



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are officially in advent, and by goodness don't the poor cleaners know it! Classroom carpets across the school are no longer visible due to the amount of glitter that seems to have fallen in the past few days. As a Christmas tradition, every year, each class makes a large scale decoration to hang or be displayed around the school. Those of you who have been with us for some years now, may remember the twelve days of Christmas baubles we made a few years ago, or the decorations we made last year from recycled materials! This year, we are making a collaborative piece. Every class has been given a section of material, which represents a section of a large scale Christmas tree. Each piece will then be sewn together to reveal a unique school Christmas tree, in which every class has contributed. The very talented Kristian Hayward-Smith (TA in Year 3) initiates these projects every year for us and this year will be the one literally putting all of the pieces together. The final piece will be on display in the main hall at the Christmas Fair.

House Captains

Since taking up their roles in October, the House Captains have been very busy. I have been particularly impressed with their hard work and commitment to the role. The children have lots of amazing ideas and things they want to improve. First on their list was the reading corner in the playground. The children spent a long time sorting out this area. They would really appreciate help from the rest of the school to keep this area a pleasant place for children to come during play and lunch time.





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School Council

Newly elected, two weeks ago, I am proud to present our School Council members from Years 2 -5. The role for the school council will be to liaise with the House Captains and gather information from their classes on certain topics or themes. Very soon, the House Captains will have completed a questionnaire around school dinners. This will then be given to the School Council to discuss further with their classes.



Rights Respecting Schools

Both Miss Dalal and Ruth have been working very hard behind the scenes at understanding what we need to do as a school to qualify for a Rights Respecting School award. As with most things, the awards come as bronze, silver and gold. Thanks to those ladies, and the work Ruth is particularly doing with the House Captains, we have managed to secure the Bronze award! To receive this award we had to put together a long term action plan; every child in the school had to complete a questionnaire; we planned some more directed pupil voice sessions and we spoke to the whole school in an assembly about the rights of a child.

Obviously, as we are known to be very competitive at St John's, we are not stopping there. The ladies are already in the middle of the application to push on for the Silver award, so watch this space.

Young Voices

We are very excited to take the school choir off to the Young Voices event on January 24th. If your child is in the school choir, and you still wish to purchase tickets to come along to the O2 in the evening and watch the children perform, please get in touch with Jackie in the front office and she will help you further. It is a wonderful event to be a part of and such a great experience for the children.





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Golden Book

The children below were added into the Golden Book on the week beginning 14th and 21st November. Every week, those children who find themselves nominated in the Golden book are allowed to come to school in their own clothes on Monday. This week we enjoyed a selection of goodies together.

Week Beginning 14th

Year 2 – Ruby

Year 4 – Mike & Sebastian

Year 5 – Callum H, Orlando. Kyle & Leo A

Year 6 – Aizah

Week Beginning 21st

Reception – Gaia

Year 1 – Ariadne & Robyn

Year 2 – Barnaby & Lucia

Year 3 – Adam

Year 5 – Rosa & Bea



I have been told by a lot of the children that they are putting up Christmas trees this weekend. If that is you, have fun.



Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

