



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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On Tuesday we were very fortunate to have a head teacher from another school and an adviser from the London Diocesan Board spend the day with us looking at how well St. John's School is performing as a church school. They spent a lot of time looking at the teaching and learning in the classroom, checking pupils' work in their books and talking to the children about what it is like being a pupil at our school. They were really impressed with how passionate and confident the pupils spoke about their school, articulating very clearly what St. John's School is about and what we are aspiring to be. Throughout the day we saw many examples of outstanding teaching and learning taking place that is really supporting the pupils in making the correct choices, believing in themselves and equipping them with life-long skills that will make them excellent citizens in our world. Well done St. John's.

On behalf of everyone at St. John's School, I would really like to thank Father Peter for supporting us on this journey to make our school the best that it can be. He has given up an enormous amount of his time supporting teachers in the classroom, talking to pupils and parents, leading collective worship and services. The impact of this can be really seen across our school with so many pupils speaking very highly about what Father Peter has done for them. One Year 6 pupil explained that Father Peter's teaching is 'quick, grabby and relevant to modern lives', Another pupil said that Father Peter is 'passionate about his faith but he learns a lot from us too!'

Thank you to the many parents led so confidently by Ms. Bullen in decorating the hall so beautifully for Christmas. If there are any parents that have some time to support we would really appreciate this as there are many tasks that have to be completed. If you can support with any of the following please see Mrs. Lawlor:

Helping to run the weekly pop up shop on a Friday at the end of school
Running the Secret Santa shop for all the pupils on 14th December from 9.30am

Supporting the Christmas Discos by ensuring that you have bought your ticket for £5 that includes all snacks, refreshments and prizes (2 – 3pm Ruby & Sapphire Classes, 3 – 4pm Diamond & Emerald Classes) All pupils to come to school dressed in their Disco outfits and to donate an unwanted gift for our Secret Santa Shop.

Next Tuesday we have our final two events for this year. Please make every effort to attend these as so many parents have found these extremely beneficial in giving them ideas of how they can support their child's learning. Please take note of the following dates as we really want to see as many parents as possible at these very valuable events:

4th December at 10.30am – 11.00am Phonic lesson in Ruby Class

4th December at 9.20am – 9.45am Guided Reading in Diamond Class

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	88.6%
Sapphire	87.3%
Diamond	94.6%
Emerald	96.6%
Overall	91.8%

Week Beginning Monday 3 December 2018

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Art Club (Invitation only)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.20-9.45am	Guided Reading for Diamond Class Parents
10.30-11.00am	Phonic Lesson for Ruby Parents
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation)
3.00-4.00pm	School Choir

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.00-3.00pm	School Disco—Ruby & Sapphire Class
3.00-4.00pm	School Disco—Diamond & Emerald Class
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club with School Disco (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Tennis Club (Yr 2)

Friday

Catriona Fathers Writing Competition—Winner announced	
8am	Breakfast Club
11.45-12.10	Circuit Training
2.45pm	Pop Up Shop

RUBY CLASS

In Ruby Class the reception children have been very busy putting their phonic skills into practise by writing their letters to Father Christmas and posting them in the Ruby Class post box - we are hoping for replies very soon. The nursery children have also been busy writing the letters in their names on giant caterpillars! In maths we have been learning how to weigh objects and have become very proficient at making the scales balance by adding and taking away objects. We have also been busy practising the songs for the Nativity play which is really getting us into the Christmas spirit. The children will not need their P.E. kit until the new term as we will be rehearsing our Nativity or using the parachute during our remaining sessions.

Next week we have a very busy week – on Tuesday at 10.30a.m. we invite you to come and watch a phonic lesson which I hope will give you some ideas how to support your child at home. We will also be celebrating the start of advent by lighting our advent candle and on Thursday, Father Peter will be coming to Ruby Class to talk to the children about the meaning of advent. Also on Thursday afternoon is the disco for Ruby Class; please ensure you have your ticket for this exciting event! As the weather is getting colder can you please encourage the children to try and do their zips and buttons up independently and also please name any gloves, hats and scarfs. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend. **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

In Maths this week, we have been learning about money. We have identified the many, many things we need money for in order for us to have in our lives, such as food, toys and electricity! We have identified values of different coins, ordered coins and added the amount of coins in a bag, a row etc. Year 2 have also been looking at using coins (and the relevant numicon pieces) to help them identify and make different combinations of an amount (for example: $10p = 5p + 5p$ and $2p + 2p + 5p + 1p$). Using numicon has really helped the children with this tricky concept and I have been very impressed with how well we have worked this week in an aspect of Maths that is extremely tricky!

In Literacy, we have finished writing our diaries from the point of view of our main character, Jim, where he met Mr Underbed. Some of us have polished our diaries in preparation for our Big Write which took place on Friday. We will be moving on to another text type from next week, where we will be re-telling the story of Mr Underbed.

In Science, we have looked at writing an evaluation of last week, where we have written what happened when we had a visitor (a baby!) in Sapphire last week. We have started with writing about what happened before writing about what they enjoyed about the event and providing a fact about what they learnt from this visit.

Have a lovely weekend. **James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.**

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Diamond Class, the children focussed on the story 'Grandad's Island' and empathised with the character of Syd, imagining and recording his thoughts and feelings at different parts of the story. They then planned their diary entries, writing from Syd's point of view.

In Maths, the children carried out a range of challenges involving weight and capacity, including estimating and measuring. The class really enjoyed this practical activity. The next few days, they moved on to converting units of weight and capacity and solving word problems.

We continued to look at the Ten Commandments in R.E., with children working in pairs to create freeze frames, illustrating one of the commandments. We then discussed Jesus' New Commandment which tells us that we should love one another the way he has loved us. The children really developed a deeper understanding of Jesus' love and why the New Commandment is so important to Christians.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend Diamond Class!

Sabrina Anderson

EMERALD CLASS

This week, the children in Emerald Class have been thinking about a book review for Jazeera's Journey. They have explored the themes of the story through drama and described the feelings Jazeera experienced using passive voice. In RE, we have continued looking at peace. The children were excellent in our RE lesson, where they reflected on previous learning and thought about how inner and external peace can be achieved. In maths we have been looking at different types of graphs including line graphs, bar charts and pie charts. The children have done really well interpreting the graphs and answering questions based around them. In art this morning the children have been working on their still life paintings after doing lots of research on famous still-life paintings and artists. It has been a really busy week and the children have risen to the challenges, so well done Emerald Class!

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

EMERALD CLASS have received the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 3 December 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%.

Christmas Post Box



Our post box is in the Reception area by the school office for children to post their Christmas cards. Please remember to address the envelopes with the name of the child and their class to ensure cards are delivered to the correct child.

Eco-Committee

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School Dinners & Packed Lunch

Please may Parents be reminded that if your child is changing from either School Dinners or Packed Lunch the school office need to be informed and be given **half a terms notice**.

The kitchen have ordered food in advance and it causes a lot of problems if numbers go up or down.

Lost Property

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



School Council

Having discussed how we can improve the playground at lunchtime, we have agreed to section part of the playground to allow the pupils to run around. If this works well and pupils are remembering to keep safe then we can continue to allow pupils to have a run-around at lunchtime.

Christmas School Dinner



If your child is packed lunch but would like a Christmas School Dinner on Monday 17 December, please pay £2.30 on ParentPay under school dinners and inform the school office, so the kitchen can order enough food for everyone.

Happy Bags Collection

Wednesday 12 December

To raise funds for St. John's.

Please donate clean, unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen and towels.

To find out more information please go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk.

Please bring in your Happy Bags on **Tuesday 11 December**. Bags will be given out nearer the time.



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.

Worship

St. John's Church, Strayfield Road, Sunday at 9am

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

Children and their parents are welcome at both churches and both have Sunday





Date List for Autumn Term 2018

DECEMBER		
Tuesday 4	Phonic lesson in Ruby class	10.30-11.00am
Tuesday 4	Guided Reading in Diamond Class	9.20am – 9.45am
Thursday 6	School Disco for Ruby & Sapphire Class £5 (Dance Club will enter free) Come to school in disco clothes	2.00-3.00pm
Thursday 6	School Disco for Emerald & Diamond Class £5 (Dance Club will enter free) Come to school in disco clothes	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 12	Happy Bags Collection	9.00am
Wednesday 12	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.00pm
Friday 14	Secret Santa shop for all pupils—buy a present for your family (Bring in an unwanted gift on the 6 December)	
Monday 17	Christmas School Dinner	
Tuesday 18	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Beauty and the Beast	During school
Wednesday 19	Carol Service at St. John's Church	2.00pm
Thursday 20	Christmas parties for all classes	During school
Friday 21	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.15PM

FYI

Monday 3 December

NO After School Clubs, due to staff training.

Multi Sports will be moved to Monday 10 December, which is the last one for the Autumn Term.

Autumn	2018
INSET DAY	Monday 3 September
INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 September
Starts	Wednesday, 5th September
Half Term	Monday 22 October—Friday 26 October
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 21 December
Bank Holiday	Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 December

Spring	2019
INSET DAY	Monday 7 January
Starts	Tuesday 8 January
Half Term	Monday 18 February—Friday 22 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 5 April

Term Dates for 2018/2019

Summer	2019
Starts	Tuesday 23 April
Half Term	Monday 27 May—Friday 31 May
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 19 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 May & Monday 27 May 2018
INSET DAY	Friday 28 June

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