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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break, yes that really was only a week ago. There has been so much going on in school this week, it feels like such a long time ago. We have had school photographs happening, flu vaccines, a Diwali workshop for all children, the excitement of the beginning of rehearsals for the KS1 nativity and our first class assembly in over 18 months. We do like to keep ourselves busy here at St John's.

Autumn term is renowned as a very busy term, and the second half of it especially so. As mentioned above, our KS1 children have all been given their parts for the Christmas nativity. This will be the first nativity the school has had since 2019. We are so excited for it to go ahead this year, but as always, it is a lot of extra time and effort from our KS1 team to get the children ready. Please support the children at home to learn their lines and help them to understand how to deliver them loudly and confidently.

Metropolitan Police Christmas Tree Design Competition

A huge well done to all of those children who took part in the poster competition ran before half term. There were so many wonderful entries, which made it very difficult for a winner to be chosen. However, the Metropolitan Police team came into school on Monday and announced the winner as Alberto from Year 2.

Diversity Week

In school next week we will be celebrating diversity. We are focusing on religious festivals of world faiths. We will look into festivals such as Guy Fawkes night, Diwali, Hanukah and Eid-ul-Fitr. The children will discover the reason behind the celebrations and compare the similarities and differences.

Islington Cross Country Event

On Tuesday next week, our KS2 children will be attending a cross-country event put on by Islington council. The children will have the opportunity to take part in specific races if they wish too, and each of the classes will all take part in the daily mile. We have had some brilliant results in recent sporting events, so we are wishing those who take part in the competitive events the best of luck.





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Parent Governors

At the beginning of the week, I sent out a letter to advise that we are currently looking to replace two parent governors, whose terms are coming to an end in January. The letter advised ways of nominating either yourselves, or another parent. If you would like any further information on the role, and what would be required, please feel free to e-mail me or make an appointment to speak with me. Alternatively, you can contact Harry Oulton, the current chair of governors, on his e-mail address houlton@stjhv.islington.sch.uk

St Augustine's Special Service

A special service is being held at St Augustine's Church, this Sunday 7th November at 10.30am, focusing on caring for God's world, and the current climate crisis. Jeremy Corbyn, MP for Islington North, will also be at the service where prayers will be made for current world leaders, and the decisions they will make, currently at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. For more information e-mail office@stac.org.uk or phone 02073545515.

The temperature has most definitely dropped this week and there are a lot of germs around at the moment. Please can I ask that you send your children to school with both a jumper and a warm coat. Those extra winter layers of gloves, hats and scarves are also needed as we immerse fully into winter. Make sure you also have your child's name inside of all items of clothing, as our lost property basket is starting to spill over again. Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Lindsey Hodgson
Head of School

