



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Apart from Wednesday, when it felt like we were back in the middle of winter, we've had a lovely week here at St John's. It really does make such a difference when the sun is shining and it is lighter earlier in the mornings and a little later on the evenings. Teachers and children have been working hard during assessment week last week, and you will be receiving report cards in two weeks, updating you on your children's progress through the spring term.

Speaking of spring time, we would really like to get the school garden back up and running again. Prior to COVID-19 taking over two years ago, we had a regular team of parents who volunteered their time to run a gardening club on Friday afternoons. I would love to get this going again for the children. We have recently signed up to the Grow Your Own Potatoes Project and received our first planting box. We have also signed up to take part in the Tower of London School Superbloom, which will see us receive twelve mixes of seeds, the same as those that will fill the moat at the Tower of London, for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. If there are any parents who would be interested in getting involved, please do contact me either directly or through the front office. We are so lucky to have a green space to use, but currently don't have time to invest in it as much as we would like. With the support of the parents, we could really work together to use this as a great educational space once more.

A reminder that next week, we have two class assemblies happening due to the short term. Reception class assembly will be held on Thursday 24th March at 9.05am and Year 1 class assembly will be held on Friday 25th March at 9.05am, both in the main hall.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

We have a lot of children currently absent from school with tummy bugs, which have caused vomiting and diarrhoea. The NHS advises that children must stay off school for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped, as this is when they are most infectious. The most important thing is to have plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration.

Do:

- Wash your hands with soap and hot water frequently and ensure your child does this too
- Always wash their hands after going to the toilet and before preparing or eating food
- Wash dirty clothes and bedding separately on a hot wash
- Clean toilet seats, flush handles, taps, surfaces and door handles





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Don't

- Prepare food for other people, if possible
- Share towels, flannels, cutlery or utensils

School Nurse

The school nurse is happy to meet with parents on a one to one basis for individual referrals. She is currently coming into school once every six weeks and can work with parents on a number things, e.g. bed wetting, hygiene, sleep issues, night terrors, dietary issues etc. If you would like a referral making to the school nurse please do get in touch and we can make an appointment for you.

Beat the Streets



Beat the streets is a fun, free challenge that will see schools, businesses and community groups across Islington competing. The aim is to walk, run, cycle, scooter or roll the furthest you can in six weeks. The more you move, the more points you get. These points can be monitored in leader boards, and the winner of each board can win a prize. The game can be played in teams, which is perfect for schools. Your children will be bringing a pack home with them early next week and the competition starts on Wednesday 23rd March. Look out for the 83 sensors going up around Islington, called Beat Boxes. These will be how you recorded how far you have travelled on an individual card you receive from the school. Good luck!

Sparks Islington Easter Holiday Camp

Running from the 4th-8th April in Finsbury Park, Sparks young filmmakers are set to produce a superhero special FX movie! The young crews will master lots of fundamental filmmaking skills, as well as putting their own creative stamp on their productions. They'll make their own superhero creations ready to capture some magnificent transformations on camera. By the end of the week, they'll have made a unique film production. For further information or to book visit: www.sparksarts.co.uk or email: islington@sparksarts.co.uk

I hope the sun keeps shining through the weekend and we can all enjoy some time outdoors.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

