

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

April 2015

A very warm welcome to our April newsletter.

Playground "official opening" coming soon!

We are in the process of inviting all those local businesses who kindly contributed to the cost of our new lower playground, to attend an official opening ceremony here at school in the very near future. We are also awaiting confirmation from Bishop Adrian as to whether he can attend the event and bless our playground. As soon as we have a date and time finalised we will let you all know—all parents are warmly invited.

In light of health and safety, a huge thank you to all parents for not letting their children go on the play-ground equipment before and after school.

And here are our children in action!



"We LOVE our new play-ground, it's just amazing!"



St John's Sewing Bee

The first meeting of the Sewing Bee has taken place! This is open to ANY parents who are interested in having a go at sewing and other crafts and is held every Thursday in the school hall from 9.00-10.15. The current projects are: making cushions and bunting for classroom reading corners.

Do please come along and help make exciting things for our school!



Raising money for Marie Curie

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been growing daffodils in aid of the Marie Curie charity. This week they have sold them to parents and friends and they made a grand total of £160. We are very proud of them!



Attendance and punctuality

The previous month's results are:

Class	Attendance (target 96%)	Lates (target is 0!)	Number of children who were late
Reception	93.8	23	10
Year 1	95.5	18	8
Year 2	94.3	26	7
Year 3	96.3	27	9
Year 4	92.6	10	4
Year 5	96.8	25	8
Year 6	96.5	8	6

Only 3 classes achieved our attendance target last month and only one class had a total number of lates less than 10. However, as the sickness bugs seem to be going now, we look forward to those figures improving this month.

Please ensure your child is in school on time, every day, thank you.

Other dates for your diary...



Friday 17th April—KS1 dance project starts

Thursday 30th April—Keyboard and violin performance to parents (9.30)

Monday 4th May—SCHOOL CLOSED (bank holiday)

Thursday 7th May—SCHOOL CLOSED (polling day)

Monday 11th May—Year 6 SATs week

Mon 25th—29th May—HALF TERM

Mon 22nd—Thurs 25th June—Y6 cycle training

Monday 22nd June—Whole school "Enterprise Week"

Monday 29th June—Year 6 on school journey

Friday 10th July—Sports Day at Whittington Park (9-2)

Weds 15th and Thurs 16th July—Parent Evenings

Friday 17th July—Y6 Leavers' Service in church (10.00)

Other dates and any changes will be updated in each newsletter.

Trips, visits, class events this term...

Do please also check the parent notice board of your child's classroom for further information about class assemblies, cake sales etc.



Nursery	Continuing trips to the library and pet shop.
Reception	The Aquarium and Highgate woods— dates to be confirmed.
Year 1	22nd April—Little Angel puppet theatre 27th April—Clissold Park (orienteering) 11th May—Gillespie Park (froglife workshops)
Year 2	Hampstead Heath—date tbc Golders Hill Park Zoo—date tbc
Year 3	15th May—Gillespie Park
Year 4	28th April—Hampton Court 2nd June—National Portrait Gallery
Year 5	1st May—Museum of London 6th May—Pizza Express
Year 6	15th May—Hampstead Heath 17th June—Wagamamas

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

On **Wednesday 6th May**, teachers will be hosting a meeting for all parents after school on how we teach spelling, punctuation and grammar throughout the school. The session will also include some handy hints and tips on how you can support your child at home with their learning.

Please do come along!

Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you have something you would like to discuss. You will find us in the playground before school starts, or you can make an appointment to see us by speaking with Sue in the office.

Mr Welsh and Miss Hughes