

St John's Upper Holloway

January Newsletter 2022

A very happy New Year to all our families. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the Christmas period. We have a busy term ahead and are looking forward to lots of exciting events in the coming weeks.

Highlights from last month

Nativity and Carol Concert

It was wonderful to have parents back in school for our Infant Nativity and Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. The children's acting and singing were fantastic, despite the odd technical hitch



Football and netball success

Even though our football teams never having played a match against another school, our Year 6 children took on Yerbury yesterday in a local derby!

Our boys secured a couple of wins and our girls held Yerbury to a draw, despite having one player less than them! Our netball team also played their first ever match against Eleanor Palmar and although they didn't win,

really gained in confidence as the match progressed. A huge well done to both teams for a great attitude and wonderful team work!



Music assembly

It was lovely for our children who are learning an instrument to have an opportunity to perform to the rest of the school. If you would like your child to learn an instrument with our music teacher, Kathryn, please speak with the school office.



Art week

Our children had a wonderful week, studying the works of a range of artists, all of whom have some form of disability. It was lovely to share their art works with parents in our 'pop up gallery'.



Food boxes available

We are working closely with St Andrew's church, Whitehall Park, to offer food boxes to families who may need them. Each box has a meal for a family of four and is very easy to prepare. We know families often have periods when money or other circumstances are extremely difficult so please do speak with Mr Turpin or Mr Welsh if you would like some of our meal boxes.



Meet our new home-school support officer

Our new home-school support worker is Peter Harvey. As well as reviewing attendance and punctuality, he will also be looking at a range of ways in which school can support families on areas such as adult education, parenting, applying for suitable benefits etc. If there are any areas that you would like support with, please just let us know. Peter will be in school and on the school gate every Wednesday so please do say hello.



Attendance and punctuality

We know that many of our families were badly affected by all sorts of illness last term, not just Covid. Hopefully our attendance will improve as the term progresses, getting back towards our target of 96%. Well done to Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are all over 93%.

Getting in to school on time is also very important so that your child is settled and ready for their first lesson. Remember children can come in to their classroom from 8:45am with register starting at 9:00am.

Check out our website

Teachers have recently been updating their class webpages with information about children's learning for the term ahead.

They will also be adding photos of any interesting events and activities as the weeks go by so do please keep checking them. You can find them here:

<https://www.stjohnsupperholloway.co.uk/learning/curriculum-and-assessment>

Upcoming dates

Monday 24th Jan—online safety assembly for Key stages 1 and 2

Wednesday 19th Jan—Year 6 parents meeting about school journey and SATS

Thursday 20th Jan—visitor from Bletchley Park is bringing in the 'Enigma machine' from WWII for Years 5 and 6 children to learn about

Tuesday 25th January—football match against Eleanor Palmer. If any parents can come along to support please let us know.

Thursday 3rd Feb—netball match against Eleanor Palmer

Friday 11th Feb—Year 2 trip to the Museum of London

Friday 11th Feb—finish at 3:30 for half term. Children return to school on Monday 21st February

As always, we are here to make your child's experience at school as rewarding and enjoyable as possible. Please come and speak with me in the playground or make a time to meet with me if there are any issues you wish to discuss.

Mr Welsh and the St John's staff team

Year Group	Attendance	Lateness
2 Year Old	88.88%	2.05%
Year NU	88.98%	1.64%
Year RE	91.16%	1.16%
Year 1	89.24%	2.86%
Year 2	94.29%	1.74%
Year 3	93.39%	2.33%
Year 4	93.58%	0.65%
Year 5	93.64%	1.35%
Year 6	91.4%	2.69%