



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good and productive week. I think I say this every week - we have been busy! Our children have had a busy campaign for many different jobs in the school. The house captain speeches were excellent. For some children, this was the first time they had spoken in front of the school, but they were confident and really showed the voters why they should be the house captain.

I am pleased to announce the house captain for 2026-2027:

Red: Elsie and Matheus

Blue: Abby and Mark

Green: Remy, Pearl and Clara

Yellow: Ellie and Leyla

International Day of Peace - Family home learning

"Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9).

On Monday 21st September, the world marked the International Day of Peace, a day set aside by the United Nations for people everywhere to reflect on what peace means and how we can all help to build it. At St John's, peace sits at the heart of our Christian values and our work as a Rights Respecting School, and our children have been thinking about how small acts of kindness, listening and forgiveness help us live well together. This weekend, we invite families to take a short "Family Peace Walk" together, noticing peaceful things in our local area, chatting about what peace means to you, and sharing a wish for peace when you get home.

Each class will be given a task to complete also.

Communication

As you know, we no longer use Dojo, and all communication now comes through the school office. If there are any last-minute changes, we will send you a text message, so please be reassured that you won't miss anything important.

If you are a Year 5 or Year 6 parent, please get into the habit of checking Google Classroom regularly. Secondary schools use online platforms like this to set homework, so it's a helpful way to prepare your child for the move to secondary. Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom each week, and printed copies will continue to be provided for families who have requested them.

I hope this puts your mind at ease. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.





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RE Training

On Tuesday, we welcomed over 80 teachers to our school for an RE training session. I wanted to share some of the lovely things they said about our school: "The children are very kind and well-behaved", "What a supportive staff team" and "It feels like a real community." And many more wonderful things.

Thank you for your cooperation with the cold lunch arrangements. There will also be a cold lunch on Thursday 1st October, as we will be hosting part 2 of the training.

I hope you have a wonderful and peaceful weekend.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."
(Desmond Tutu)

Thank you for your support and the kindness you show to the school, which helps make St John's Highbury Vale a warm and welcoming community where every child can achieve and belong.

Best wishes,
Ms Khan

Key Dates for next week

Monday 28th September - Y1 Parent / Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 29th September - Rec Parent / Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 30th September - Y2 Parent / Teacher Meetings

Thursday 1st October - Y3 Parent / Teacher Meetings

