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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good week. We have been very busy, as usual, with parent meetings, swimming, a church service, class assemblies, special lunches, and lots of other activities going on across the school. It has been a full but positive week.

A big thank you to all the parents who came into the school for all our different events. Reception class parents I hope you enjoyed the lunch on Wednesday.

Parents meetings

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and meet with the teachers. If you were unable to attend, please speak to the class teacher, who will arrange a time that is convenient for you.

This term, we trialled holding the meetings during the day. Teachers have been very positive about this approach and felt that making the meetings slightly longer enabled them to share more information about your child. They also felt that not having the meetings at the end of a busy working day helped them to feel more positive at the end of the day.

I would appreciate your views on this. Please come and speak to me, Clare, or Emily or send an email to admin@stjhv.islington.sch.uk. Your feedback will help us decide how we continue to run parent / teacher meetings.

Storytelling week

Last week, in the newsletter, we informed you about Storytelling Week. We are very excited about this because, at STJHV, we love reading, and we all have favourite stories which we are looking forward to sharing.

Storytelling Week takes place in the same week as Number Day, which is on Friday, 6th February. Initially, we said that Pyjama Day would be on Friday; however, Pyjama Day will now take place on **Monday, 2nd February**. The purpose of this day is to promote bedtime stories. If you would like to come into school and share a story with the children during that week, please speak to the class teacher.

On **Friday, 6th February**, children are welcome to come to school wearing something with numbers on (no football shirts, please). We will be completing activities throughout the day related to numbers and reading stories where problems are solved by working out codes. It will be a very exciting week.

Trauma-informed practice training

Thank you for your support in arranging alternative childcare so that staff could attend this training on Wednesday evening. We have one more session left. We will be making some changes to some of our policies based on the training. These training sessions provide staff with time to reflect on and celebrate the things we are doing well,





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as well as consider how we can further support the children in our school. On Wednesday, we explored what connect before correct looks like when supporting children to regulate.

Making payments to the school

As a working mum myself, I completely understand how busy life can be. However, I would kindly ask that, where payments are required for school activities, you take the time to make these when possible.

We want to offer the children as many experiences as we can, and to do this we do need to ask for contributions from parents. If you have attended an event and have not yet made a payment, or if there is an upcoming activity, please log on and make the payment when you are able.

Of course, if you are experiencing any difficulties with making payments, please do let me know. Where possible, we will always try to support you.

Payments for Christmas events, Storytelling Week, and several upcoming trips and residentials are currently open and will remain open until the end of the term.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and the opportunity to have some time for yourself. As always, thank you for everything you do to support the school.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

Key dates for next week

Wednesday 28th January – Y1 Come Dine with Me Event - 11.45 am -12.30pm

Friday 30th January – Y4 Class Assembly – 9.05am (due to swimming this has been moved to a morning slot)

Friday 30th January - KS2 movie night - 3.30pm - 5.30pm - Please complete the Google form linked [HERE](#)

