

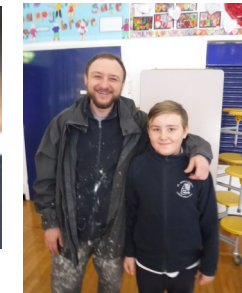
St John's Upper Holloway CE Primary School Newsletter

November–December 2019

Welcome to our final newsletter of the term. We hope it gives you a flavour of some of our recent highlights as well as reminders of upcoming events.

School Vision Day

Our recent 'School Vision Day' was a huge success with all children thinking about what our vision statement of 'Love each other as I have loved you' means to them. It was great to see so many parents joining us for the sessions too. We are gathering together pictures and contributions from the children to put into a large book that will be in the foyer for parents and visitors to look at. We also have highlights on our website – just check the 'latest news' section <http://www.stjohnsupperholloway.co.uk/latest-events>



Macmillan coffee afternoon

The recent Macmillan coffee afternoon helped to raise over £80 for the charity, bringing the total we have raised in the last 8 years to over £1,000! Lucy Hill from Macmillan came to talk with the children about the work of the charity and to answer all the questions they had. A big thank you to all those who supported the event.

Sweet music

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part in the recent music assembly. It was a chance for them to show off their talents on the keyboard, violin and piano. With over 30 children taking part, it was a long performance and I was very proud how well the audience listened throughout.

Forest School Family Day

The latest group of pupils to attend Forest School have rounded off their experience with a 'Family Day'. It is a chance for the children to show off some of the skills they have learnt (as well as get very muddy!).



Attendance and punctuality so far this year

	Nur	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance %	91.9	97.0	95.4	96.5	97.0	94.7	94.9	95.0
Punctuality	24	17	35	23	34	76	60	36

Well done to Reception class, Year 2, and Year 3 who are all above our attendance target of 96%. There are still a lot of children wandering in to school a few minutes late each day. Please try your best to ensure they are in before the bell rings at 9 O'clock.

Parent coffee morning—this Friday 29th November

We are having our next parent coffee morning this Friday in the therapy room between Nursery and Reception. It's a chance to come and have a drink and chat with other parents and Miss Barbara. There's no agenda but it's often an opportunity to discuss any issues or ideas you may have.

Uniform reminder

There seems to be a number of children who are not wearing the correct uniform at the moment. Remember you can either buy the uniform from Marks and Spencer online or buy a plain navy blue sweat-shirt or cardigan and put on the school logo badge separately. Riyan in the office is here to help if you are unsure. **Footwear should also be plain blue, black or brown shoes or trainers, not trainers with white soles, stripes or patterns!**

Relationship and Sex education

All schools across the country are reviewing their provision for teaching children about relationships and sex education. The accompanying sheet provides some guidance from the Department for Education. We will be reviewing our policy and provision next term and will be consulting with parents during the process. You can find further detail by searching 'relationships and health education' on GOV.UK.

Messy Church Christmas Party

Messy Church has been a great success with many families enjoying the opportunity to enjoy creative and fun activities with their children every Saturday morning. They will be holding a ***Christmas Party at St John's school on Saturday 14th December from 4-5:30pm. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome.***

St John's Kicks!

This is a new football club that is organised jointly between the school and church to encourage all children to have fun playing football. It takes place every ***here at St John's School every Saturday morning from 10-11am. It is open to both boys and girls from 4 to 11 years old*** and there is coffee and treats for parents who come to watch.

Upcoming dates and events

Wednesday 4th December—**XMAS JUMPER DAY** and Christmas lunch. We are asking children to **bring £1** to go towards the Friends fundraising efforts. Early Years are also having a sponsored torchlight walk.

Thursday 5th December—Year 2 visiting the Museum of London

Friday 6th December—the school choir are singing carols at Archway to raise money for CARIS (homeless shelters) and Year 5 are holding a sleepover in school to also raise money for CARIS.

Monday 9th December—the school health team are in school. Please speak with Mr Turpin if your child has any health issues you would like to discuss with the health team.

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December—Infant Nativity in the hall at 10am



More dates!

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December—Parents Evening in school from 3:40pm—please sign up via ParentMail, on the app. This will go live on Wednesday 4th December 2019. The school's Families First worker, Simona Berardozi, will also be in the hall to offer any guidance and support.

Thursday 12th December—*school closed for polling*

Friday 13th December—Year 1 visit Archway library for a theatre performance

Tuesday 17th December—Early Years are visiting Jackson's Lane Theatre to see Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Tuesday 17th December—Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in a gymnastics display with another local school

Tuesday 17th December—*Key Stage 2 carol concert in the hall—all welcome*

Thursday 19th December—*Christmas service in St John's church from 10am. School closes at 2pm.*

Going paperless

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are now sending out the newsletters and much of our other communication via ParentMail. If you haven't signed up yet or if our office do not have an email address for you, can you please do so. If you have any issues with using ParentMail, please speak with the school office.

It will be a very busy but exciting few weeks ahead and I look forward to seeing you all at one of the many events coming up.

Mr Welsh
Head teacher