

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

March 2016

A very warm welcome to our March newsletter.

World Book day

Children had great fun celebrating World Book day in a range of ways including dressing as their favourite book character, finding the most bizarre locations for "extreme reading", sharing stories with other classes and having a "Big Book swap"



Parents' evening

We have planned parents evening this term for **Tuesday 22nd March (3:40-6:30pm) and Wednesday 23rd March (3:40-5:30pm)**. It's an opportunity to find out how your child is progressing and to ask any questions you may have. Sheets will be going up in classrooms shortly for parents to sign up for a timeslot. Remember, we have an open door policy and are happy to speak with parents about your child's progress or any other issues at any time of the year— please just speak with your child's teacher to arrange a time to suit.

Book sale

Hot on the heels of World Book day, there will be a chance to buy a fantastic range of cut-price new books this week on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be on sale at the start and end of the school day at the front entrance. All money raised will go directly to the school and will be used for buying new resources including reading books.

SATs and assessment

This year has seen huge changes to both the national curriculum and the way children are assessed. As many of you will know, "levels" have been replaced by "year group expectations" with children either working towards the expected level, working at the expected level or working at greater depth. The assessment tests at the end of Year 2 and Year 6 have also changed. If you would like further information on this, please speak with your child's teacher. You can also find out more about the new SATs tests on the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2016-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

Cracking up!

We loved having the chicks in school again this year– it wasn't just the young children who loved watching them hatch and grow! We are hoping to keep some hens permanently for the children to look after– we will keep you posted.



Upcoming dates and events...

Thursday 17th March– Year 2 visit Wagamama

Wed 16th & Thu 17th March—Book sales before and after school

Friday 18th March– Year 1 visiting the museum of childhood, Reception visiting the Jewish Museum and Year 3 visiting the British Museum!

Easter Disco—Friday 18th March



Come and dance your socks off at the Easter disco **from 6:30pm on Friday 18th March.**

Thank you so much to the Friends who have helped to organise it.

Thank you also to the parents who kindly sent in an Easter egg for the Tombola as part of mufti day.

Attendance and punctuality update

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.5%	95.4%	95.4%	94.5%	97.5%	95.4%	96.2
Lates	71	90	97	193	96	39	56

Our school target for attendance is 96% so well done to Years 4 and 6. I hope some of the other classes can reach the target during Summer term. Well done also to Year 5 for having the least number of lates this year!

Easy fundraising

In these days of tight school budgets, any additional funds we can raise really makes a difference to what we can offer the children in terms of subsidised trips and other creative experiences. You should have recently received a slip outlining how you can register with "Easyfundraising" so that every time you purchase items online or use your registered bank cards, money automatically comes to the school. It doesn't cost you anything but the benefits to the school are potentially huge! Please ask at the school office if you want any further information about this scheme.

Parent questionnaire feedback

A big thank you to the parents who took the time to complete a questionnaire. This year we also had an online option to try to make it easier for people to respond. We also asked the pupils what they think of the school and are in the process of gathering all the results together. We will send a letter out shortly, summarising the findings and the areas we hope to improve further.

Calling all budding sculptors and potters!! We are thinking of running a "Clay Club" in the Summer term. Further details will follow shortly!

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