

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Following on from our assembly last week on continuing our campaign to reduce the use of plastic in our school, I am delighted to see that so many pupils have really made an effort to ensure that they are using reusable containers for their lunch and drinks. I am delighted to report that there will be a presentation on The Bridge of Hope charity for all pupils and parents on the 16th July. This is a charity that is very special to St. John's School. For a number of years now we have been sponsoring two children, Vanessa and Rogers in Uganda and it is so rewarding to see how they have really flourished from the support that we have provided them. We will be spending some time in this presentation looking at the impact that this charity has made on the lives of many children like Vanessa and Rogers in Uganda. We will also as a school, be thinking about how we can become involved in some of the projects that The Bridge of Hope Charity is currently supporting.

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Ascension Service in St. John's Church yesterday celebrating the very end of the Easter period where Jesus ascended into heaven. Father Peter gave a very interesting and stimulating talk about how difficult it can be saying farewell but also how very positive things can come out of this as well. He made us think about the fantastic time that the disciples had after Jesus left spending their time spreading the Christian message and how when we take on new challenges the rewards that we can gain from this. Father Peter also talked about the gift of the Holy Spirit and this will be discussed and explored more with the children in his next assembly where we will be thinking about Pentecost.

We are now preparing the pupils for our very special service on the 15th June at 9am in St. John's Church where we will be honoured to have the bishop of Edmonton, RT. Revd, Rob Wickham leading the service. It would be lovely to have as many parents as possible joining us for this service as it will form part of our official blessing of Emerald Class.

As many of you are aware new legislation regarding data protection is coming into force on the 25th May, please take the time to read the information attached to this newsletter.

In preparation for our very special royal wedding, we will be starting the celebrations with a delicious lunch for the whole school on Thursday. Ruby Class will be having a themed week based on the royal wedding so that they can really experience how grand an occasion this truly will be.

Have a lovely relaxing weekend, enjoying the sunshine.

Best wishes

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.3%
Sapphire	95.7%
Diamond	96.7%
Emerald	94.8%
Overall	95.6%

Week Beginning 14 May 2018

Monday

KS2 SATS start

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	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
1.30-2.00pm	Swimming (Yr2/3)
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

Thank you for coming to the 'pop up' shop last week, it was a great success and the children enjoyed using money in a real context. In maths this week we are looking at problem solving by halving, doubling and sharing. We have also been reading the story of Mr Gumpy's boat and have had a try at writing our own piece of repetitive text. This story also inspired the children to have a try at making their own boats and testing them out to see if they were waterproof and would float. We definitely have a class of engineers in Ruby - there were some great designs but quite a few sinkings! The nursery children have been ordering the bears, chairs and bowls by size from the story of the three bears. Please remember to send in the photos for our wedding album to celebrate the royal wedding. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend

Pat Creed

SAPPHIRE CLASS

I hope you all had a lovely extended weekend, especially with that glorious weather!!

In Maths this week, we have been recapping our knowledge of addition and subtraction. We have been looking at the commutative law (when you swap the numbers around to make a different calculation with the same answer (for example: $32 + 25 = 57$ and $25 + 32 = 57$)). We have then looked at the inverse (addition-subtraction; subtraction – addition) and used this to help us identify missing numbers. We have worked really hard with this and would encourage you to let your child explain/show you their hard work with this!

In Literacy this week, we have continued our work on last week's election work. We have now moved onto letter writing and our objective now is to write a persuasive letter to Theresa May outlining our reasons why children should be allowed to vote in elections too. We have planned our letter and are now in the process of writing our letter (a process which will continue into early next week). There has been great debate about this, but 'treating people the same' has been the big reason to come out of this. Whilst some of us have said why children should vote, some of us were tasked with a more difficult task linking their reasons to why some people would be concerned about this! Why not ask your child what they think?

As mentioned last week, I am still becoming increasingly alarmed about the low number of Y2 children who are completing their times tables booklet 3+ times a week as expected. With SATs imminent, it is important the children are aware of their 2, 5 and 10 times tables as in the previous two years, these have featured heavily in the KS1 Maths Arithmetic Paper. Furthermore, as the end of the school year is fast approaching, this would support our transition into Year 3! If you are looking for new, fun ways to help your child with this, please do come and see me at your earliest convenience as I am happy to help!

[James Stringer](#), [Tracey Hargate](#) and [Charlotte Snook](#).

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been learning about 3D shapes in Maths. They have practised naming 3D shapes and identifying their properties, sorting shapes in a Venn diagram, visualising 3D shapes from 2D nets and making shapes using nets. In Literacy, the children wrote a set of questions to ask Mick, a character in our class story. They then worked in pairs and 'hot-seated' each other, while their partner answered their questions in the role of the character. I was really impressed with the children's ability to use their imagination while answering questions. On Thursday, they planned their own character profiles for Mick that they will write up next week.

During Science lesson, the children worked in groups to carry out a comparative test; they compared how easy or how difficult it was for an object to slide down a ramp covered with various materials of different textures. They tested two materials at a time to recognise the difference between how the object travelled down the ramp, and recorded their results. In Art, some children shared some of the resources they have collected to use for their sculptures. The class planned their sculpture by sketching an image and labelling the materials that they intend to use. I have asked the children to bring in any reusable/recyclable objects that they can use to create their sculptures (eg. tin cans, plastic water bottles, cardboard, empty food packets, etc). It would be great if you could help your child to collect any items which are of no use to anyone anymore, that they could bring in and use to help create their sculpture.

Have a lovely weekend. [Sabrina Anderson](#)

EMERALD CLASS

This week the children in Emerald Class have been writing an exciting story opening with a sci-fi theme. We analysed the features of a good opening, and then the children worked in pairs to use their imaginations to create their own versions! The standard of the writing shows how much the children have taken in this year. With little input, they were able to create fantastic stories, with many children applying creative techniques they have seen in their own reading. Well done Emerald Class! In maths we have continued to focus on revising and looking over lots of different aspects of the curriculum in preparation for our SATS next week. It is really important that the year 6 children are fresh and ready first thing on Monday morning as they have worked extremely well over the last months and hopefully this can be reflected in their performance during the test. We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

NOTICES

School Council update

It has been agreed! After discussions with the children and staff, we have agreed that the end of year behaviour reward will be a picnic with fun activities! This will take place in the final week of the school year. The final date and arrangements will be shared soon. We are all excited!

Great Ormond Street Cake Sale! The fantastic hospital is close to our hearts here at St. John's. We have decided to raise money for their 'Get Your Bake On' event by holding a cake sale on Thursday 24th May. Please donate cakes on that day to help us fundraise and show our support!

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.



Packed Lunch

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



Royal Lunch

There will be a Royal Lunch on Thursday 17 May to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.



If your child usually has packed lunch but would like a school dinner on that day, please inform the office and put £2.30 on ParentPay under school dinners.

The menu is on the noticeboard at the front of the school.

Late Collections

Please may I remind parents that if you are late collecting your child after school, you will be charged. Please check your ParentPay for any outstanding charges for late collections.

If you would like a copy of the Late Collection Policy it can be found on the website or please ask in the school office.

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.





Date List for Summer Term 2018

MAY		
Monday 14	KS2 SATS start	
Monday 21	KS1 SATS start	
Monday 28—Friday 1 June	HALF TERM	
JUNE		
Monday 4—Friday 8	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Friday 15	Blessing of the new school building by the Bishop of Edmonton—all parents welcome for a Thanksgiving Service in the school hall	9.00am
Monday 18	District Sports—Year 3 to Year 6	
Tuesday 19	St Paul's Cathedral visit—Emerald Class	
Friday 22	Poetry Festival—Diamond Class (Reserve date Thursday 29 June)	
JULY		
Wednesday 4	Diamond Class Assembly	9.05am
Monday 9	Emerald Class visit to St. Michael's Primary School for Maths quiz	A.M.
Monday 9	Discovery Centre Visit—Reception Class & Sapphire Class	9.00am
Monday 9	Bikeability—Year 5 & 6 all week	
Tuesday 10	Diamond Class visit to St. Michael's Primary School for Maths quiz	A.M.
Tuesday 10	Science Project—Year 5 & 6	
Wednesday 11	Ruby Class Assembly	9.05am
Thursday 12	Graduation Concert—Ruby Class	
Monday 16	Bridge of Hope Charity Presentation in the school hall	9.00am
Tuesday 17	Sports' Day	1.00pm
Wednesday 18	Summer Concert in St. John's Church (KS1 & KS2)	2.00pm
Thursday 19	Reserve Sports' Day	1.00pm
Thursday 19	Nursery Class End of Summer Term	3.00pm
Friday 20	Leavers' Service in St. John's Church	9.00am
Friday 20	End of Summer Term	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2018/2019

Summer	2018	Spring	2019
Starts	Monday 16 April	INSET DAY	Monday 7 January
Half Term	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Starts	Tuesday 8 January
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 20 July	Half Term	Monday 18 February—Friday 22 February
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 May 2018	Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 5 April
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		

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