

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

1 July 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I am delighted to report that Emerald Class will be in their new classroom from next week which is well and truly deserved as they have been so patient and sensible during this transitional time. In order to ensure that all works to the hall are completed by September, we are starting work on the front of the hall which means that our entrance has got to change. Please bear with us during this challenging time and it is really important that everyone adheres to all safety procedures that will be put in place. Emerald Class will be dismissed from the staff car park to avoid additional congestion. There will be no celebration assembly until the 19th July due to having to store the tables in the hall and the stage being in the hall for the Graduation Concert. Unfortunately, the end of term disco will have to be cancelled as well. We look forward to returning to school in September with all works completed and an impressive entrance to St. John's School.

We remembered Ms. Aylott in all our classes as her funeral takes place today. Mr. Law, Miss Gibbs and Miss Kings will be representing the staff at the funeral along with several parents and pupils. Thank you to everyone who has been so supportive of the family and willing to help in so many different ways. Next week we will be dedicating Thursday to Ms. Aylott where everyone will wear as much pink as possible and buy a flower in her memory. There will also be a cake sale at the end of the day so we would really appreciate as many donations of cakes as possible. The money raised from this event will be presented to the family for them to organise something very special for the children during the summer holidays.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and friends of St. John's School at our annual Fun Run last Friday, followed by our Summer Fayre at the cricket pitch. Thank you to all the Friends of St. John's who made this such a successful event and I look forward to my time of torture again next year!!

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Week</u> |
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| Ruby | 95.0% |
| Sapphire | 97.2% |
| Diamond | 95.9% |
| Emerald | 95.3% |

Overall 95.9%

Week Beginning

4 July 2016

Monday

8am Breakfast Club
11.30 **Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Year 4/5**

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club
Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)
3.15-4.10 Art Club (KS2 by invitation)

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club
Spanish Club—school time (Yr 2)
Keyboard Club—school time
Recorder Club—school time
3.15-4.10 NO Cricket Club (Yr 4 & 6)

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club
1.30 **Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3**
3.15-4.10 NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Friday

8am Breakfast Club
Running Club during school (Yr2-6)
3.15-4.00 NO Rounders Club (Yr 5-6)
(Please note the finishing time)
Race Night at Enfield Cricket Club

Ruby Memories

Ruby Class has been full of budding scientists all week.

We have been making science experiments which we have to look at every day to observe changes—dying flowers and celery, growing vegetable tops, comparing and pressing flowers and of course, some WOW experiments including making volcanoes! We have also had a pirate theme going on all week for our writing and number activities and have been finding wanted posters for Blackbeard and messages in bottles all over the classroom! The nursery children have

been counting pirates into their pirate ships and then finding out how many pirates they have altogether. Three more children have completed their targets; Giovanni and Sebastian made pizzas to their own recipes and Gabriel has made an 'olden days' aeroplane. We have had a busy week! Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week we have had a fantastic time with all of our WOW experiments for Science

Week! As I am sure the children will have already informed you, we have stretched Curly Wurly chocolate bars to find out who could get closest to 2m; made raisins dance in soda water and built towers out of spaghetti and marshmallows! You really must take a look at the website to see pictures of our challenges along with the delight on our faces at what we had achieved. In literacy we

have continued our work on our class story and have designed some disgusting sandwiches for Mrs Grinling to use for scaring away the greedy seagulls! We then had fun acting out the reaction of the seagulls when they didn't quite get what they'd expected! Next week we will have PE on Monday as well as Thursday so please ensure kits are in for this.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

Diamond Class have had a busy week this week! As it is science week, the class

have been investigating the impact that fizzy drinks have on the teeth. They have also been exploring the digestive system and the class have been learning about the scientific theory behind the explosion that occurs when coke is mixed with mentoes sweets. The children also completed some research on Charles Darwin. All of our investigative work was presented fantastically by a few children in Diamond Class, during Celebration Assembly. In literacy, the children have been reading Sam's Duck by Michael Morpurgo. The main character, Sam faces a difficult decision in the story and the children had to role play and create a piece of writing describing the

possible choices Sam could make. The children also chose a scene from the story and created a piece of descriptive writing using a range of different adverbs and fronted adverbials. In maths, we have been ordering decimals, converting between decimals and fractions and finding fractions of shapes and numbers.

Don't forget that the children need to bring in their P.E. kit in on Monday as an outside agency will be teaching the children on Monday and Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week during science week Emerald have studied the life of Tim Peake and researched what he was actually doing on his recent space mission. We also completed the 'Curly Wurly Challenge' and after 20 minutes some children had stretched their chocolate to 3 and a half metres! In maths we have been looking at

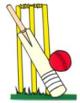
3D shapes with a focus on nets, the children had great fun making a dodecahedron and also an icosahedron. Hopefully next week we will be in our new classroom although there are still a few bits and bobs to sort out, so fingers crossed. I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Joe Law

Sports News

A very busy week across the sporting front with rounders, cricket and athletics taking place. On Monday we played a very strong Salcombe team at cricket and after a valiant effort against some very quick bowling lost by 112 runs. The player of the match was Jing-Fong Koh for some good bowling. On Tuesday evening we went over to Suffolks to play rounders. I was extremely pleased with the whole team's attitude

and general play, eventually winning convincingly 11.5 to 5.5. The player of the match for some good hitting and fine catching was Tom Doe. On Wednesday afternoon Damian O'Connor represented the school at the District Sport Finals in the year 6 60 metre hurdles. He finished a very commendable fourth place and deserves much credit for this.



Joe Law

Year 6—ParentPay/Library books

We are fast approaching the end of the academic year, where Year 6 will be starting their new schools.

Please can you ensure that all services/trips on ParentPay are up to date and that all library books have been returned before the last week of the summer term.

Church Services

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.



Nursery Admissions—Sept 2016

- 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.

Nursery
places still
available



Date List for Summer Term 2016

| JULY | | |
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| Friday 8 | Race Night at Enfield Cricket Club | |
| Monday 11 | Bikeability—Yr 5/6 all week | |
| Wednesday 13 | Summer Concert—KS1 & KS2 | 2.30pm |
| Friday 15 | Graduation Concert—Reception Class | 9.30am |
| | Nursery to attend school for the morning session | 9.00-11.45 |
| Monday 18 | Sports' Day | 1pm |
| Tuesday 19 | Celebration Assembly—all parents welcome | 9.10am |
| | Reserve Sports' Day | 1pm |
| Wednesday 20 | Leavers' Service | 9.10am |
| | END OF SUMMER TERM | 1.30pm |

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

Friends' Notice

Fun Run & Fair

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Fun Run & Fair.

Race Night

Please join us for a fun filled evening on Friday 8th July at North Enfield Cricket Club, Strayfield Road, EN2 9JE. Doors open at 7pm.

REMINDER—Friends' Meetings

In the school hall, 6 July, All welcome.

MANY THANKS THE FRIENDS' OF ST. JOHN'S

Term Dates for 2016/2017

Summer term 2016

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| Starts | Monday 11 April |
| Bank holiday | Monday 2 May |
| Half term | Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June |
| Ends | Wednesday 20 July |

Autumn term 2016

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| INSET DAY | Friday 2 September |
| Starts | Monday 5 September |
| Half Term | Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October |
| Ends | Wednesday 21 December |

Spring term 2017

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| INSET DAY | Wednesday 4 January |
| Starts | Thursday 5 January |
| Half term | Monday 13 to Friday 17 February |
| Ends | Friday 31 March |

Summer term 2017

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| Starts | Tuesday 18 April |
| Bank holiday | Monday 1 May |
| Half term | Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June |
| Ends | Friday 21 July |

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