

St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

October 2017

Welcome to our latest newsletter. We hope it's been a smooth start to the year and that your children have settled well in their new classes.

Black History Celebrations

The children have been studying important figures in black history—people who made important contributions in their field of work or who fought for equality and equal rights.

Jane, Nasarian's mum, has been very helpful in organising people to come in and work with the children on all sorts of things from music to art and poetry. We will be sharing some of our work at a school assembly next Monday at 10:30am and parents are welcome to join us. We will be having ***an International food fair next Thursday after school from 3:30-4:30pm.*** Last year it was a fantastic success with all sorts of food from around the world. If you can make something, please bring it in from 3:00pm. We will be charging a small amount for each plate of food and will send more details early next week.



SEN coffee morning

Mr Turpin will be having a coffee morning at ***9:00am on Thursday 9th November*** for parents of children with SEN. It will be a chance for parents to share their experiences and advice in a supportive and friendly environment.

Parent governor



Anna Kay, who has been a parent governor at St John's for many years, will be stepping down from the role at the end of this half term (but will be remaining as a co-opted governor). We will therefore be looking for a new parent governor after half term and will be sending out information about what the role involves. If you would like to work with the school leadership team and governing body, to help make the school even better, do think about standing for the role.

Renting our school!

In these days of tight school budgets, we have decided to rent out our school premises to increase our income. A company called "School Space" will be organising the lettings. If you want to hire the hall for a party or the playgrounds for a sports tournament, please email info@school-space.org or call 020 3369 3269 during office hours. Our prices are very competitive!

Attendance and punctuality



We are continuing to work hard as a school to improve our attendance and punctuality figures. We understand that there are times when children may be ill or late but hope to keep these to a minimum.

We are going to reward our best classes each term with a little treat (Golden time and some pizza – healthy option of course!).

	Nur	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance	95.6%	98.2%	91.4%	96.1%	98.2%	97.0%	95.9%	95.6%
Lates	4	6	14	21	17	20	8	31

Our school target for attendance is 96% so a **HUGE** well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 who are all above this. Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6 aren't far off either! Making sure every child is in before the bell goes at 9:00am is now a big focus– especially for Years 2, 3, 4 and 6.

Recent and upcoming trips and events

Harvest Festival—a huge thank you to all those parents who contributed food for the Harvest festival. The church are distributing it to local families and charities.

Tuesday 10th October—Year 2 visited the Science Museum to find out more about forces and Year 5 explored the British Museum as part of their Mayan topic.

Thursday 12th October— **Reception are holding a maths workshop for parents** in the classroom and therapy room. If you'd like to get some ideas on how to support your child with their maths— please come along.

Wednesday 18th October— Year 4 are visiting the RAF Museum at Hendon and are then off to the Islington Museum on 19th October for a World War 2 workshop.

Friday 20th October— break for half term at 3:30pm . Pupils return to school at 9:00am on Monday 30th October 2017.



If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to come and see me in the playground each morning or make an appointment with the school office.

Mr Welsh