

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

12 May 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I am sure that the Year 6 pupils are relieved that their SATs tests are completed and they deserve to be congratulated at how well they have coped with working under such strict time restraints. Mr. Law's café proved to be a very calming situation prior to sitting the tests!! We just need to focus on their writing as this is being assessed by the class teacher so a few more weeks' work required just to ensure that every child reaches their full potential.

We have had several incidents this week with fidget spinners being brought into school and to Cuffley Camp. I have spoken to all the pupils regarding this matter and from Monday if any fidget spinners appear in school, they will be confiscated. This rule also applies to any other toys being brought into school at any time.

I am also noticing that some pupils are wearing trainers instead of school shoes, please ensure that school shoes are worn from Monday to Thursday and only trainers on a Friday. It is really important that all pupils come to school smartly dressed and ready for the school day. Throughout the week, I am always having visitors in our school and we pride ourselves in how well presented the majority of our pupils are and we want this to be the case for all pupils.

Could I also remind parents that after you drop your child at the gate, it is really important that you leave the premises swiftly as it is becoming congested at the lower end of the school and could be viewed as a safeguarding issue. The safety and well-being of all pupils is our utmost concern at all times. Linked to this is the importance of ensuring that parents wait with their child until the school gate is open either for Breakfast Club or at 8.45am. This week we had several pupils left at the gate at 7.50am which I am sure you will agree is extremely serious.

Thank you to everyone for making a conscious effort to really try to improve our attendance for this term so that we can aim to reach our target of 97% by the 21st July. So far attendance is at 97% for this term, which is superb. Well done everyone.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Week</u> |
|--------------|-------------|
| Ruby | 97.1% |
| Sapphire | 98.7% |
| Diamond | 96.4% |
| Emerald | 94.4% |
| Overall | 96.7% |

Week Beginning 15 May 2017

Monday

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| 8am | Breakfast Club |
| 3.15-4.10pm | Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3) |

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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| 8am | Breakfast Club |
| | Happy Bag Collection |
| | Photograph Collection |
| During School | Keyboard Club |
| During School | Recorder Club |
| 3.15-4.10pm | Netball Club (Yr 3-6) |

Thursday

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| 8am | Breakfast Club |
| 2.30-3.00pm | Swimming Yr 2 & 3 |
| 3.15-4.10pm | Dance Club (Yr3-6) |

Friday

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|-------------|------------------------|
| 8am | Breakfast Club |
| 3.15-4.10pm | Football Club (Yr 3-6) |

Ruby Memories

This week in Ruby class the reception children have been writing their own mixed up fairy tales and have really let their imaginations run wild; Red Riding Hood has been finding dinosaurs in the jungle and even Harry Potter gets involved! The nursery children have enjoyed acting out their favourite fairy tales using props and masks. In maths we have begun to investigate halving, doubling and sharing, using the snack table as a useful resource – cutting sandwiches and pancakes in half. The caterpillars are continuing to grow quickly and

the children have made their own butterfly lifecycles to show the changes which will be taking place very soon.

Thank you for supporting your children at the 'pop up' shop last week it really helped to consolidate their knowledge of coin recognition; I hope you enjoyed eating the gingerbread men and the cakes!

Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week in Sapphire Class we have been studying the work of Spike Milligan. The children have enjoyed making up their own animal poems using his work as inspiration. In maths, we have worked on 20 and 30 shapes, with the children identifying and sorting the shapes and their properties. We have practised finding lines of symmetry and continuing shape sequences. In art, we completed our Mother Nature Designer collages which are now on display in our classroom.

Have a lovely weekend.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

In art this week, the children have been busy making their collages based on the sea. They loved experimenting with different textures and patterns to create their work although the classroom did get very messy! Also, the children really enjoyed Cuffley Camp on Tuesday. They experienced some problem solving activities, a habitat walk and a chance to have a go at practising circus skills. I have to say, we have some very talented jugglers in our class! In numeracy, we have been mainly focusing on negative numbers, counting up and

down and solving worded problems. We have also revisited short multiplication in columns. In literacy, the children have been completing their story writing based on 'The Rabbits' by John Marsden. Our main focus in our grammar sessions this week where we have been using the possessive apostrophe for singular and plural nouns.

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

Well done to the year 6 children for competing their SATS this week. Everybody really tried hard and especially enjoyed the re-opening of the pop-up Mr Law's café. Thank you to Mrs Brandon who made all of the breakfast and to Annabelle's mum for some absolutely delicious cakes yesterday when we had finished all of our tests. A big well done also to the year 5 children who have completed some really important spelling work and also worked well on their project based on Jamaica. On Tuesday afternoon we had a fun lesson seeing if we could save our eggs! All of the eggs survived

the drop helped by many layers of padding and some well-designed parachutes. I owe all the children scrambled eggs on toast!

Have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law

NOTICES

Ascension Service

Ascension Service at St. John's Church is on Thursday 25 May at 2.45pm. The children that attend swimming on that day (Year 2 & 3), will unfortunately miss it as they will still be at the swimming pool. Please pick them up as usual from school between 3.15 and 3.30pm.



Class & Team Photographs

If you would like a class & team photograph and are paying by cash, please ensure that the proofs and correct money are in school by Tuesday 16 May.



Run a stall at St. Luke's Church Fayre

If you would like to run a stall at St. Luke's Church Fayre on Saturday 20 May 12 till 4pm please contact Elaine (Churchwarden) on 07905 469 236.



Happy Bags

Wednesday 17 May

To raise funds for St. John's. Please donate clean, unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen and towels.



To find out more information please go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk.

Please bring in your Happy Bags before Wednesday 17 May.

Thank you.

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

May we remind parents that if your child decides to change from either school dinners or packed lunch, that half a terms notice needs to be given.



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 2017

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| MAY | | |
| Wednesday 17 | Happy Bags collection (collection of unwanted clothes etc) to raise funds for the school | 11am |
| Wednesday 17 | Class & Team Photographs collection (if paying by cash) | |
| Thursday 25 | Ascension Service in St. John' Church | 2.45pm |
| Monday 29—2 June | Half Term | |
| JUNE | | |
| Thursday 22 | French Trip—Diamond & Emerald Class | |
| Friday 23 | INSET DAY | |
| JULY | | |
| Wednesday 5 | Outdoor Learning at Forty Hall—Year 6 | 9.30am |
| Thursday 6 | Art Exhibition in the Dugdale Centre—Diamond Class | |
| Tuesday 11 | Cuffley Camp—Sapphire Class | |
| Wednesday 19 | School Concert in St. John's Church—KS1 & KS2 | |
| Friday 21 | Leavers' Service at St. John's Church | |
| Friday 21 | End of Summer Term | 1.30pm |

Term Dates for 2017/2018

| Summer Term 2017 | | Spring 2018 | |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| Starts | Tuesday 18 April | INSET DAY | Friday 5 January |
| Bank holiday | Monday 1 May | Starts | Monday 8 January |
| Half term | Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June | Half term | Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February |
| INSET DAY | FRIDAY 23 June | Ends (1.30pm) | Thursday 29 March |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Friday 21 July | | |
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| Autumn Term 2017 | | | |
| INSET DAY | Monday 4 September | | |
| INSET DAY | Tuesday 5 September | | |
| Starts | Wednesday 6 September | | |
| Half term | Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October | | |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Thursday 21 December | | |

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