

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**HEADTEACHER'S NEWS**

Thank you to all the parents and friends of St. John's School who attended the Catriona Fathers' writing awards assembly today. This is always an extremely special event in the life of our school and our pupils both past and present. Catriona attended our school for a very short time before she became very ill and sadly died when she was just six years old. However, in the time that she spent with us in Ruby Class, she showed a real passion for writing and was indeed a very creative girl. Therefore, it is very fitting in memory of Catriona that we continue to instil in our children that love of writing and how we can use the written word to express our true feelings, capturing our wonderful imaginations. This morning was a wonderful celebration not only of Catriona's life but also the power of writing and how it is so important that we continue to embrace this in the world of technology that seems to engulf our children at times.

Congratulations to the following pupils who were the winners in each year group and to our overall winner:

Reception	Fabian Edelman	
Year 1	Kye Compino	
Year 2	Tristan Val Kispal	
Year 3	Nicky Leonidou	<u>Overall Winner</u>
Year 4	Sophia Ogundipe	Sophia Ogundipe
Year 5	Ainsley Owusu	
Year 6	Ewan Neilson	

We are indeed so grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Fathers for the time and effort that they put in every year judging the entries and their very generous book tokens for all the winners.

Unfortunately, I have not been successful in being able to secure twenty pupils who are requesting childcare after school. Therefore, it will not be viable for the school to be able to offer this facility. All our clubs after school will continue in the New Year. Very shortly we will be offering places again for next term's multi-skills and dance club, please ensure that you book these places as soon as they are advertised as the places tend to fill up quickly.

Our overall attendance percentage for this week is 95.1% which is well below our target of 97%. Well done to Sapphire Class as you achieved the highest score of 96.3% this week for attendance. Sapphire Class will now have the cup in their classroom all week.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

Class	Week
Ruby	92.0%
Sapphire	96.3%
Diamond	95.9%
Emerald	96.2%
Overall	95.1%

Week Beginning**4 December 2017****Monday**

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

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
FOOTBALL CLUB CANCELLED FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM	
3.00—4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation) starting after Christmas

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
NETBALL CLUB CANCELLED FOR THE REST OF THIS TERM	

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Running Club

NOTICES

Absences

Please remember that if your child is off sick to telephone the office on the morning of their absence and on their return to give in a written explanation of their absence.

Christmas School Dinner

If your child is packed lunch but would like a Christmas School Dinner on Friday 15 December, please pay £2.30 on ParentPay under school dinners



Nursery Admissions 2017

- 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.



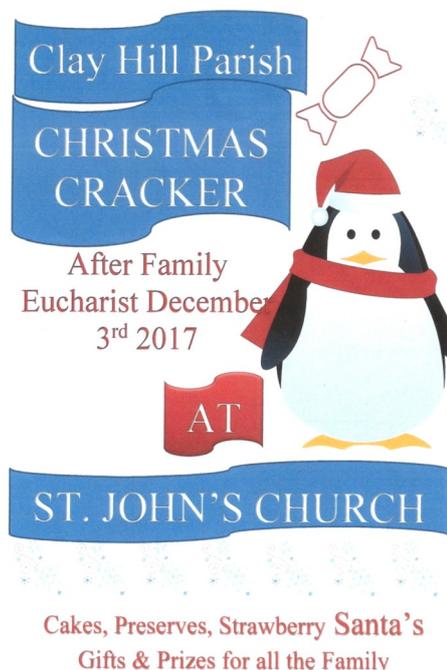
Packed Lunch

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



School Dinner / Breakfast Club

School Dinner and Breakfast Club accounts always need to be in credit.



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.



RUBY CLASS

Christmas is beginning in Ruby class! This week the children have been busy making Christmas cards and using their phonic skills to write Christmas messages inside the cards. Our home corner is in the process of being transformed into Santa's workshop where I am sure we will have lots of busy elves to wrap up 3D parcels! This will help to consolidate our work in maths where the reception children are beginning to recognise 3D shapes and describe their properties. The nursery children have been making snowmen by writing the letters in their names on snowballs. All the children have also been busy practising the songs for the nativity play which is really helping to get us into the Christmas spirit. Remember to put the date in your diary – Thursday 15th December 2.00 p.m. (Please note the earlier time) As the weather is getting colder please can you encourage the children to try and do their zips and buttons up independently and also please name any gloves, hats and scarfs. Many thanks for your support. Have a great weekend **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Another exciting week of learning in Sapphire Class! On Tuesday, we travelled to the Millfield Centre in Edmonton for our annual pantomime visit. This year, the production was called Jack and the Beanstalk! Overall, we really enjoyed this as we found it very funny! Well done to all children as they ensured that they showed positive behaviour and manners and therefore helping to represent St John's positively. When we returned to school, we had our lunch and then it was time for festive fun! We were very appreciative of the help that we received and we had fun making our classroom all festive with Christmas music quietly playing in the background. To continue the festive approach, we have also opened our first door on our advent calendar, with another 2 children randomly selected to open this Saturday and Sunday! In literacy, we completed our setting description by editing and improving our own work before transferring our writing from our literacy books to our Big Write assessment book. We have now started looking at diary entries and today, we began writing our entry about our trip to Millfield. In maths, we have worked hard to secure our number and place value knowledge. We have re-visited $< > =$ signs as well as finding different combinations to make the same amount! Well done everyone!

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

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Maths, Diamond Class have been learning to interpret different types of graphs, including pictograms, bar charts and line graphs. They have demonstrated their understanding of the graphs by answering questions based on the information shown. Next week, they will collect and gather their own information and create graphs to reflect their results. In Literacy, the class have written their own interpretation of the myth 'Pandora's Box'. They learnt the rules for using inverted commas for speech. The children absolutely enjoyed the pantomime on Tuesday! They went to see the show 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and they found it incredibly funny! Next week, the children will be doing their assessments; therefore I encourage them to do any revision possible over the weekend so that they are well prepared! Congratulations to Sophia Ogundipe and Nicky for winning the Catriona's writing award! An absolutely fantastic effort and well deserved!

Hope you all have a great weekend, **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

This week in Literacy, Emerald Class has been focusing on the character of Manyara and her reasons for treating her sister badly. The children explored her character through drama, and were all excellent in getting into role as Manyara and thinking about the way she feels. They will next be putting their ideas together to write a diary entry as the character to explore her inner feelings. We're sure that the writing produced will be excellent, as has been the case this year. Well done Emerald Class. In maths we have continued working on statistics creating our own bar charts, line graphs, pie charts and pictograms. The children will consolidate this learning in their homework task. We have finally painted our pots and are now ready to create our drawings. Please look in the Enfield Independent as there is an article regarding our recent visit for the launch of the 3G pitch in Enfield playing fields. We hope you have a relaxing weekend. **Joe Law & Kamran Ezel**



Date List for Autumn Term 2017

DECEMBER		
Thursday 14	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.00pm
Friday 15	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas School Dinner	
Tuesday 19	Christmas Parties	1pm
Wednesday 20	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 21	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.15pm

Date List for Spring Term 2018

JANUARY		
Friday 5	INSET DAY	
Monday 8	Spring Term starts for pupils	8.45am
Thursday 18	E-Safety for parents in the school hall	2.30pm
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 6	Emerald Class Assembly	9.05am
Thursday 8	Organ Recital for Emerald Class	9.15-10.45am
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
MARCH		
Wednesday 7	Diamond Class Assembly	9.05am
Wednesday 14	Reception Class Assembly	9.05am
Tuesday 20	Parents' Evening	3.00— 5.30pm
Wednesday 21	Spring Concert for Ruby & Sapphire Class in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Thursday 22	Parents' Evening	3.00— 7.00pm
Wednesday 28	Spring Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church	2.15pm
Thursday	School closes for Easter Holidays	1.15pm

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY Monday 4 September
 INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September
 Starts Wednesday 6 September
 Half term Monday 23 October—Friday 27 October
 Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December

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

Term Dates for 2017/2018

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

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