

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

July 2016

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year. It's been a busy month and there are still many more things to happen in the last few weeks.

Our wellbeing week

We celebrated our theme of "healthy body and healthy mind" with a wonderful week of sports activities, healthy eating and cooking, workshops and discussions around children's mental health and even yoga and massages to help the wellbeing of staff! **Our sponsored walk for each class raised over £1000** which is an amazing achievement and we are now looking to purchase defibrillators for school as well as train staff on how to use them in an emergency. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped support us with this project



Parents evenings and end of year reports:

Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2, 3, and 5—Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July

Years 4 and 6— before and after school Wednesday 6th— Friday 8th July and after school

Monday 18th July (due to Miss Braithwaite and Miss McLoughlin being on school journey with Year 6 next week)

You will shortly be able to sign up for a time to speak with your child's teacher by completing the sheet on the classroom doors. If you are unable to come in to school to choose a time, please phone the school office to reserve a time. We will also be able to collect and read your child's end of year report and we therefore recommend you come in a little earlier to allow yourself time to read the report before meeting with your child's teacher. The sessions are limited to 10 minutes but if you would like to talk about something in more depth you are welcome to make a time with the teacher to discuss it further.

School partial closure—Tuesday 5th July

Just a reminder that due to strike action by members of the NUT, only Nursery and year 1 will be open to pupils. I do apologise to parents for the disruption will cause.

School Council update

A representative from the London Young Ambassadors programme came in to school to lead an assembly about being a volunteer and how it transformed her life. She met with the school councillors about what they can do to "give back" to the local community— watch this space for our next update!

Macmillan "Dress up and dance"

The children and staff raised a fantastic £201 for a very good cause when they dressed up and danced recently. The school council also organised a disco during morning playtime which was hugely popular.



Staff for September 2016

We are just finalising our staffing for September and will send out a separate letter confirming all the details shortly. As always, we will have a "meet the teacher" session early in the term to give you an opportunity to find out about what the children will be learning and how you can best support them at home, as well as to ask any questions you may have.

Attendance and punctuality update

| | Nur | Rec | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Attendance | 91.3% | 94.4% | 95.8% | 95.1% | 94.6% | 97.3% | 95.4% | 96.4% |

Well done to Years 4 and 6 who remain above our target of 96% and to Year 1 who have improved this term and are now very close to their target.

I hope some of the other classes can continue to improve over the last few weeks.

Upcoming dates and events...

Tuesday 5th July—welcome meetings for new Nursery and Reception class parents

Friday 8th July—pupils move up to their new classes for 30 minutes to prepare them for September

Friday 8th July 3:30-5:00pm—Summer Fair. Please come along and support the event!

Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July— Year 6 are on school journey week, hopefully getting very messy and having a wonderful time.

Monday 11th July – PC Brian Smith visiting early years and key stage 1 classes.

Tuesday 12th July— Year 5 visiting Highbury Fields

Friday 15th July— Year 3 having a picnic in Highgate woods

Wednesday 20th July—Leavers' service in church at 10:00am— parents welcome. School finishes at 2pm.

Please don't hesitate to speak with myself or any member of staff if you have something you would like to discuss.

Best wishes

Mr Welsh