school has had their hand painted with purple paint. The hand prints have been cut out and collated into two fabulous paper wreaths, with an image of Queen Elizabeth II placed inside. We will be adding the finishing touches of memories and inspirations the Queen gave us, please take some time to read them when they are added next week. The wreaths are located in the school playground and at the reception area of the school office.





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## **Bransby Horses Charity Appeal**

This year, Year 3 have chosen to support the small charity Bransby Horses. They are one of the largest equine charities in the UK, supporting horse rescue, rehabilitation and care. Every year, they ask their supporters to collect used postage stamps to send to them, which they can then sell and raise funds to help look after the animals. This is a really simple and easy way to help support a charity, especially around Christmas time, when family and friends are sending cards to each other. If you are willing to donate your stamps, please drop them into the front office or hand them into a class member from Year 3. For more information, please click on the link

<https://bransbyhorses.co.uk/bransby-horses-is-looking-for-stamp-snippers/>

## **Golden Book**

A little catch up this week, with two weeks worth of Golden book children, as there was not a Head's letter last week. These children were in the Golden Book on the weeks beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September and the 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Every week, those children who find themselves nominated in the Golden book are allowed to come to school in their own clothes on Monday. Children who are nominated into the Golden book next week may come into school in their own clothes on the first Monday back after half term.



Year 1 – Success, Robyn, Willow and Naomi

Year 2 – Theo D, Louis and Hunter

Year 3 – Harmony

Year 4 – Cinar

Year 5 – Sofia, Brandon, Etta and Kyle

I will not be writing to you next week, as I am off with Year 6 to the Isle of Wight for five days of climbing, abseiling and swinging on giant swings. So, I hope the last week of the first term ends well for you all and you all have a wonderful break.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

