

# St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

## September 2015

A very warm welcome back to school and hello to all our new pupils and parents who are starting with us this term.

### Up-coming musical fundraiser

On Tuesday 29th September there will be a fantastic evening of music at Nambucca on Holloway Road with the likes of L.A Davis, Astrid Brook, Jake Watson and Michael Clift, as well as our very own Tonia Thorne (Neo's mum). Not only will it be a fantastic night out but it will also raise funds for music provision in our school. At only £5 it's also brilliant value! There are posters and fliers going up around the school with more information so please keep the date free and come along to join us for a brilliant night. A huge thank you to Tonia for organising the event and for all the musicians who are playing for free! You can find out more on facebook @letusplaygig



### Parent questionnaire feedback

Towards the end of last term, we collated the results from our parent questionnaires. We had a relatively small number of replies this year but have attached the results summary for you to have a look at. Remember, we are always happy to meet with parents at any time to discuss any concerns you may have or to consider ways in which we can make the school better— just come and speak with us.

### Improving attendance and punctuality

As you will know, our attendance figures last year were disappointing and we are working hard with our school home support worker, Mariola, to improve this. As well as rewarding the best class each week in assembly with our attendance bear and early bird, we are recognising those children who have excellent attendance figures each half term through certificates and other small prizes. The weekly attendance and punctuality results will be going on the parent noticeboard each week so that you can see how your child's class is getting on. Our target is for attendance to be at least 96% in line with other local schools. Our data so far this term is:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	94.5	88.9	95.0	92.1	97.1	94.3
Lates	4	3	2	3	5	5

Well done to Year 5 for their great start to the year and year 3 for excellent punctuality.

## Upcoming dates and events...

- Tuesday 15th September– years 2 and 5 have a safety visit from the London fire Brigade
- Wednesday 16th September– Year 4 are on a trip to RAF museum, Hendon
- Monday 21st September- Drama workshops for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- Thursday 24th September - Year 4 visit London Zoo and Year 1 are going to The City Farm
- Tuesday 29th September— school photographer in (smart uniform please!)**
- Thursday 8th October– Year 5 have a theatre production about the Mayans
- Friday 9th October—Year 2 are visiting The Tower of London (“off with their heads!”)
- Thursday 15th October– Year 3 are exploring at the Science Museum

## Keeping our children safe!

A growing number of cars are parking on the zig-zag lines near the school or at the school gate to drop off or collect children. It causes problems with visibility and today a child was knocked off their bike near the school due to cars being parked illegally. Please make sure you park away from the school entrance in order that our children stay safe.



## Food bank vouchers

Many families have periods when they face difficulties or a crisis and temporarily need support with food amongst other things. The school is now registered to offer help in the form of vouchers and emergency food boxes. If you would like further advice on this please come and speak with us. We will of course treat any discussions in the strictest confidence.

## Helping our children to learn



We all know that children learn best when school and home work together. This term we are considering parent workshops for reading, phonics and maths as well as providing opportunities for parents to come into class to work alongside their children. We will be sending out more information soon.

## Macmillan Bake sale

On **Friday 25th September** we will be hosting a “bake and buy” event at school to raise money for the Macmillan cancer charity. We invite all parents and children to get baking and bring in their creations on Friday 25th– the theme is GREEN!



These will then be available to buy after school and tea and coffee will also be available.

Please don't hesitate to speak with myself or any member of staff if you have something you would like to discuss. You will find us in the playground before school starts, or you can make an appointment to see me by speaking with Sue in the office.

Mr Welsh

**St John's Upper Holloway C of E primary**  
**Parent questionnaire results summary**  
**Summer term 2015**

	(Please tick.)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
	My child enjoys school	16	4		
	The school takes action to ensure my child stays safe	12	8		
	The school informs me about my child's progress (informally and formally)	12	8		
	My child is making progress at this school	14	6		
	The teaching is good at this school	12	7		
	The school helps me to support my child's learning	12	7	1	
	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	8	12		
	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group or changing school)	9	8	1	
	The school meets my child's particular needs e.g. medical needs, special needs	9	9	1	
	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	12	7		1
	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	7	9	1	
	The school is led and managed effectively	10	8	2	
	The school keeps me informed effectively through newsletters, texts, emails and the school website	16	4		
	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	13	7		

Some comments from parents included

Can teachers please sign texts so that we know which class it refers to

Can teachers ensure they are in the playground 5 mins before bell so we have time to discuss any issues with them

Portion size at lunchtimes could be bigger



# Nambucca

596 Holloway Road, London, N7 6LB

www.nambucca.co.uk

29th September 2015, 7.30pm

## L.A.DAVIS



### Let us Play

Fundraiser

ASTRID BROOK

JAKE WATSON

TONIA THORNE

MICHAEL CLIFT



St John's of Upper Holloway Primary School needs your help to raise funds towards buying musical instruments and music equipment.

Local Musicians are performing at this fundraiser to help our cause.

Please come and support us!

MORE INFORMATION for

"Let Us Play" and @letusplaygig on



or email host for the night: [tonia@toniathorne.co.uk](mailto:tonia@toniathorne.co.uk)

£5 entry  
on the  
door