

# St. John's C.E. Primary

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

'I can do everything, through him who gives me strength.' Philippians C4 v13

This week in our assemblies we have concluded our work on confidence and finished it with a visit from Pathways who had some children acting out the story of when Jesus walked on water and encouraged the disciples to have the confidence to walk on water as well. We talked about the importance of believing in ourselves and always being prepared to give things a go. In Celebration Assembly the following pupils were presented with the confidence cups having really improved in their confidence this half-term:

Ruby Class: Rocco Galarza

Sapphire Class; Connie Bird

Diamond Class: Claudia Bugliari

Emerald Class: La Nika Newman

Thank you to all the pupils in both Diamond and Emerald Class who took the time to prepare their speeches and the confidence that they showed when delivering these speeches to the class. It was an extremely difficult decision for all the pupils in Emerald Class as we had so many pupils presenting very passionate speeches about why they would be a very valid candidate for this Community Group.: The aim of the group is to support the local, national and global community through fundraising, raising awareness of issues that need addressing and working together to bring about change. Congratulations to the following pupils who have been voted in by their class members:

Year3: Georgio Philippou

Year 4: Sophia Ogundipe

Year 5: Alesha Ahmet

Year 6: Ewan Neilson

The group will meet on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February to start planning our first project relating to a global issue around the urgent need to reduce the amount of plastic that we are using. We will be presenting this to the school on the 5<sup>th</sup> March.

It was so encouraging to see so many parents attending our important meetings for Yr.2 and Yr.6 parents about SATs. We still have some books available to buy that will really support your child, these are for sale at the school office.

Just a reminder to the pupils who are attending Breakfast Club, please ensure that you are arriving by 8.15am at the very latest so that we have time to give you a breakfast and clear up before all pupils go out at 8.45am. Some children have been arriving at 8.30am and expecting a breakfast which is really challenging for all concerned.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable half-term.

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.4%
Sapphire	96.3%
Diamond	91.7%
Emerald	97.8%
Overall	95.3%

### Week Beginning 19 February 2018

#### Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

#### Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00—4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation after half term)

#### Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Ser vice in St. John's Church</b>
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

#### Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)

#### Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
12.30-1.00pm	Running Club (Yr 3-6) Yr 2 welcome

## RUBY CLASS

As pancake day is during half term we had our own pancake day a little early in Ruby class. We read the story of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes' and made links with Shrove Tuesday and Lent. The children wrote their own shopping lists for the pancake ingredients and the toppings they wanted to use. On Wednesday we made the pancakes as a whole class, tossed them and ate them! In maths we have been looking at positional language and incorporated this into our P.E. lesson where the children had to follow instructions to move into different positions on the apparatus. We have also used the Beebots for programming directions. The children have completed their paper mache eggs and have now added their penguins which supports the story of 'The Emperor's Egg' we have been reading and our focus on the polar regions. After half term we will be looking at Chinese New Year which is also next week, it would be really helpful if you could look out for any news items which we could share in Ruby class. Also our P.E. day is changing to a Thursday when the reception children will join Year 1; please ensure the children have their P.E. kits in school on Thursdays – many thanks. Finally, on behalf of Ruby class I would like to thank Mrs Petit for all her support with the reception children at lunchtimes over many years; she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best in her retirement. Have a fantastic half term. **Pat Creed**

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

This week in Literacy, we have looked at the features of letter writing. We have really focused on an extended piece of writing which required the children to write from the point of view of Halibut Jackson in reply to the children informing them that he received their invitation and wants to accept their invitation! The children, at first, found this a very tricky concept. However, through confidence and perseverance, the children have now completed fantastic letters which have now formed their February Big Write entry! Well done everyone! In Maths, we have focused on a range of things, from the commutative law for multiplication and division to finding fractions of amounts (linked to money!) Again, these are tricky concepts but the children have really done well on these aspects and we have had so many children this week commenting on how confident they have now become with these mathematical concepts. Again, well done to all children! Thank you to those parents who attended the Year One Phonics Screening/Year Two SATs meeting on Monday! I hope you found it useful and had all your questions/queries/concerned answered. However, if you did not attend the meeting, I am available every night after school apart from a Monday and I am more than happy to go through these details in class with you. I also strongly recommend you to purchase the books that were discussed at the meeting. These focus on all aspects of the curriculum and would help your child greatly at home to reinforce what they're learning in school! On the same note, if you did attend but have additional points you'd wish to discuss, please see earlier in the paragraph where, again, I am more than happy to discuss these with you! Have a lovely, peaceful half term and I look forward to a very exciting (and busy) Spring 2,

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook

## DIAMOND CLASS

I was really pleased with the children's learning in Diamond Class this week. In Literacy, the class completed their diary entries from the point of view of a character in the story 'The Tunnel', by Anthony Browne. They worked extremely hard on this piece of writing and I was very impressed with the quality of work they produced. The children's focus this week in Maths was money; they learnt how to find different combinations of amounts of money using coins, they practised ordering and comparing amounts of money and solved word problems in the money context that involved adding and subtracting amounts of money. We had an 'explosive' Geography lesson today where the children carried out a volcanic eruption experiment! They have now had the chance to visualise (on an extremely smaller scale!) what a volcanic eruption may look like, and the impact it must have. Hope you all have a relaxing half-term break! **Sabrina Anderson**

## EMERALD CLASS

This week the children in Emerald Class had the opportunity to meet Rubinna Umar, who visited us to speak about the religion of Islam. The children have been learning about what it means to be a Muslim in RE this term. The children really enjoyed the visit and had the chance to see a Qu'ran and hear passages from it being read. A Muslim member of our class also had the confidence to read some of the Qu'ran to us in Arabic! Amazing! The class had lots of questions and were enthusiastic about discovering more about our topic. Well done Emerald Class. On Thursday morning we visited St. Luke's church to learn and understand how the organ works. We had great fun understanding the mechanics and science behind this wonderful instrument. A huge well done to all of Emerald class for performing their assembly on Tuesday morning, I'm sure some of the children are still singing the Anglo-Saxon song!! Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to come and watch, your support is greatly appreciated. We hope you have a relaxing half-term break. **Joe Law & Kamran Ezel**

# NOTICES

## KS1 & KS2 SATS Books

KS1 & KS2 SATS books are for sale in the school office.

## Urgent Spare Clothes required

Ruby class have run out of spare trousers, skirts, socks, tights and knickers for any accidents. If you have any spare or unwanted items, please can you bring them into school.



## ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay is up to date.



## Nursery Admissions 2018/19

- 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 Schools.

Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church

Wednesday 21 February at 2.30pm

Children's Service at St. John's Church

18 February at 9.30am

## Packed Lunch

Please ensure that all packed lunches are collected at the end of the day.





## Date List for Spring Term 2018

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Monday 12—Friday 16	HALF TERM	
Wednesday 21	Ash Wednesday Service in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Wednesday 28	Sapphire Class Assembly	9.05am
<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>Tuesday 6</b>	<b>Ocean Maths for parents—Sapphire Class</b>	9.00am
Wednesday 7	Diamond Class Assembly	9.05am
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	<b>Ocean Maths for parents—Diamond Class</b>	
Wednesday 14	Reception Class Assembly	9.05am
Tuesday 20	Parents' Evening	3.00— 5.30pm
Wednesday 21	Easter Concert for Ruby & Sapphire Class in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Thursday 22	Parents' Evening	3.00— 7.00pm
Wednesday 28	Easter Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church	2.15pm
Thursday	School closes for Easter Holidays	1.15pm

## Term Dates for 2018/2019

### Spring 2018

INSET DAY Friday 5 January  
 Starts Monday 8 January  
 Half term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February  
 Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March

### Summer 2018

Starts Monday 16 April  
 Half Term Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June  
 Ends (1.30pm) Friday 20 July  
 Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018

### Autumn 2018

INSET DAY Monday 3 September  
 Starts Tuesday 4 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

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