



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

We have been very fortunate this week to have a variety of different collective worship taking place for all pupils to experience. On Monday Pathways led the collective worship on the significance of the Easter Story. On Tuesday we had a visit from Wintershall performing the Miracle of Jesus healing the girl possessed by a demon and on Wednesday, Diamond Class led the final collective worship on Peace. It was lovely to see so many parents at our Easter Concert at St. John's Church for both Reception and Sapphire Class where through songs and hymns we retold the events of Holy Week. I particularly enjoyed the prayers that some Year 1 & Year 2 pupils wrote with Father Peter and read with such conviction at the end of our collective worship time. On Friday during our Celebration assembly we talked about the importance of Mothering Sunday and how special all mothers are. Father Peter talked about the special service that is taking place to mark Mothering Sunday and how great it would be to see as many pupils as possible with their families at this service so that we can thank God for our mothers and celebrate the really important role that mothers fulfil.

I have now added all the special dates for the summer term, please take a moment to read these and note them in your diary. Also please ensure that all passports have at least six months left on them and that all pupils have an up to date EHIC card in preparation for the French trip on the 27th June. The information regarding the after school clubs is also included in this newsletter and these will run from the 29th April through to the 11th July.

Next week our school choir led by Mrs. Anderson will be singing in a Borough Singing Festival at Carterhatch Infant School. We will be recording this and it will be available for all parents to view on our website after Easter, you will also hear the song that they are performing at the Easter Concert. If any more pupils would like to join the school choir, it is important that you join very early after Easter as they will be starting to practise for the next music festival and the end of year concerts.

If any parents want to purchase the CGP revision books, phonic cards or white boards and pens to help your child at home, these are still available from the school office. Please pay for them on ParentPay and then collect your pack from the school office.

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our Easter Concert for Emerald and Diamond Class next Wednesday at 2pm. Our school choir will also be singing at this special event and the Emerald Angels from Father Peter's Bible Study Group will be leading us through prayer.

This is our final newsletter before our Easter holidays and on behalf of all the staff and governors at St. John's School, we would like to wish you a very enjoyable and peaceful Easter break. It would be lovely if you were able to attend some of the fun activities that the church are running over Easter and the services to mark Holy Week.

Have a very enjoyable weekend and a very relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Best wishes

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.5%
Sapphire	91.4%
Diamond	96.7%
Emerald	94.5%
Overall	95.0%

Week Beginning Monday 1 April 2019

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Art Club (Invitation only)
3.00-4.00pm	Multi Skills (Rec, Yr 1,2 & 3)
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr6

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.15am	School Choir singing at Carterhatch Infant Primary School
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	School Choir
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr5

Wednesday

Closing Date for Dress the Egg Competition	
8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
2.00pm	Easter Concert in St. John's Church for KS2
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Science Club (by invitation)
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr6

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.00pm	Swimming Yr 2&3
3.00-4.00pm	Tennis Club (Yr 2-Yr6)
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr5
3.00pm	Nursery—End of Term

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
11.45-12.10	Circuit Training
1.15pm	End of Spring Term

RUBY CLASS

Thank you to everyone for coming to the Spring concert on Wednesday, it was a great success and the children really enjoyed being part of it. This week the reception children have been consolidating their work on halving and doubling and have been able to put their knowledge into practise when measuring out ingredients for the cakes they have been busy making for our 'Mother's Day Tea Party' today. In R.E. we are continuing our work on the Easter Story and have acted out when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and have shared bread and juice as symbols of the Last Supper. Continuing the theme of Easter – next week in maths we will be looking at 3D shapes and will be using these shapes to make Easter baskets which I am sure will be filled with some special treats after our Easter Egg hunt next week! We shall also be investigating symmetry and pattern next week using Easter eggs as a resource. I hope you all enjoy our special tea party today; the children have been so busy writing invitations, making special presents and cards, baking cakes and also adding a few extra surprises – they are all so excited!

As this is our last newsletter before Easter we can reflect on a very busy and exciting half term which began with the arrival of our very own chicks! The children have all worked very hard and I am sure they are looking forward to the Easter break next week and lots of Easter eggs! **Reminder – The last day for nursery will be Thursday 4th April at 3 o'clock** Have a lovely weekend, a happy mother's day to all our mums and a very happy Easter to you all. **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Another busy week in Sapphire. It has been assessment week this week across the school and I have been so impressed with how Year 2 tackled their past SATs papers for Reading and Maths. This has clearly indicated just how much the children have progressed and grown in confidence as the academic year has progressed. **For reading (inc. Year 1), please do work with your child on the comprehension side of the story they are reading, focusing on the key skill of finding and locating the answer/the evidence in the text.** Equally, I have been impressed with how Year 1 have adapted this week too. In Literacy (Weds-Fri), we have focused on working towards our targets in a variety of different activities, with a very strong emphasis and expectation of handwriting and presentation. Please remind your child at home that homework is expected to be completed in the neatest possible standard as this supports the work we are doing in class. In Maths we have focussed telling the time; reading an analogue clock. **By the end of Y1, children are expected to know o'clock and half past. Please do work with them now also beginning to identify quarter past and quarter to (a Y2 expectation).** In RE, we've drawn our attention to Good Friday, including looking at why this is an important event and what it tells us about Jesus. Finally, a big well done to Sapphire and Ruby at the Easter Concert on Wednesday. We all sang extremely well and I was extremely impressed with the 4 Sapphire children who read their own individual prayers linked to their RE learning! Well done! With this being the final newsletter, I end by saying how I cannot believe we are now two-thirds into the academic year. We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend and a very happy, exciting Easter break! **James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.**

DIAMOND CLASS

This week has been assessment week; therefore the children have worked extremely hard to achieve their very best. Thank you to all the parents who attended our class assembly on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so much support for the children. In Maths, the class have been learning to identify perpendicular and parallel lines, and different types of angles in 2D shapes. They also practiced reflecting shapes in a mirror line. In R.E, the children continued to reflect on Peter's denial of Jesus by responding to questions such as, "How was Peter's Christian faith challenged?", "What puzzles you about Peter's denial?", and "What would you ask Peter if you had the opportunity and what do you think his response might be?" These questions really helped to deepen their thinking and understanding on the topic of 'denial'. The class began to create their moving storybooks in D&T, using the different techniques they learnt from our previous lessons. The children will be completing their projects next week. Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.
Sabrina Anderson

EMERALD CLASS

This week the children in Emerald Class have been busy with their assessments. It's great to see the improvement in results, which shows the hard work the children have put in is paying off. Keep working hard everyone! In our science lesson, we investigated how streamlined objects can overcome water resistance to travel faster. In RE we have continued looking at what happens in churches during Easter. In art this morning we have been working on our landscape drawings from last week and have started to create our own landscape painting. With one week before Easter and three afterwards before SATS, it is crucial that all the children are in school as we will be covering all the parts that they are still finding a little bit tricky. Well done everyone for a successful week and we hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

RUBY CLASS have received the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 1 April in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week



As per our school policy, please remember that medical evidence is required on the 4th day of absence or if attendance has dropped below 90%.

School Shop on ParentPay

We now have a school shop on ParentPay to buy Uniform, literacy/numeracy resources and any other sales. Please choose and buy your items on here and then once paid, pick up your item from the school office. Please copy and paste the URL below and we will be putting a link on the homepage of our website for your convenience.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=783>

No Mobile Phone & No

Please may we remind parents that the use of mobile phones in the school grounds are not permitted.



For specific safeguarding reasons, the school can no longer permit photographs being taken or videoing at any public events i.e. church services, celebration assemblies, class assemblies etc.

Eco-Committee

This week members of the Eco-Committee and School Council have been very busy before school helping the PTA to collect the money for the Mother's Day presents and to sell the tickets for the Easter raffle. Thank you to the members of the PTA for organising the sale of the gifts for Mothering Sunday and Easter.

All the money raised will go towards the extra ipads that we want to have available for the pupils to use in class.

Lost Property

If you would like to look in the Lost Property box, it is situated outside the school office.



School Council



We hope you are all busy collecting 2p coins! We hope to soon have our collection boxes and will begin inviting you to bring in your donations!

French Trip Year 5 & 6



There are still two places left so if you haven't yet paid for the French Trip, please let the office know and pay on ParentPay.

Please remember to ensure that passports are up to date with at least 6 months in date and that you have an EHIC card.

Nursery Admissions

- Complete our supplementary forms, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary forms to the school office as soon as possible.
- We still have places available for September 2019.

Sports News

Last night the netball team played a match against Forty Hill school. After a sluggish start the girls really started to be more competitive with good marking and interceptions. This continued into the second half but unfortunately we came off second best losing 9-2. Well done to everybody who played especially the year 5 girls who are already preparing for next season. With some good defending and vital interceptions Isabelle Rosario was named player of the match.

Worship

On the second Sunday of each month, Nicola Bugliari and Emily Lawlor run the Sunday school at 9:00. On the third Sunday at 9:30 there is a music Sunday school run by fr Peter. St. John's Church, Strayfield Road, Sunday at 9am

St. Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane: Sundays at 10.30am





Date List for Spring Term 2019

APRIL		
Monday 1	Last week for After School Clubs	
Tuesday 2	School Choir singing at Carterhatch Infant Primary School	9.15pm
Wednesday 3	Closing date for Dress the Egg Competition—£2 entry (please put name and Year group on entry)	9.00am
Wednesday 3	Easter Concert in St. John's Church for KS2 & Collective Worship	2.00pm
Thursday 4	Special Easter sale at the end of school	
Friday 5	Special Easter sale at the end of school	
Friday 5	END OF SPRING TERM	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2019/2020

SPRING	2019	AUTUMN	2019
INSET DAY	Monday 7 January	INSET DAY	Monday 2 September
Starts	Tuesday 8 January	Starts	Tuesday 3 September
Half Term	Monday 18 February—Friday 22 February	Half Term	Monday 21 October—25 Friday October
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 5 April	Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 19 December
		Bank Holiday	Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 December

SUMMER	2019	SPRING	2020
Starts	Tuesday 23 April	INSET DAY	Monday 6 January
Half Term	Monday 27 May—Friday 31 May	Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 19 July	Half Term	Monday 17 Feb -Friday 21 February
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May & Monday 27 May 2018	Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 3 April
INSET DAY	Friday 28 June		

Parent Governor

Unfortunately, Mrs. Lawlor has had to step down from her position as Parent Governor at our school due to work commitments. We are extremely grateful for the support and hard work that she has carried out in the short time that she has been in this position. Mrs. Lawlor has been instrumental in working with parents in establishing our PTA and in playing a very active role in organising the many events that we have held to date. Mrs. Lawlor has also been part of many governor learning walks looking at different curriculum areas along with teaching and learning throughout the school. Her contribution to the Finance Committee has been greatly appreciated. Mrs Lawlor's invaluable contribution shall be really missed but I fully understand that this important role does demand a huge commitment.

We now have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on St. John's Governing Body and if anyone is interested in applying for this role please come and talk to me and I will be able to outline what this role actually entails. Parent Governors play an invaluable role on our Governing Body as you are the voice of the parents which is crucial to moving our school forward.



Date List for Summer Term 2019

APRIL		
Tuesday 23	Summer Term begins	8.45am
Tuesday 23	Class & School Team photographs	
Thursday 25	New Nursery pupils and parents to visit	12.30pm
Thursday 25	No Swimming for Year 2 & 3	
Monday 29	After School Clubs start	
Tuesday 30	Barnados Day—Diamond Class at Forty Hill Primary School	
MAY		
Wednesday 8	Litter pick with parents—Emerald Class	
Thursday 9	No Swimming for Year 2 & 3	
Monday 13—Thursday 16	SATs—Year 6	
Monday 20—Thursday 23	SATs—Year 2	
Tuesday 21	Happy Bags Collection (unwanted clothes)	
Monday 27—Friday 31	HALF TERM	
JUNE		
Monday 3	Science Week	
Tuesday 4	Robotic Workshop—Emerald Class	
Wednesday 5	Ascension Service in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Friday 7	Presentation for Science Week in Assembly	
Tuesday 11	School Nurse to run hygiene, diet and importance of caring for our teeth workshops—Reception, Year 1 to Year 4 Body Changes Year 5 & 6	
Wednesday 12	International Day	
Thursday 13	Junior Citizenship—Year 6	
Monday 17	District Sports	
Tuesday 18	Westminster Abbey Visit—Emerald Class	
Thursday 20	Maths Quiz at school—Year 5 & 6	
Thursday 27	French Trip—Diamond & Emerald Class	
Friday 28	INSET DAY	
JULY		
Tuesday 2	Maths Quiz (final against other schools) - Year 5 & 6	
Thursday 4	Maths Quiz (final against other schools) - Year 3 & 4	
Friday 5	Reports to be sent out	
Monday 8	Bikeability—Emerald Class	
Monday 8	Discover Visit—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	
Tuesday 9	Science Project—Year 5	
Thursday 11	Last Swimming Session—Year 2 & 3	
Thursday 11	Open Evening for all parents	3pm-6pm
Tuesday 16	Sports' Day	1pm
Wednesday 17	Summer Concert in St. John's Church—KS1 & KS2	
Thursday 18	Reserve Sports' Day	1pm
Friday 19	Leavers' Service in St. John's Church	

Please remember that any of the above dates may alter because of changing circumstances.
On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.