

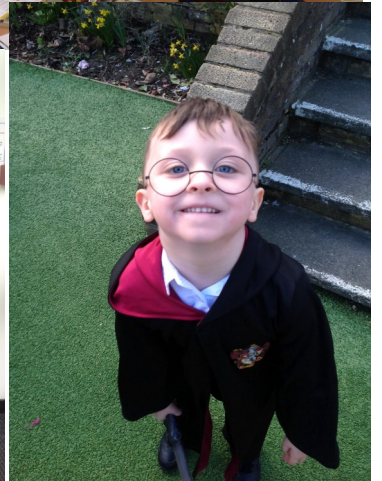
St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

March 2019

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

World book day

The children had a wonderful time celebrating World Book day last Thursday. As well as children dressing as their favourite book character, there were opportunities to share their favourite books with their classmates. The day started with a World Book day assembly and then children in Key Stage 2 tuned in to the BBC live lesson and posted some of their own question. Children were also encouraged to find unusual places to read their books! There are more pictures in the 'latest news' section of our school website.



The new zebra crossing has arrived!

We are delighted that after years trying to persuade the local council that we need a pedestrian crossing outside the school, it has finally happened. We hope that it will not only provide a safe place to cross but also help slow down the traffic in this area.

Parents speaking to other people's children

Recently, a number of parents have approached other people's children in school to address incidents that have taken place. This is often very traumatic and upsetting for the child and does nothing to resolve what may have happened. It is essential that if something has happened in school that involves another pupil and has caused your child to be upset or hurt, you must bring it to the attention of your child's teacher or the head or deputy. We can then follow it up in line with our behaviour policy. If this is not done, incidents can often escalate and it also raises concerns about the safeguarding of our pupils.



Morning routines

Please remember that Breakfast club does not start until 8am and children should not arrive before this time. Also remember to use the side entrance; only use the main entrance if you need the office.

Attendance and punctuality

	Nur	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance %	93.3	96.2	96.7	97.3	95.9	95.2	96.4	95.7
Lates this month	1	3	3	2	1	6	2	0

A huge well done to all those classes who have achieved over 96% attendance - hopefully those below can reach our target over the coming months. The number of lates has also improved dramatically which is having a real impact on the smooth start to the day for each class.

Parking near the school and in the car-park

The new zebra crossing has also resulted in the pavement being widened and several parking spaces being removed. ***Can we ask parents to avoid parking anywhere near the zebra crossing to drop off their children.*** Some parents have also started to use the school car park when collecting their children at the end of the day. This is for staff only and I'm afraid can not be used by parents.

Easter Lunch Bunch

This Easter, Islington Council is offering children from low income families the opportunity to get a free healthy lunch every day throughout the school holidays, while enjoying fun activities with their friends. They will be supervised by experienced, caring staff. If your child is aged 6-12 (year 1 to year 7) and you are on benefits or a low income (your household income is less than £16,190 per year) your child will qualify. Lunch Bunch is happening at a number of locations across Islington. To find out more and book, please visit <https://www.islingtonlunchbunch.eventbrite.com> If you have any questions about Lunch Bunch, please contact the Family Information Service: 020 7527 5959 or lunch.bunch@islington.gov.uk

Friends of St John's PTA News

The Friends are working hard to plan and organise the Easter Disco. These events always need a lot of support from parents to make them a success, so if you can help in any way, please let Riyan in the office know and she will point you in the right direction. The Friends are now producing their own newsletter with updates on fundraising ideas and how you can help them. The first edition is out this week and a copy will be posted on the school website in the section about 'our school'.

Upcoming dates and events

Monday 18th March—Bikeability training all week for Years 3 and 4
Tuesday 19th March—Nursery and Reception visit the Postal Museum
Tuesday 19th March—Candoco dance company invite Year 3 parents to come and watch their session with the children from 3:00-3:15pm
Thursday 21st March—Year 5 visit the discover centre for computing workshop
Friday 22nd March—Easter non-uniform day, just bring an egg for the Easter Disco
Tuesday 26th March—music assembly for children learning an instrument (9:30 in the hall)
Thursday 28th March—Year 3 visit the British Museum
Friday 29th March—Easter Disco from 6:30-8:30pm to raise money for the Friends.
Friday 5th April—break up for Easter from 2:00pm.

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.