

# St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

## July 2018

It's been a hot but busy few weeks in school but we still have plenty more events coming up before we break for the summer holidays.

### Sports Day

It was a glorious day for sports day and it was lovely to see so many parents coming along to support their children in their races. I was so proud of the children's attitude to try their best at every event and to support each other if things didn't quite go to plan! A huge thank you to Miss Smith for organising the event—many parents commented on how nice it was to have it at this new venue.

We are due to announce the winning teams in assembly on Friday.



### Year 6 school journey

Year 6 are having a wonderful time on their school journey to Dorset. They have had glorious weather and have been enjoying sailing, high ropes, assault courses and camp fires. We have been putting pictures on the office screen and school website and are looking forward to welcoming them back late on Friday afternoon.



### Staffing for next year

As we come to the end of the school year, I'd like to let you know about our teaching staff for September. Several of our teachers will be leaving us due to promotions in other schools. Miss Braithwaite will be taking up a deputy head role at a school in Haringey, Miss St Louis will be moving to another Islington school to take on a maths leadership role and Miss Ward will be returning to Hackney to become phase leader of a school. We have loved having them with us and wish them all the very best in their new schools. We will be welcoming three new teachers—Miss Ross Goobey in Year 2, Miss Bishop in Year 4 and Mr Evans in Year 5. They really impressed us during their interviews and delivered fantastic lessons to the children so we are delighted to welcome them to our school. They will be coming in on 10th July to meet their new classes and I'm sure you will make them feel very welcome if you see them. Our staffing for next year will be:

Early Years— Miss Dickey

Year 1 – Miss Smith

Year 2 —Mrs Ross Goobey

Year 3- Miss Eden

Year 4—Miss Bishop

Year 5—Mr Evans

Year 6—Miss Leeb.

We will confirm details of our teaching assistants shortly.

## Attendance and punctuality so far this year

	Nur	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance %	93.8	95.2	95.0	96.1	96.2	96.2	94.8	96.5
Lates	49	194	167	186	134	180	121	57

Well done to Year 6 with Years 2, 3 and 4 not far behind!

## Start of the day

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving before 8:30 and waiting in the foyer or school playground until the bell goes at 9:00. Although it's lovely to have children in nice and early, it can cause problems if children are then left in the playground unattended. ***Can we please ask that children arrive no earlier than 8:45 (unless they are in breakfast club) to ensure they can be supervised by a member of staff.***

## Art week food fair

I'm really sad to announce that ***we are having to cancel the international food fair next Wednesday*** as we haven't had any parents confirm that they will be contributing food for the event. It's a real shame as these events are usually such a huge success and are popular with children and adults alike! If you were hoping to contribute food but just hadn't got round to letting the office know, can you come and tell us. If we have lots of parents who are still keen for a food fair to take place, we can organise one for next term. ***HOWEVER, we would really like you to all come along to see our fantastic art exhibition in the hall on Thursday afternoon at 3:30pm.*** Your children will love to show you what they have created.

## The Friend's Summer Disco from 6:30-8:30 this Friday. Get your dancing shoes on!

Do come along to our Summer disco where the children will be able to show their moves. These discos have a large number of the younger children so we do ask that older children and any ex pupils are considerate towards them. It's always a fantastic fundraiser for our school as well as being a great evening.

## End of year reports and open afternoon for all parents

We will be sending home your children's end of year reports on Monday 16th July. We also have an ***open afternoon on Wednesday 16th July from 2:00-5:30*** when you can come and chat with your child's class teacher and look through your child's books with them.

## Other dates

Monday 9th July— Key Stage 2 visit the LSO at the Barbican

Friday 13th July—Early Years head off to Legoland

**Monday and Tuesday 16th and 17th July— Prayer days in the hall**

**Wednesday 18th July— Years 6 and 5 perform Oliver Twist at 4:00pm— all welcome**

Thursday 19th July—Years 5 and 6 visit Southend

**Friday 20th July—end of year 'Leavers service' in church from 10:00-11:00. All parents welcome.**

**Friday 20th July—school closes at 2:00pm. Children can be collected from 1:30pm following registration. Pupils return to school after the summer holidays on Wednesday 5th September.**

We hope you enjoy the last couple of weeks of school and then have a wonderful summer break.

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