



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of week four of remote learning, please try to not let the Prime Minister's news of school's reopening dishearten you. Whilst we understand that the priority is to reduce the rates of infection and hospitalisation, like you, we were disappointed that we would not welcome all the children back sooner. However, if you break it down into small achievable chunks, the 8th March does not seem so far away.



We know the juggle of home-schooling and working full time is hard. We know that motivating your children and being patient is hard. We know that feeling your child is 'losing their learning time' or 'missing friends' is hard. We know this because, like you, we are experiencing the same. ***We really are 'all in this together'.***

The children, facilitated by you, are doing an amazing job with completing tasks, joining live sessions and continuing in the spirit of St. John's. Teachers have commented on the progress many of our pupil's are making. Engagement = Progress!

All of your amazing efforts are shared in our weekly newsletter. The children are producing some outstanding work.

Celebration Assembly

Firstly, I would like to apologise to everyone who did not forget that celebration assembly should have taken place on Monday; I did forget! But I can assure you that this will not happen again. So, celebration assembly will take place every Monday from **Monday 1st February at 9:15am.**

We will celebrate the class with the highest engagement, two pupils of the week and set a family challenge for the week. It will be wonderful to see as many of the children there as possible. Please see the link below and/or Meeting ID and Password in order to access the assembly. As with Google Classroom, children must have their camera's on when joining the meeting.





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St John's Highbury Vale is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: STJHV Celebration Assembly

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93931196106?pwd=V0ZKL2RFYTZ6RGJSZ2R0anp1U21ZQT09>

Meeting ID: 939 3119 6106

Passcode: 181763

Please can siblings join on the same device.

Remote Learning

This is a gentle reminder that engagement on Google Classroom and remote learning is compulsory. If you require any support to fully access the learning, please do not hesitate to contact us. Remember, we are here to help.

There is an expectation that children complete at least 3 hours of activities per day. We are aware that due to individual home circumstances, work may be completed at different times; this is not a problem, as long as you communicate this to your child's class teacher. **Class Dojo** is the best way for parents to contact their child's class teacher.

Additional Family Project

We are aware of the number of hours that our children are spending plugged in to technology. In order to combat this, we are reducing the number of homework tasks that require technology and will be actively setting family homework tasks that focus on mindfulness, nature, cookery, Art and Music.

The first task: It is hard not seeing family and friends, look at some photographs of them and talk about them. You could give them a call or even make a family portrait.

Parent's Evening 1st- 4th February 2021

Next week is Parent's Evening. This term, it will take place over four days with a mixture of appointments throughout the day and the evening. If you have not booked an appointment with your child's class teacher, please contact them via **Class Dojo** to arrange one.





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Appointments will be offered via telephone or zoom, if you have not already put a preference on your booking then your child's class teacher will contact you via telephone on your booked slot. Please do contact your class teacher if you would prefer a zoom call. As usual, consultations will be **10 minutes**. Please be mindful to stick to your allocated time as other parents will be waiting for their appointments. If after your meeting, you require more time, please contact your child's class teacher to make arrangements for another session

Mrs Alice Shaw

Mrs Shaw will be leaving St. John's to start her maternity leave. As you will be aware, Mrs Shaw was drafted in to cover Ms Hodgson's maternity leave in April 2020.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for everything she has done during her time at St. John's. She has worked tirelessly during these unprecedented times to support the smooth running of the school.

I am sure that you will join me in firstly thanking Mrs Shaw for her commitment and support over these past 10 months, and secondly to wish her all the best for the future and the safe arrival of little baby Shaw.

Ms Lindsey Hodgson

As we say goodbye to Mrs Shaw, we welcome back Ms Hodgson from her maternity leave. Ms Hodgson is very excited about returning to her post as Head of School after the February half term. Ms Hodgson has kept in close contact with the school and has had a thorough handover with Mrs Shaw to aid a smooth transition back to school.

We are very excited to have her back and I know she cannot wait to get back to work.

And finally...

There are only two more weeks until we all get a well-deserved half term break. Hang in there, keep going, you are doing an amazing job. This is working in partnership at its best to secure the best results for our children, we would not be able to do this without you!

If you are able to, enjoy a restful weekend away from the computer screen and if you are unable, try to steal a few moments for your own well-being.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tonnie Read

Executive Headteacher

