

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

10 February 2017



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

In our assemblies this week we have been discussing St Valentine and looking at the origin of Valentine's Day. It is believed that it started in the Roman Empire around 270AD under the ruling of Claudius II. We talked about the importance of love in the world and how powerful this emotion can be but also we looked at when love is absent what can happen. I spent some time discussing the importance of love in the Bible and how God sacrificed his only Son for us:

'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life' John 4. V13

We have put two new noticeboards outside the school, one is for the important information on attendance and punctuality and the other one will have all the day to day information that parents need to know. Please make sure that you take the time to look at these.

When we return after the break, we will have scaffolding up for the last time at St. John's School. The hall roof will be worked on first and then a canopy will be built over Easter so that we can have a covered area outside every classroom. The final piece of work will be completed in the summer holidays when the hall will be decorated and then our school will be complete!

From our monitoring of the parking this week, we are still having a lot of cars parking on the kerb and on the yellow zig zag lines outside school, which is unacceptable. If you are worried about the safety of your car on this busy road, then please park in Strayfield Road. The following vehicles have been spotted parking dangerously.

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Could I please remind you again that Head Start Nursery is private property and no parents should be parking there at anytime of the day.

Have a lovely half-term everyone.

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.9%
Sapphire	95.2%
Diamond	90.3%
Emerald	96.3%
Overall	94.4%

### Week Beginning 20 February 2017

#### Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Reception to Year 6)

#### Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Art Club (by invitation)
3.15-4.10pm	Science Club (by invitation)

#### Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (3-6)

#### Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (by invitation)

#### Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
	Please note the earlier finish time

## Ruby Memories

We have continued the Chinese New Year theme this week; the children have completed our Chinese dragon and have been practising their dragon dancing in the playground. In maths the children have been taking part in running races to support their work on ordinal numbers and have become very confident in using the vocabulary of 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>. etc. Next term we will be looking at numbers all around us, if you can help your child find any examples of numbers on everyday objects - tickets, receipts etc. please

save them and bring them into school for us to share. Throughout this week we have been carrying out assessments on the children's phonic knowledge and are so pleased with the progress the children are making with their phonics which is really beginning to impact on their reading and writing - thank you for all your support, it really does make a difference. It has been a very busy half term and I am sure the children are ready for the half term holiday; have a great week!

Pat Creed

## Sapphire Tales

This week we have been very busy with assessments in Year 2. Well done and I know it's been hard work but the progress you have made is fantastic! Year 1 have also been very busy verbalising and writing sentences about animals and using lots of connectives. They have also enjoyed playing maths games to practise their number bands to 10 and 20 and for adding and taking away using their

number lines. In science we have planted our beans in above the soil, below the soil, in different directions and at different depths. Let's see what happens!  
Have a lovely break.

Maria Piscitelli

## Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been busy completing their half termly assessments. They have worked really hard and definitely deserve a good rest over half term! Aside from the assessments, we have been writing diary entries in role as Victorian children. Their entries were inspired by the Victorian day that we had. The children were also inspired by an original census from the 1800's. The children found out lots of information about a particular

family living in Enfield at the time. We discussed what their lives might have been like and all of the children decided to write in role as one of the Victorian children from the census. In numeracy, we have mainly focused on finding fractions of numbers and in literacy we have been writing free verse poems based on familiar objects!

I hope you have a well-deserved half term break!

Hannah Gallagher

## Emerald Echoes

We had a great day on Monday participating in our Viking themed day. The children completed a number of activities and particularly enjoyed throwing the stones to see what the future held. In literacy the children have completed a poem based on 'The Magic Box', they have turned out to be fantastic with a wide range of adjectives, alliteration, metaphors and similes. We have also finished the last of our assessments this half-term; we are pleased to see that

the children are making good progress across all areas of the curriculum. As normal, everybody has a piece of science research homework to complete over the holidays, to be ready by the first science lesson on Tuesday. We hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

# NOTICES

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## SPORTS NEWS

After half-term the school netball and football teams have a few matches to finish off their league.



## Child Safety Online - guidance for parents



The Department of Culture, Media and Sport has published a practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media. The guide includes practical tips about the use of safety and privacy features on apps and platforms, as well as conversation prompts to help families begin talking about online safety. It also contains pointers to further advice and support. The guidance has been placed on the LDBS website on the safeguarding page. [schools.london.anglican.org](http://schools.london.anglican.org)

## PARENTPAY



ParentPay is very effective for our school as it is an online payment system which allows parents to pay quickly and securely for school meals, trips and activities, uni-

forms, music lessons and fees.

You simply top-up your ParentPay account online by debit or credit card.

Please can parents/carers visit their Par-

entPay account regularly to keep up to date with payments. This will greatly reduce the amount of administration time taken.

## Swimming—Year 2 & 3

Please remember to bring in your completed forms to school





## Date List for Spring Term 2017

<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Monday 13—Friday 17	HALF TERM	
Monday 27	Poetry week	
<b>MARCH</b>		
Wednesday 1	Ash Wednesday Service	2.45pm
Wednesday 1	Emerald & Diamond Class to participate in the Lord Mayor's Writing competition	
Thursday 2	World Book Day	
Thursday 2	Swimming commences—Year 2 & 3 (every Thursday for 15 weeks)	2.30-3.00pm
Monday 13	Science Week	
Monday 20	Dress the Egg Competition to start	
Tuesday 21	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Wednesday 22	Spring Concert—Nursery, Reception & Sapphire Class	2.30pm
Thursday 23	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Wednesday 29	Spring Concert—Diamond & Emerald Class	2.30pm
Thursday 30	Dance Festival	
Thursday 30	Dress the Egg Competition to be judged	
Friday 31	Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. <b>School finishes at 1.30pm</b>	

### Term Dates for 2017

#### Spring Term 2017

INSET DAY            Thursday 5 January  
 Starts                    Friday 6 January  
 Half term              Monday 13 to Friday 17 February  
 Ends (1.30pm)        Friday 31 March

#### Autumn Term 2017

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

#### Summer Term 2017

Starts                    Tuesday 18 April  
 Bank holiday          Monday 1 May  
 Half term              Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June  
 INSET DAY            Friday 23 June  
 Ends (1.30pm)        Friday 21 July

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