

# St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

## February and March 2017

**Karowei farewell**— thank you to those parents who came for Karowei's farewell assembly and tea party. It was a real shame that he got stuck in terrible traffic and wasn't able to attend. We will rearrange the assembly for the children in school and will have a book for any parents who would like to write a farewell message to him.

**Amazing results again!** - we have again received a letter from the minister for schools to congratulate us on the progress that our children make during their time at St John's. Our school is in the top 3% of schools in the country and we are incredibly proud of our children and teachers. A copy of the letter is attached to the end of this newsletter.

### Trips and events

We are so lucky to live in such a vibrant city and make the most of opportunities to visit places that will enhance children's learning. Year 6 visited the Museum of London Docklands to find out how the city developed as a trading port, Year 4 went to fantastic Kew Gardens and Reception class travelled to City airport as part of their transport topic. A group of our eager readers also went to the Emirates Stadium for an initiative called "The reading road" where they met several authors— they loved it! Here are a few photo highlights.



## Upcoming events

Wednesday 1st March—Ash Wednesday Church service 10-11am. All parents welcome.

Thursday 2nd March— Year 6 visit the Horniman museum

Monday 6th March— the eggs/chicks arrive and Year 3 visit the British Museum as part of their Ancient Egypt topic.

Tuesday 7th March— vision and hearing tests in Year 1

Wednesday 8th March— year 1 visit Pizza Express in Highgate

Friday 10th March— Years 1 and 2 visit the Barbican for a concert by the London Symphony Orchestra

Monday 20th March— Year 5 visit the Estorick art gallery

Monday 27th March—Years 3 and 4 also visit the Barbican for a concert by the London Symphony Orchestra

Tuesday 28th March—Nursery visit to the science museum

## Early Years open afternoon

It was lovely to see so many parents at our recent open afternoon. It was a chance for them to look at the fantastic work their children have been doing in school as well as chat with their teachers about their learning outside school. **We will be having an open morning for all our other classes soon— dates to follow.**



## Attendance and punctuality update

Although Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 have achieved (or almost achieved!) their attendance target of 96%, other classes still have quite a lot of catching up to do. Myself and Mariola will be trying to meet with parents of children with low attendance to see if there is anything we can do to help improve it.

A number of children are still coming into school consistently late. **Please make sure your child is in school just before the bell goes at 9:00am.** Thanks.

	Nur	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
Attendance	93.6%	94.6%	95.9%	96.0%	95.5%	93.5%	96.3%	96.7%	95.4%

As always, myself and my staff are here to address any concerns you may have or to listen to any suggestions you may have to improve the school further.

Many thanks

Brian Welsh