



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We have had a fantastic start to the year. The children appeared very happy and pleased to return to school. I have had the pleasure of spending time with the wonderful children of St John's. In every classroom that I have visited, great learning was taking place. The teachers have planned a number of activities to get to know and develop relationships with the children.

Thank you, parents and carers, for making me and the new team feel welcome to the school. We look forward to getting to know you, and building strong relationships with all the families.

There are a number of events taking place this term, and we would love to see you there.

Key dates

Headteacher update meeting

18th September 9.15am

Class Coffee Mornings

This term, we will continue to have the class coffee mornings where the children will share their learning and teach something they have learnt in class. These will be held in Maberly Hall. The children will talk through what they have done in each subject so far and will be able to show off the work in their books. The dates for these coffee mornings are listed below.

Year 5 – 13th October

Year 6 – 20th October

Year 4 – 3rd November

Year 3 – 10th November

Year 2 – 17th November

Year 1 – 24th November

Year R – 1st December





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Parents Evening

Y1 - 25th and 26th September

Y2 to Y6 - 27th and 28th September

Parent workshops

Meet the SENCO - 25th September 9:15

Number fluency (Year 1 and Year 2 parents) - 3rd October 9:15

Early Reading (Reception - Year 2) - 6th November 9:15

Homework

Year 6 will be the only class receiving homework this week: to write their speeches for the house captain elections (outlining why they should be chosen). The rest of the school will receive homework from next week. Homework will be sent out every Friday via Google Classroom. The children will receive a maths and English task. Homework should be submitted by Wednesday. As previously mentioned, your child should have a reading book and their reading record, which we encourage children to complete daily.

PE Kits

All children in Key Stage 2 are to come to school in their PE Kits on the days in which they have PE. The PE kit is part of the school uniform; please wear the correct kit. During winter, PE kits can consist of black tracksuit bottoms, a yellow t-shirt and the school jumper. Reception and Key Stage 1 children must still bring their PE Kits into school and change into them whilst they are here. This will give continued practice around developing their independence and becoming responsible for their belongings.

School Gates

A reminder that school gates will not open until 8.45am. Please can I ask the adults to leave as soon the bell rings to help the teachers get the children into class promptly ready to learn. Please do not send children to school on their own before 8.45am. We cannot be responsible for children who turn up before 8.45am without an accompanying adult.

Absences

Inform the school office if your child will be absent from school. You can do that via e-mail admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk at any time, or you can call on 02072264906 from 8am if you wish to speak to someone. If we do not hear from you and your child is absent from school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If a child arrives late to school after 9.15am, the system we use automatically records the child as having an unauthorised morning session. If you are taking your child out of school during term time, you must request permission by completing a form available from the front office. Two weeks' notice is expected to be given for any request of absence where possible.





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School Uniform

We have an abundance of second hand uniform in school in a variety of sizes. We will set up another swap shop at the end of the half term, and will make sure you are informed well in advance. However, if anyone needs any items of school uniforms at any point over the term, please do get in touch, and we can arrange access to it.

Secondary Transfer

If any Y6 parents would like to come and discuss secondary transfer, please make an appointment with the office and I will be happy to meet with you.

Yours faithfully,

Head of School

