

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

11 November 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our Remembrance Service this Wednesday, in St. John's Church. I was really impressed with how well all pupils showed their respect throughout the service and especially during the two minutes silence. Throughout the week, I have continued to explore the meaning of respect and how important this is in our lives. We have thought about the different ways in which we can show respect to others: in school, to our family, to the wider community and in the world.

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who have brought in their Christmas Boxes already. We are aiming for 100 boxes to adorn our Reception area so that we can make a real difference to 100 children on Christmas morning. Please make every effort to support this very worthwhile cause. If you are unable to find a box, please bring everything in a bag, including the completed slip and we can complete it.

I really appreciate parents taking the time to attend the meetings that we hold from time to time. I can't emphasize enough the importance of these meetings; we are living in an ever changing world where the demands on both parents and pupils are increasing at a rapid rate. Therefore, it is essential that you make every effort to come to these meetings so that we are all working together to support our children. Next week we will be holding two Parents' Evenings where you will have quality time to look at your child's work and discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. If for any reason you are unable to make this appointment, please contact us and we can change it to suit you. Please remember, that alternative childcare arrangements must be made as we have not got the provision or the space to accommodate children. This includes any appointments that are at 3.15pm also. We would also like every parent to complete the parent questionnaire as your feedback is really important to us. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please note that we have had to stop Running Club now as the field is too wet and pupils are coming back with trainers that are too muddy to come into class with. Hopefully we will be able to start again in the Spring Term.

It is really important that all pupils are dressed in the correct P.E. Kit, including trainers. Next week I will be conducting a thorough check on this in each classroom.

Have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	93.8%
Sapphire	91.8%
Diamond	92.8%
Emerald	97.0%

Overall 93.8%

Week Beginning

14 November 2016

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Yr 1 & 2)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
12.45-1.15pm	Running Club (Yr 3-6)
	Parents' Evening

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.10	Open morning for Prospective Parents
	Shoebboxes Collection
During school	Keyboard Club
During school	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)
	Parents' Evening

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
12.45-1.15pm	Running Club (Yr 3-6)
	(Yr 2 are welcome to join)
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
	(please note the earlier finish time)

Ruby Memories

In Ruby class this week we have been talking about the significance of the poppy and how it

helps us remember the people who have kept us safe. All the children contributed to a Ruby class poppy wreath by adding their own poppies which they had made. The reception children took the wreath to church on Wednesday for the Remembrance Service.

In maths we have been looking at patterns and the children have had a really good try at making their own number and colour patterns. Next week we are going to be investigating pattern in the environment and in nature, please look out for any examples over the weekend

which the children can bring into school to share with their friends.

We have been re-telling the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl and have even been visited by Willy Wonka and an Umpa Lumpa in the classroom! The reception children have been drawing and describing their favourite characters from the story in preparation for Catriona's competition.

We are looking forward to seeing you next week at Parents' Evening to discuss your child's progress and next steps. Please let me know if you are unable to make your appointment time so it can be rearranged.

Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

During our R.E lesson this week we learnt about what it means to be a refugee. We talked about the decisions that people have to make when they flee their homes and the children had to choose items they would choose for survival. Our main focus for the week has

been the story of the BFG by Roald Dahl. The children have loved watching the film and discussing the adventures of the giant who befriends little Sophie. During art we drew some fantastic portraits of the BFG using pastels and during literacy we invented some new weird and wonderful dreams that the BFG might like to bottle

in his dream jars! During maths we have completed our work on 2-D shapes by sorting shapes using different types of tables. We are now focusing on addition and subtraction with the children finding 1 more and 1 less and 10 more and 10 less than a given number. They have also enjoyed the challenge of investigating how many different calculations can be written using the numbers generated from throwing 2 dice. I have sent home the appointments for Parents' Evening so I look forward to seeing as many of you possible next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been completing their entries for Catriona's writing competition. They have been describing their favourite parts of our class story, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children tried really hard and they are eager to find out who the winners of the writing competition are! We have also been looking at the use of speech in the story. The children have been learning to punctuate any direct speech with speech marks. In

numeracy, our topic has been 2D shapes and we have also been identifying different types of triangles and angles. In art, we have been looking at different patterns. The children had a go at sketching different patterns and using different colours to bring them alive.

I look forward to discussing your child's progress at Parents' Evening next week

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald Class we have started our unit of work on The Highwayman poem. We have

read and discussed the poem together, ordered events from the poem and answered questions. We have also looked at facts and opinions about the Highwayman ready to write newspaper reports next week. In maths, we have been finding missing angles from triangles. We have started our new Geography topic, 'How is our country changing' and located cities on a map of the U.K. The children have got their own city to research for homework. The children worked hard on their Catriona's Writ-

ing entries, summarising their favourite Roald Dahl story. Have a good weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

Sports

Several pupils for Emerald Class are competing in the Cross Country at Forty Hall today.

We will report the results next week.

Joe Law



Operation Christmas Child

If you would like another form, please ask in the school office.

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 before **WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER**. For more details visit their website

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



School Photographs

Your child will be bringing home their proof card today.

Place your order online with Ward Hendry Photographers or return your proof card with the exact money by **FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER**.



Happy School Bags Scheme

If you would like any more bags, please ask in the school office.

HSB offers the opportunity to raise additional funds for St. John's and at the same time help our environment by recycling unwanted, quality clothes, paired shoes and trainers, handbags, belts, bed linen, towels and soft toys.

The collection day is **Tuesday 22 November**, so please bring your bags to the office on **MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER**.



Primary Admissions—Sept 17

Open Day

Wednesday 16 November 9.10am

(please telephone the school office—020 8363 4709)

Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk

St. John's Supplementary Forms

Available on our website www.stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk or in the school office.

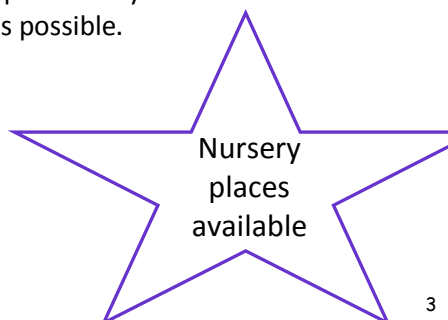
Parents' Evening

A reminder that these meetings are just for parents to attend. Due to limited space we are unable to accommodate children, so please make alternative arrangements. If your appointment is straight after school, children will not be allowed to stay in the reception area, so please make other arrangements for collection.



Nursery Admissions 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.



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.

Sunday 20 November

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

St. John's Church—9.30 to 10.00am

Songs, Children's Talk, Prayers, Refreshments





Date List for Autumn Term 2016

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Open morning for prospective parents Operation Christmas Child—Shoebboxes Collection	9.10am
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 22 November	Happy School Bags Collection	11am
Friday 25	Christmas Fete	3pm
Tuesday 29	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 6	Infants Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 13	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day Junior Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 14	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 15	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.30pm
Monday 19	Christmas Class Parties Nursery's last day of Autumn Term	3.10pm
Tuesday 20	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm
JANUARY 2017		
Thursday 5	INSET DAY	
Friday 6	School starts	8.55am

Term Dates for 2016/2017

Autumn term 2016

INSET DAY	Friday 2 September
Starts	Monday 5 September
Half Term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
Ends (1.30pm)	Tuesday 20 December

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

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.

The Friends' of St. John's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We raised £441.10 with the cake & sweet sale after school and the event.



CHRISTMAS FETE

Friday 25 November
St. John's Church



If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, cakes, sweets & chocolates etc. for the tombola and raffle prizes for the Christmas Fete, please bring them into the school office.

We would be grateful for any help at the Christmas Fete, and future events, so if you have time and would like to join us and help your school, please contact one of your class reps or the school office.

SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 6 December at 3.15pm– 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Tuesday 13 December at 3.15pm– 4.15pm
Year 3,4,5 & 6

