

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

13 January 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

During our assemblies this week we have been focusing on the Epiphany where the wise men visited baby Jesus but were told by God in a dream to go back another way and not to return to King Herod. We talked about how God is always there to help and guide us, just like he did for the wise men, it is important that we turn to him when we need this help and reassurance.

In the light of several pupils arriving into school late this week, it is important that I just remind you again about the changes to the times as set out in the newsletter last week. In an attempt to get every child into school on time and ready to start learning at 8.55am, I will now be opening the gate at 8.45am and blowing the whistle at 8.50am so that pupils are walking down to their respect class before 8.55am. Registers must be completed by 9am and pupils arriving after this time are late, however, if a child arrives after 9.30am, lateness is then recorded as an unauthorised absence although we are aware that the pupil is on the school premises in accordance with health and safety. Please remember an adult needs to authorise any absence, a child's word will not be accepted.

Last week I also wrote about our ongoing concerns about parking outside the school and the persistence of some adults in doing three point turns on this busy road. I am delighted to be able to report that from both Mr. Hutchby and I monitoring this week we are very impressed with most parents using Head Start Nursery to turn in and not parking in front of the school. However, we have both noticed parents turning into the lane next to Mr. Harold's entrance which is a cause for concern and also a parent who was parked across Mr. Harold's drive. We have recorded these number plates and will be checking this again next week. Your co-operation in this matter is crucial as we need to be working together for the safety of all our children.

Please note that all clubs will start next week but for Art, Dance, Science and Multi-Skills, it is essential that your child has returned the signed slip otherwise they will not be able to start. For Multi-skills, they need a PE kit please.

Having spoken to Mrs. Miller this week regarding the instrumental groups, there are still a number of pupils who are forgetting their instruments or who haven't purchased the tutor books. This is a real issue as this resource is costing the school a lot of money and at a time when budgets are tight, I don't want to be providing this when pupils are not availing of this wonderful opportunity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.8%
Sapphire	95.9%
Diamond	93%
Emerald	88%

Overall 93.4%

Week Beginning

16 January 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

NOTICEBOARD

IMPORTANT

Please ensure the following forms have been returned to school:-

- **Dental Survey—Reception & Year 1**
- **School Health Service Questionnaire—Reception Class**

Ruby Memories

A belated Happy New Year to you all. It was lovely to see all the children back at school last Friday and we would like to welcome Luca and his family to St John's school. We have a busy half term ahead of us - details are in the parents' information letters sent home earlier in the week. This week our focus has been around the story of 'Sneezy the Snowman', the children have role played being a melting snowman, made 'puffy' paint snowmen and have been using their developing phonic skills to write what the

snowman must not do to stop himself melting. In maths the reception children have been adding two groups of objects together and have begun to make their own number sentences. The Nursery, continuing the theme have made their own numbered snowmen. All we need now is some real snow to complete our weeks' activities!

Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

A very Happy New Year to you all and a huge thank-you from the Sapphire Class Team for all your generous gifts and Christmas wishes. Our first week back has been extremely busy! In literacy we have begun to read the much-loved fairy tale of Hansel and Gretel as told by Anthony Browne. The children have loved retelling the story and writing about how the poor children must have felt being left alone in the creepy woods! In maths we have worked so hard with learning how to multiply numbers using arrays and some of the year 2 children have progressed onto using these for division for the inverse. In science, our new topic The Apprentice gardener is well under way with the children planting parsley seeds in plastic bags

as our first investigation. Fingers crossed germination will take place in the coming days. We will be watching! On Tuesday afternoon (weather permitting) we will be taking a walk down to Hilly Fields where we will be looking to collect interesting objects of nature to look at in more detail back at school. This is part of our new art topic Mother Nature Designer. Please do ensure your child has a warm coat with a hood and wellies or old trainers that they can change into. Unfortunately many P.E kits were forgotten this week so please make sure they are back in school for Monday and Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

Our first full week back in Diamond class has been very busy! The children have really enjoyed learning about the Victorians, which is their new topic in class. We have been finding out about some of the important people that lived then and we have discussed some of the events that took place. We have also been looking at pictures of Victorian housing in Enfield and identifying their features. The class have produced some fabulous sketches of Victorian buildings. In literacy, we have read Badger's Part-

ing Gifts by Susan Varley and the children have produced informal letters in role of one of the characters. In numeracy, we have been converting analogue times to digital times as well as working with the 24hour clock. For the majority of the week, we have solely focused on solving time problems using a number line.

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class we have been working on persuasive writing. We have researched facts about recycling and discussed why recycling is important. We have looked at example posters, and how they use different persuasive techniques. We have drafted our own posters persuading people to recycle and will be writing these up next week. In maths, we have been developing our knowledge of 3D shapes. We have named 3D shapes, matched nets to

shapes and calculated the volume of shapes. In History, we have started our new topic 'The Vikings.' We heard an account of their invasion at Lindisfarne and we wrote our own accounts from a Viking point of view. Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill



Date List for Spring Term 2017

JANUARY 2017		
Monday 16	After School Clubs to start	
Monday 30	Victorian Day—Diamond Class	
FEBRUARY		
Monday 6	Viking Day—Emerald Class	
Monday 13—Friday 17	HALF TERM	
Monday 27	Poetry week	
w/c Monday 27	Swimming for Years 2 & 3	
MARCH		
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	
Monday 13	Science Week	
Monday 20	Dress the Egg Competition to start	
Tuesday 21	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 23	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 29	Easter Concert	
Thursday 30	Dance Festival	
Thursday 30	Dress the Egg Competition to be judged	
Friday 31	Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. School finishes at 1.30pm	

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.