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This week through our collective worship we have been discussing with the pupils the meaning of the biblical quotation that supports our vision statement which is as follows:

***'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.'* Ephesians 3.16-18**

Father Peter led the collective worship by explaining to the pupils that the glorious riches stand for God's values that he wants to instil in all of us so that we can ensure that we are growing and flourishing in all aspects of life. We talked about the Holy Spirit being inside all of us and this is what gives us that special power to be the best that we can be. Without the Holy Spirit we are just ordinary people, like Spiderman when he was bitten by the spider – when we are bitten by the Holy Spirit we have the power to grow and flourish using God's glorious riches (God's values). Next week we will continue to explore and discuss the remainder of this really significant biblical quote to help all pupils to understand and appreciate how God is there to help us all to be excellent citizens in this beautiful world.

I am looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at our special Remembrance Service next Wednesday at 2.30pm where we will remember those who have sacrificed their lives for us with particular reference to those from St. John's parish in both world war one and two. Please try and support the poppy appeal that takes place at the end of school each day. Thank you to Mr. Hutchby for giving up his time to run this with the school council.

Thank you to many members of the Parents Teachers' Committee again who have given up their time today to run our pop up shop. This shop will be raising money so that we can subsidise the Pantomime trip in December and also purchase the ongoing equipment that we need for every class. Please make every effort to support this initiative every week in the school hall. We are also selling second-hand items of clothing and next week we will be selling the poppies that the pupils made as an act of remembrance for our Remembrance Service next Wednesday.

Given the very positive feedback that we have received from many parents following our demonstration lessons, we have decided to run more this half-term. Please take note of the dates as we really want to see as many parents as possible at these very valuable events. **Please note the following meeting for Emerald Class parents on Tuesday:**

13th November at 10.30 – 10.50pm – Guided Reading in Emerald Class

22nd November at 10.45 – 11.40am Maths lesson in Sapphire Class

4th December at 10.30am – 11am Phonic lesson in Ruby Class

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

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend. Please remember to bring in your Christmas Boxes by the 14th November.

Best wishes

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	85.7%
Sapphire	86.9%
Diamond	91.2%
Emerald	94.0%
Overall	89.5%

Week Beginning Monday 12 November 2018

Monday

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

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
10.30-10.50	Guided Reading in Emerald Class for 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
9.00am	Shoeboxes deadline to be brought into school
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
2.30pm	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church (Reception to Year 6)
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Tennis Club (Yr 2)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.45am	PTA meeting
11.45-12.10	Running Club
2.45pm	Pop Up Shop

RUBY CLASS

The main focus of our week in Ruby Class has been Catriona's competition. We have been talking about how we can look after God's world and the children have used oil pastels to draw their own ideas which we have scribed for them. Look out for the results of the competition in early December. We have also been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali; we have acted out the story of Rama and Sita, made rangoli patterns and diva lamps which will be coming home very soon. In maths we have been looking at pattern and the children have created their own patterns from different media. Please encourage the children to look out for patterns within the environment I am sure you will be surprised how much pattern you will find!

Reminder As the reception children will be attending the Remembrance service at St John's church next Wednesday (14th November) the nursery session will finish at 2 o'clock. Finally, we would like to welcome Pixie to Ruby class and her family to St Johns school. Have a lovely weekend **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Before I touch on what the children have learnt this week, I must start by stating how incredibly proud I was with all the children on Wednesday in our Collective Worship on the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. They tried very hard with this during our rehearsals and this clearly showed on Wednesday! Well done Sapphire – you all want to be proud of yourselves as it is not an easy task performing to the rest of the school and to parents! In Maths this week, we have looked at 2D shape. We have had a very practical week in maths this week. We have looked at naming 2D shapes, describing their properties in written form (Y2) and by cutting and sticking properties to the shape name and picture in pairs (Y1). On Thursday, we were given marshmallows, blue tack and cocktail sticks. Our job was to create different 2D shapes using these resources. We have worked very hard with this week and I am very excited in seeing the children take this learning forward next week when we look at 3D shapes. In Literacy this week, have worked hard on Catriona's Writing on 'Our Beautiful World'. We have all looked at re-telling God's Creation Story in picture form (Y1) and in written form (Y2). We then looked at looking after different things in God's world, such as trees and animals. We are all very excited with this competition and are all eager to find out who they winners will be! For homework next week, all children in all phonics group will have the exact same spellings that they have had this week. This is due to the large number of children who have unfortunately been off ill this week and therefore have missed spelling practice etc in daily phonic sessions this week. I hope this makes sense but if not, please do feel free to come and see me. Have a lovely weekend and a nice, relaxing half term! **James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.**

DIAMOND CLASS

In Diamond Class this week, the children practised telling the time on an analogue clock to the nearest quarter of an hour, to the nearest 5 minutes and some to the nearest minute. They learnt to convert times between analogue and digital, and solved time word problems. For the Catriona's Writing Competition, the class wrote imaginative poems about 'our wonderful world'. They were able to use descriptive language including similes and metaphors to describe the beautiful features that make up our world. They all worked extremely hard on this task, and in Diamond Class... they are all winners! In Guided Reading, the children have been practising to summarise a text. To assist them with this task, they were asked to find out **who** the text was about, **where** they were, **what** happened, **why** and **how** it happened and **when**. This summarising task really helped the children to demonstrate their understanding of what they have read. In Science, we have been learning about the different food groups, what types of food belong to each group and the importance of a balanced diet. This partly tied in with our current DT topic, 'Sandwich Snacks', where we shared our favourite types of sandwiches and discussed which food group each filling belongs to, and how we can make the sandwiches healthier. Today, the children tasted a variety of sandwich fillings and described their taste, smell, texture and appearance. This is in preparation for the children to decide what type of sandwich they will choose to make during our DT lesson next week. Have a wonderful weekend **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

This week the children in Emerald Class have been writing poetry for Catriona's Writing Competition. We have looked back on the techniques we learned from the visit by the poet Paul Lyalls, and have been producing excellent poems about our wonderful world. The standard is very high and shows the effort all the children have put in. In RE, we continued our look at Remembrance and the lessons we can learn from remembering. The children have taken part in deep discussions about how should learn from the past. In maths we have continued to focus on angles and later in the week started to focus on length, measuring and variety of different objects and distances and also converting between millimetres, centimetres, metres and kilometres. This morning we have had an enjoyable art lesson making our poppies from all of the plastic bottles that have been recycled and brought into school. Well done Emerald Class! **Joe Law & Kamran Ezel**

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

EMERALD CLASS have received the highest attendance this week but unfortunately as it is not over 96% the non-uniform on Monday does not apply.



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%.

Eco-Committee



Thank you for all the water bottles that were brought in. This morning pupils in Emerald Class made a selection of beautiful poppies that will be outside the church for our Remembrance Service on Wednesday and then we will be selling them in our pop up shop on Friday.

Please remember the Christmas Boxes must be in by next Wednesday the 14th November. Thank you to all the pupils and parents who have made these already. Please remember to complete the slip and insert a donation of £5.

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 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

This week the children have been discussing Anti-Bullying Week, which is next week. On Monday we will be speaking to the children during our collective worship about the role that we play in keeping the children of St. John's safe and happy. To mark our awareness of Anti-Bullying Week, we will all be wearing odd socks on Monday to show that everyone is unique!

Operation Christmas Child



Gift Form, for Operation Christmas Child, which we support every year. Operation Christmas Child is where we aim for every family in the school to donate a shoebox filled with gifts for a special child to enjoy this Christmas. Please bring these in after half term with the deadline of **Wednesday 14 November**. For more details visit their website

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

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

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 13	Guided Reading in Emerald Class for Parents	10.30-10.50pm
Wednesday 14	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church (Reception to Yr 6)	2.30pm
Wednesday 14	Operation Christmas Child (deadline for shoeboxes to be in school)	9.00am
Friday 16	PTA meeting	9.45am
Tuesday 20	Parents' Evening to see the class teacher	
Thursday 22	Parents' Evening to see the class teacher	
Thursday 22	Maths Lesson in Sapphire Class for Parents	10.45-11.40am
Friday 30	Decorating of the School Hall for Christmas	After Celebration Assembly
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 4	Phonic lesson in Ruby class	10.30-11.00am
Tuesday 4	Guided Reading in Diamond Class	9.20am – 9.45am
Tuesday 4	Book Fair	After School
Thursday 6	School Disco for Emerald & Diamond Class (Dance Club will enter free)	3.00-4.00pm
Friday 7	School Disco for Sapphire & Ruby Class	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday 12	Happy Bags Collection	9.00am
Thursday 13	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.00pm
Friday 14	Secret Santa shop for all pupils—buy a present for your family	
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

Term Dates for 2018/2019

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

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.