

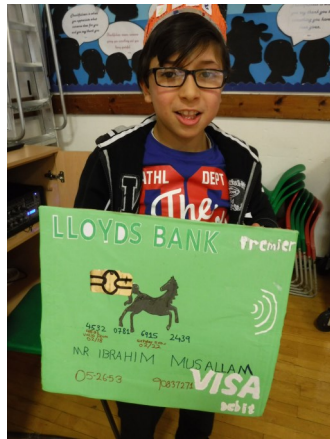
# St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

## February 2019

Welcome to the February edition of our school newsletter. Read on for the latest news plus some of our recent highlights!

### NSPCC Number day and family Bingo event!

We had a wonderful number day recently and all the children had great fun exploring all things number-related. We had some fantastically creative fancy dress entries too.



The family Bingo event was a 'full house' with small prizes for all those taking part.

The event was aimed at raising money for the NSPCC, one of our school's favourite charities, and we did raise over £130. Thank you to those parents and children who contributed so well in terms of fancy dress costumes, bingo playing and money donations.

Can we remind parents that if we do have a fundraising mufti, it is expected that children will contribute something if they come to school in their own clothes. Thanks.

### The results are in—and we have done brilliantly!

We received a letter last week from Damian Hinds, the secretary of state for education, congratulating us on our SATS results last summer. Our children in year 6 achieved 100% in reading and we were in the top 1% of schools for reading achievement. Our maths and writing weren't far behind either! We are fortunate to have such hard working and dedicated staff at St John's who make learning fun and inspire the children to do their absolute best. Parents also have a big role to play by hearing their child read every day and supporting them with their homework so a big thank you to you too!

## Attendance and punctuality

|              | Nur  | Rec  | Y1   | Y2   | Y3   | Y4   | Y5   | Y6   |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Attendance % | 94.2 | 96.0 | 93.4 | 97.4 | 95.7 | 95.7 | 96.7 | 95.6 |
| Lates        | 6    | 71   | 28   | 87   | 60   | 101  | 90   | 106  |

***Our attendance so far this year is 95.6%, meaning we have slipped below our target of 96%. Let's hope this can get back up to where it was during the Autumn term. Well done to Reception and Years 2 and 5 for reaching or exceeding our target.***

We still have quite a few children coming in after the bell rings at 9:00am. Please make a big effort to arrive **just before 9** so that your children have a smooth and calm start to their day.

## Uniform and PE kit

Quite a few children are coming to school without the correct uniform, particularly footwear. Can I remind parents to ensure their child is wearing correct uniform—please just ask your child's teacher or the school office if you are unsure. Footwear should be plain dark shoes or trainers (black or dark blue) and should not have bright stripes, colours or patterns.

There also seems to be an increasing number of pupils 'forgetting' their PE kit. PE is an essential part of the curriculum and it is important that it is brought in each week.

## Mysterious person seen wandering around the school!- Year 6 investigate!

There were some sightings of a strange figure walking around the school last week, shrouded in a blue cloak and carrying a spear! Year 6 set out to investigate and you can read one of their newspaper reports with this newsletter. Further reports are in the foyer if you would like to read them.

## Parent governor elections

Unfortunately we received no nominations for the vacant parent governor role. We will re-advertise again after half term but in the meantime if you would like to know a little more about the role, please do come and speak with me.

## Upcoming dates and events

Friday 15th Feb—school finishes at 3:30pm for half term

Monday 25th Feb— school re-opens for pupils.

Tuesday 26th Feb—Year 1 visit the Museum of Childhood

Wednesday 27th Feb at 3:30 pm and Thursday 28th Feb— meeting for Y6 parents re school journey

Tuesday 5th March—Year 2 are off to explore the Museum of London

Thursday 7th March—World Book day mufti day. Start thinking of ideas now!

As always, please do come and chat with me if you have any suggestions or concerns.

Mr Welsh and all the staff at St John's.