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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful week – the weather has certainly been interesting!

It has been a relatively 'normal' week for us, without any major events. However, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Kew Gardens, Year 1 attended a theatre performance and Year 2 attended a sports event.

Bletchley Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6

Today, Year 5 and Year 6 participated in an engaging computing workshop. One of the key focuses was learning how to stay safe online, equipping pupils with essential skills for navigating the digital world responsibly. Additionally, the workshop introduced them to the exciting range of career opportunities available in the field of computing, inspiring them to consider future possibilities in technology and innovation.

FOSJ

The efforts of the Friends of St. John's (FOSJ) are absolutely invaluable to our school community. The funds raised through events like the Christmas Fair enable us to provide incredible opportunities for our children, such as weekly Forest School sessions for our Reception class—a truly magical experience that nurtures their creativity, confidence, and love of nature.

However, we are facing a challenge. Support from parents has been decreasing, and FOSJ simply doesn't have enough volunteers to make this year's Christmas Fair a success.

We urgently need your help. Could you find it in your heart to give just a little of your time on Sunday, 8th December to help us run this much-loved event? Together, we can make it a joyful day for our children and families, while raising essential funds for our school.

If you're able to help, please speak to Alice, Petuch, or Kerry. Your kindness and generosity can make all the difference. Thank you!

Neurodiversity coffee morning

Thank you to all the parents who have attended the neurodiversity coffee morning. I hope that you have found it informative and helpful. Thank you to those who have shared their lived experiences. We are on a journey to continue to build an inclusive school where we can continue to celebrate diversity, foster a sense of belonging, and ensure that every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. During the meeting, some parents inquired about the services available to them and how they can access this information. On our website, there is a page titled **SEND Support for Families**. This page provides details about the support our school offers and information on the services included in Islington's Local Offer.





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Come celebrate with me

I can't believe how quickly this has come around! Our first session will take place on Wednesday. The office has sent out a Google form for you to complete. If you plan to attend the event, please take a moment to fill it out, as this will help us prepare the right amount of resources for this exciting event. If you haven't yet contributed the £2.50, you can still do so via School Gateway. We also have a small festive treat for you to enjoy with your child.

Kidz Club - 19th December

Every year, we hold Christmas parties for both the children and staff. This year, the staff party will take place on 19th December. On that day, **Kidz Club will finish at 5:00 PM**. Parents who require after-school care beyond this time are kindly asked to make alternative arrangements, as our celebrations will begin at 6:00 PM.

Christmas party for the children

We are excited to announce that we are organising Christmas parties for each year group! We kindly ask parents to contribute £2.00 per child towards the party. This will help the school provide food, drinks, and a small treat for the children's party bags. Thank you for your support in making this a special celebration for the children. Please use the School Gateway app to make the contribution.

Year 6 DT Project

Year 6 will be making waistcoats for their DT project this term. If you have any large scraps of unwanted fabric at home that you can contribute to the project, please bring them into the office by Friday 29th November.

Key Dates for next week

Come celebrate with - Reception: Wednesday 27th November

Come celebrate with - Year 1: Thursday 28th November

Come celebrate with - Year 2: Friday, 29th November

Coffee morning - Reception - Friday 29th November

As always, we sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and the valuable contributions you make to our school. It is through the dedication and generosity of our amazing community that we continue to create such a positive and nurturing environment for our children to thrive. I hope you have a wonderful weekend and stay dry.

With warm regards,
Ms. H. Khan
Head of School

