



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week in our collective worship we have been talking about the importance of justice in our world and looking at examples of where there is injustice and the negative impact that this can have. We also looked at the important festival of Chinese New Year – this year being the year of the pig. According to the Chinese astrology, 2019 is a great year to make money, and a good year to invest! 2019 is going to be full of joy, a year of friendship and love for all the zodiac signs; an auspicious year because the Pig attracts success in all the spheres of life. We look forward to a wonderful year.

In Father Peter's Bible Study Group this week they started discussing the very important message that Isaiah shares with us about the importance of justice in our world. Isaiah really wants us to think about sharing our food with hungry people, to free the people who have been put in prison unfairly, free the people from their hard labour and to help the poor and homeless. Father Peter talked about the period of Lent that is fast approaching and thinking about how we can all become involved in making a difference to other people's lives. In my assembly next Wednesday we will be discussing this further and looking at what the Bishop of London, Bishop Sarah is advocating that we all support with:

Bishop of London's Lent Appeal 2019 – Modern Day Slavery

At Diocesan Synod on 1 December 2018, Bishop Sarah announced that Modern Day Slavery will be the focus for next year's Lent Appeal.

This will build on the work of the Clewer Initiative, part of the national church's approach to eradicating modern day slavery which was launched by the Archbishop Justin in October 2017. It rightly calls for a community wide response to modern slavery – developing partnerships between the Church, statutory and non-statutory agencies to create a network of advocates seeking to end Modern Day Slavery.

Thank you to the many parents who came along to our meetings and activities this week. If any parents want to purchase the CGP revision books, phonic cards or white boards and pens to help your child at home, please pay for them on parent pay and then collect your pack from the school office. We are really trying to support the children in learning their times tables at home, if you were unable to make the meeting on Tuesday, please feel free to speak to Mr. Law or myself. I can't stress enough the importance of children knowing their times tables, next year the government will be requiring schools to administer a times tables test to Yr.4 children and it is very important that we ensure that our children are well prepared for this. Please make every effort to try to attend these as they are very beneficial in supporting parents in their child's learning. These are as follows:

11th February at 9.20am – 9.45am writing activities in Diamond Class

25th February at 9am - School Nurse to talk to parents about the importance of adopting healthy lifestyles – the importance of sleep and a healthy diet for our children

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the above sessions next week.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Susan Notley

Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.1%
Sapphire	97.1%
Diamond	90.0%
Emerald	88.3%
Overall	93.1%

Week Beginning Monday 11 February 2019

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.20-9.45am	Writing Activities for parents in Diamond Class
3.00-4.00pm	Art Club (Invitation only)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
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)
3.00-4.00pm	Science Club (by invitation)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Tennis Club (Yr 2-Yr6)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
11.45-12.10	Circuit Training
2.45pm	Pop Up Shop

HALF TERM
MON 18—FRI 22

RUBY CLASS

It was lovely to see so many parents at our maths workshop yesterday morning, I hope you enjoyed your 'Ruby maths experience' and it gave you some ideas to use at home.

In Ruby we have been celebrating Chinese New Year which has supported all our areas of learning this week. Our role play area is now a Chinese Restaurant which the children are really enjoying using and are becoming very skilled at using chop sticks with noodle wool! We have also been making a class dragon which will be ready for dragon dancing next week! In maths we have been focusing on ordinal numbers which link in with the Chinese Zodiac story, 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. In the playground we have continued with the same theme and have been having races to win medals to consolidate the children's knowledge of ordinal numbers. All the children have been finding what animal year they belong to; the nursery children have been drawing the animal which is relevant to their birth year and the reception have been using their growing phonic skills to write a short sentence about which year they belong to.

Please note: After half term the reception children will need their P.E. kit on Thursdays which will now be their regular P.E. day (joining up with Year 1). Have a great weekend **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

What a busy, productive week it has been in Sapphire this week. Before I discuss what we have learnt this week, please can I gently remind everybody again about the expectations of reading records. These must be filled in on a daily basis and if this cannot happen for whatever reason, you must come in to school or write a note in the reading record to inform us. If your child hasn't read for whatever reason and there isn't a reason for this, they read for 5 minutes during their playtime as a consequence. As a result, we don't want to do this for your child if there is a viable reason as to why this reading didn't occur. Currently across the school, we have a big emphasis on presentation in books so please do reinforce this with your child when they are completing their homework. For those parents in Y1, please continue to work on the fundamentals with your child, including finger spaces, letter formation and letters that are the correct size in relation to one another (see literacy opportunity below). If you are unsure of anything regarding this, please do make an appointment with Mrs Flanagan in the office to come and see. In Maths this week, we have been revising addition and subtraction, including using 'lines and dots' to find our answers. We have worked very hard with this and I have been very impressed at the progress with this. I have also been very impressed with the presentation in Maths books. In Literacy, we have been looking at instructions. We were immersed into this unit of work by making a friendship bracelet for somebody else in the class (why not ask them about it?) We sequenced instructions into the correct order before analysing and annotating the front cover of our new class text, 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. In Topic, we turned our attention to clothing in Uganda, and looked at how this is similar and different to clothing here in the UK.

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

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been learning about using different methods to find the area and perimeter of shapes. Some children also practiced finding the area and perimeter of compound shapes (rectilinear shapes) and working out missing lengths and widths. In Literacy, the class practised identifying the main features of a newspaper report, and then each child planned their own report based on events that happened later on in our class story 'Moon Man'. The children worked really hard, ensuring they used a range of vocabulary to engage their reader. In Geography, the class created information posters about the tropical climate zone, while researching the different countries and biomes that are located in this region, including plants and animals that are adapted there. The children recapped the properties of solids, liquids and gases in our Science lesson, and then classified a range of materials according to their state of matter. They also had scientific discussions about the materials which could be classified as two states of matter, for example, lemonade could be categorised as both liquid and gas. Excellent work this week Diamond Class! Have a great weekend. **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

This week in Emerald Class the children have been looking at properties of numbers. We have focused on factors, multiples, prime numbers, square numbers, cubed numbers and number sequences. There has been a lot to cover but the children have worked really hard and made great steps forward in their learning. In history we focused on the Viking Gods. The children produced some excellent drawings and enjoyed researching all the gory details about each God. Thank you to all the Year 6 children who have been committed to booster groups, after next week, we will be changing the groups around and including a Year 5 session as these are proving invaluable. In Design and Technology today we have started to make our shelters, amongst all the chaos and mess there have been some really good structures created. Next week is assessment week, it is really important that your child is in school to complete the assessments as we are over halfway through the year and this gives us an invaluable indication of what we still need to work on. We hope you have a relaxing weekend. **Joe Law & Kamran Ezel**

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

RUBY CLASS & SAPPHIRE CLASS have received the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 11 February 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>

Eco-Committee

This week we have completed our posters to raise the awareness of litter outside our school and encouraging pupils and parents to help to prevent this from happening. We have also been designing posters to support our campaign across the school to reduce the use of plastic both in school and at home. Please watch out for these posters being displayed across the school. Prizes are being awarded to the top three best posters in each category. I will be announcing the winners next Wednesday. Very soon we will be taking pupils outside the school to conduct litter picks and help to raise the awareness of trying to stop people from throwing litter.

Lost Property

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



School Council

Please start collecting your 2p coins as our 2p challenge will be starting after half-term.



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.



No Mobile Phone & No Photos

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.



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 Spring Term 2019



FEBRUARY		
Monday 11	Writing Activities for parents—Diamond Class	9.20-9.45am
Monday 18—22	HALF TERM	
Monday 25	School Nurse to talk to parents about the importance of adopting healthy lifestyles – the importance of sleep and a healthy diet for our children	9.00am
Thursday 28	Swimming starts for Year 2 & 3	2.00pm
MARCH		
Wednesday 6	Ash Wednesday Service in St. Johns Church	2.20pm
Thursday 7	World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character) £1.50	
Wednesday 13	Ruby Class Assembly	9.00am
Thursday 14	International Day for all pupils	
Friday 15	Dress the Egg Competition begins	
Wednesday 18	Science Week	
Tuesday 19	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 19	No After School Clubs due to Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 20	Sapphire Class Assembly	9.00am
Thursday 21	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 21	No After School Clubs due to Parents' Evening	
Friday 22	World Water Day—Eco-Committee to present in Celebration Assembly	9.00am
Wednesday 27	Diamond Class Assembly	9.00am
Wednesday 27	Easter Concert in St. John's Church for EYFS and KS1	2.30pm
Friday 29	Buy a present for Mothering Sunday	
APRIL		
Monday 1	Last week for After School Clubs	
Monday 1	Closing date for Dress the Egg Competition	
Wednesday 3	Emerald Class Assembly	9.00am
Wednesday 3	Easter Concert in St. John's Church for KS2	2.30pm
Friday 5	Easter Egg Hunt & Fancy Dress Competition	
Friday 5	END OF SPRING TERM	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2019/2020

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
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

AUTUMN	2019
INSET DAY	Monday 2 September
Starts	Tuesday 3 September
Half Term	Monday 21 October—25 Friday October
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 19 December
Bank Holiday	Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 December
SPRING	2020
INSET DAY	Monday 6 January
Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half Term	Monday 17 Feb -Friday 21 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 3 April

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