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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are well and have had a good week. I realise it has been a while since I wrote to you. There has been a lot going on both in school and out over the past few weeks, 2022 has definitely kept me very busy so far. We unfortunately had a break in to the school last week, which was very upsetting for us all. Thankfully the intruder didn't get past the front office and only stole one item of any worth. The internal systems we have in place stopped the intruder from entering further into the school. We have since been advised that a number of Islington schools have been targeted in a very similar way.

It has been lovely to welcome Miss Verbeeten to the St John's community, our new Year 4 teacher, replacing Miss Havermann who left to go on maternity leave. She has really settled into the team and even in these difficult circumstances has managed to meet a lot of the Year 4 parents and started to put faces to names.

As quickly as we get used to one set of Covid rules, they change and we must adapt to another. The Prime Minister announced on Wednesday the end of the Plan B restrictions and a number of more major changes coming further into the spring term. We do still have a number of parents and children currently testing positive with Covid in the school community and so we will continue as we are with our current measure. I am regularly attending Head Teacher briefings ran by Islington Education department, where Public Health England are in attendance. These briefings allow us the chance to discuss our school's risk assessments and talk through individual school situations. I will keep monitoring the case numbers both in Islington and within the school community. I am hoping that if cases do continue to drop then we too may be able to make changes to how we come into school and how we leave by the beginning of February.





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Kidz Club Request

Thank you so much to everyone who has dropped in old and new games, puzzles, books, colouring sets etc for the Kidz Club request I sent out a few weeks ago. We are so grateful and the children are just loving their time after school getting to try everything out.

Safer Internet Day Reminder

A reminder that Safer Internet Day is on 8th February. Children in Key Stage 2 are being encouraged to bring into school that day coding, scratch or media creations they would like to share at a mini competition within the school hall. The safer internet day theme this year is 'All fun and games'.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

