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Governor Newsletter Summer 2015

I hope that you enjoyed your half-term holiday. It hardly seems possible that we are in the last half term of the year already.

We started this term with the celebration of the completion of the playgrounds. The children are certainly enjoying this fantastic resource and it is a wonderful example of what the Friends have been able to do to support the school community. We were very fortunate to have our MP and Bishop Adrian attend. Our Year 6 children recently completed their SATs tests and other year groups will be carrying out their end of year assessments in the coming weeks. The staff and pupils have worked hard and we await the results at the end of the year. It can be an anxious moment for the school as it is a key measure of how well the school is doing. As governors, the reason why we give up our free time is because we passionately want to see all the children at St. John's excel and work to the best of their ability. There are several ways that we can all work together to achieve this:

- We can make sure that the children all arrive at school on time and ready to start the day. The early morning session is very important and it is sad if your children miss out on this as it sets them back for the entire day. Many of you will have met Mariola who is working with our families to support attendance and punctuality.
- Our children tend to thrive when they know they have the support and encouragement of their parents and carers. At St Johns the children all bring books home to support their reading. It is really helpful to the children and the staff to have the feedback in the "reading book". Please try to make sure that you listen to their reading and fill in the book. The school will be holding a reading session with parents next term to help you fully understand what the school is doing to ensure your children learn to read and enjoy reading.
- Finally our finances are affected significantly by the amount of "pupil premium" we are entitled to receive. If you are on a low income and think your child may be entitled to this funding, please speak with Sue in the office or use the link on our school website www.stjohnsupperholloway.co.uk/pupil-premium

Governors will be present at the parents evening on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July where we will also have computers set up so that anyone can check whether pupil premium may be applicable to them. Governors will also be present at the induction sessions for the Nursery and Reception classes – looking forward to our new intake and making sure that the foundations are being laid at the start of their time at St John's to ensure that they will have a fulfilling and successful time at school.

On behalf of the entire governing body

Sue Hallam
Chair of Governors

