

# St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

## November 2015

Welcome to our latest newsletter as we enter the busy run-up to Christmas.

★ ★ School results are in..... and we are doing brilliantly! ★ ★

Each year, we receive a report from the government confirming our assessment results for the end of each key stage and how we compare with other schools across the country. Over the last few years our results have gone from strength to strength and the progress our children make places us **in the top 2% of schools nationally**. We are quite rightly very proud of our children and the dedication and hard work of all our school staff. A breakdown of our results can be found on our school website.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Our School Council recently worked alongside our parents to fill all the Christmas shoeboxes with a fantastic range of gifts for children around the world. This year we had enough donations to fill over 100 boxes. They will be joining those boxes from St John's Church to provide a wonderful treat for over 200 children and families around the world.

A huge thank you to all those parents and children who kindly donated so many gifts. We will be organising a bake sale shortly to raise additional funds to cover the cost of postage for all the boxes— details to follow!

### Attendance and punctuality

Our attendance and punctuality continues to improve and we celebrate it each week during Monday's assembly. The results for each class are posted next to the parent noticeboard in the playground so you can see how your child's class is getting on each week. At the end of last term we recognised all those children who had 100% attendance so far this year and rewarded them with certificates. At the end of this term we will be rewarding children with small gifts to celebrate 100% attendance.

Our attendance so far this term is 95.8% which is close to our target of 96%. Well done to Years 1, 4 and 6 who are all meeting our target. As you will see, the number of children arriving late is still an issue in some classes. Can I ask that you get into a routine of ensuring your child arrives **before the bell at 9:00am**.

	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	93.1%	96.8%	95.5%	93.7%	97.6%	95.3%	96.7%
Lates	30	28	45	59	42	20	18

### Parking near the school



We still have some parents who park their car at the school entrance or even in the car park. This is a real safety risk for pupils and we ask that if you are coming by car, you park it away from the school entrance or zig-zag areas.



## Recent events and trips

4th November— Reception class had a visit from “Bugliest Bugs”.

6th November—Y1 visited the National Gallery and took part in a “famous people” workshop.

9th to 13th November—The whole school took part in our **writing week project** and produced some stunning pieces of writing and art on the story of The Three little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig! We finished the week off with a celebration assembly and Mufti day where children came as their favourite story character.



19th November—Some of the children who are learning an instrument in school showcased their talents at a music assembly. They were fantastic!

20th November—Year 1 visited the Islington Museum for a printing workshop.

25th November—Years 1 and 2 visited the Barbican for a concert by the London Symphony Orchestra on “The Queen’s Hat”.

## Upcoming dates and events...

Friday 27th November —The choir are singing a range of carols as part of the Archway Festive Fair.

**Wednesday 2nd December - all classes will be watching a panto performance of Aladdin in school. A huge thank you to the Friends parent group who have funded the event.**

Friday 4th Dec— Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visit London Zoo for the Living Nativity. Year 4 will be visiting the Science Museum. In school we will be taking part in the NSPCC Christmas Bobble hat event.

**Weds 9th and Thursday 10th December— parents evenings after school. Sheets will be going up in classrooms soon for parents to sign up for a time slot.**

**Friday 11th Dec— Christmas disco in school from 6:30-8:30pm.**

**Our infant classes will be performing their nativity for parents at 10am on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December.**

**Our junior classes will be presenting their Christmas concert to parents at 2:30pm on Tuesday 15th and 4pm on Wednesday 16th December.**

**You will need tickets for both events—information to follow shortly.**

We are very sad to report that a couple of our sheep seem to have disappeared from the nativity display. Perhaps they wandered off, dazzled by the Christmas star, or perhaps a small child took a particular liking to them. If they have made it to someone’s home or are dozing in someone’s book-bag, can you return them to the stable where the shepherds will be delighted to have them back.

Can I also ask that if you have small children, they look at the display rather than dismantle it! Many thanks.

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

Mr Welsh

