



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last weeks of term are always filled with fun, and this week was no different. Some of us have been lucky enough to make Hot Cross buns and Ukrainian Easter Paska bread with Judy. We've all spent time gushing over the ducks in Reception class and children have been out at athletic competitions and swimming galas. At the Easter service at St Thomas' on Wednesday, the singing was magnificent and the children delivering prayers and readings did a fantastic job. We've had a wonderful assembly delivered by Reception class yesterday. What a wonderful way to end the term – shame about the weather!

## School Uniform

Many children have started coming to school in a variety of inappropriate footwear recently. Most of them, coming to school in an array of brightly coloured trainers. We have a school uniform policy we follow in school, which I know Edita attached to the school newsletter last week and will do again this week. This policy has been in place for many years and has not changed when it comes to footwear. Children in Key Stage 2 are allowed to come to school in their PE kits on the days in which they have PE, however, the footwear they wear for PE must be plain black trainers, or black plimsols.

## Parent Survey

Many thanks to all parents and carers who took the time to complete the recent parent survey we sent out as a school. As I mentioned previously, your feedback is essential to us in order for us to grow and adapt in all areas of the school. I am extremely pleased with the results from the survey and wish to share some of these with you below:

*My child feels safe and secure at school - 98%*

*My child is encouraged to work hard and do their best at school - 98%*

*The teaching is good - 96%*

*I believe that my child has good learning experiences - 96%*

*The school meets my child's needs - 96%*

As always, there are areas in which we can improve. Below are the areas in which we scored the lowest percentages and will be areas we will look into addressing in the summer term:

*I know who the school governors are - 57%*

*I know what my child has to do in order to be successful - 81%*

*I know how my child is progressing - 87%*





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## The Royal British Legion

On Wednesday morning, two House Captains were selected to represent the school in a meeting with the Mayor. The meeting was arranged in order for the children to be presented with an award. St John's Highbury Vale managed to raise the third highest amount of money for the Royal British Legion through Poppy Day sales and donations, from all of the schools in Islington. We were third behind two other four-form entry schools in the Borough. The children were brilliant ambassadors for our school, chatting with the Mayor, a war hero and representatives from the British Legion. They listened closely to our children's ideas in making the products they sale more environmentally friendly; with possibly biodegradable resources or recycled plastic. They were encouraged to write down their ideas and send them in.



## School Art Competition Winners

I have been absolutely blown away with the amount of wonderful art entries we have received for the recent school art competition. The competition was to design some creative sports images to fill the seven panels on the red wall at the back of the pitch, which will be repainted over the Easter holidays. Not only was there a huge amount of entries, the standard of the work was amazing. It was a very difficult decision, but with the support of Sarah, our PE Coach, the following children's work have been chosen to be recreated by professional street artists permanently on the pitch wall.

## Huge congratulations to;

Rina Year 6

Edna Year 6

Matilda Year 6

Milly Year 6

Sophia Year 5

Etta Year 5

Bea Year 5

Arlo Year 3





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## Golden Book

Well done to all of the children listed below who have made it into the Golden book either this week or last week.

### Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March

#### Year 1

Ariadne

#### Year 2

Remy

Ling Hei

Delilah

#### Year 3

Ella

#### Year 4

Ruqayyah

Anaafi

#### Year 5

Miles

Callum C

### Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### Reception

Fraser

#### Year 1

Archie

#### Year 6

Bela

Monika

Oscar

Floyd

Emani

Lucy



In amongst the business of life and unpredictable things that will come your way, I hope that you are able to pause and take strength from the passion narrative that leads us from a place of despair to a place of hope seen in the resurrection of Christ himself.

Have a wonderful Easter break. I love forward to seeing you all on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, for my final term here as Head of School.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson  
Head of School

