

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

13 May 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I am so proud of all our Year 6 pupils who have finally completed their SATs tests and no doubt exhausted. It was so rewarding to observe the positive attitude and determination to succeed being displayed by all pupils. We look forward to seeing the fruits of their effort and hard work throughout their time with us at St. John's School.

At long last we were able to start our Running Club today. I was really impressed with the effort that so many pupils put in and most managed to complete six laps of Mr. Harold's field. A lot of pupils didn't have a water bottle and this caused problems at the end of the session. Please ensure that your child comes into school with a bottle of water as there will not be time for them to get a drink at the end of the club next week.

Every week on a Thursday, I run a Boot Camp for pupils who haven't completed a variety of different aspects of their homework. I tend to be seeing the same faces every week and the aim of this club is that pupils attend once and they then learn from that, ensuring that the next week they complete the set tasks. Otherwise, this sanction is not having the impact it should be having and pupils will start to fall behind. I think it is really important that parents understand that the expectations being set by the government are now significantly higher than what has been expected in the past. It is our duty as a school and as a parent to do everything to support all our children in meeting these expectations.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting yesterday about the fantastic support and great opportunities on offer from the Children's Centre at DeBohun Primary School and also from Informed Families who managed to talk to parents as well. If you were unable to attend the meeting yesterday and would like to know more about what's on offer for the under fives, please either make an appointment to meet with me or take some time to look at all the leaflets by Reception.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully time to continue to enjoy the sunshine again.

 Best wishes,

Susan Notley

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	88.6%
Sapphire	93.9%
Diamond	96.7%
Emerald	97.1%

Overall 94.9%

Week Beginning

16 May 2016

Monday

8am Breakfast Club

Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5

NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)

NO Art Club due to a staff meeting

Cricket Tournament at Edmonton

Cricket Club

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Cricket Club (Yr 4-6) 3.15-4.10pm

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 2-6)

Transition meeting for Yr 5/6 parents in the church hall—1.15pm

Rounders Club (Yr 5-6) 3.15-4.00pm

(Please note the finishing time)

Ruby Memories

It has been a very exciting week in Ruby class. On Tuesday the children arrived in school to find three large eggs had been found in Sunshine Room. Further detective work revealed large footprints going onto the roof! The children wrote a letter to Mrs Notley to warn her that there were suspicious eggs and footprints in school! We received a letter from Dotty the Dinosaur with instructions how to look after the eggs and with careful care from Ruby class, the

eggs are now beginning to hatch!! The butterflies have also begun to emerge from their chrysalis. The children have become very knowledgeable about the different stages of the lifecycle and have been amazed as they have witnessed each stage taking place and are now looking forward to releasing the butterflies as soon as they are ready.

Have a lovely weekend.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

This week we have looked at using powerful verbs to describe the actions of the superhero Traction man. Some of us have been really clever; using adverbs to make our verbs even better still! Our handwriting is improving and the Year 1 children are doing so well with learning how to form cursive letters in preparation for their joined-up handwriting. In maths we have continued our work on fractions and the children are becoming more confident in finding fractions of quantities which really is quite tricky! We have also searched for 3D shapes around the school and tried to identify 3D shapes in everyday objects. So, keep the hunting going

at home please! The year 2 children will be starting their SATS tests next week and this will continue the following week as well. Remember that swimming is every Thursday and that kits need to be in school, otherwise children will have to miss their session which is a great shame. Year 1s will continue to have their P.E lesson on a Thursday so their kits also need to be in for this please.

Have a lovely weekend

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

In Diamond class this week, the children have been finalising their poems for the poetry festival that is taking place in early July. The class, as well as many other Year 4 classes in Enfield have been working with a poet over the past few weeks, creating individual and group poems. A few of these poems will be published in a special poetry book which the children are really excited about. There will be more in-

formation about the poetry festival nearer the time. In numeracy, the children have been learning different ways to divide, both mentally and on paper. We have used number lines to divide, the formal chunking method and the bus stop method.

Have a lovely weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

Well done to all of the Year 6 children for successfully completing their SATS tests. They enjoyed the 'pop-up' café which supplied a free breakfast and the extra playtimes that they had, but I am not sure about the actual tests. A big thank you to the Year 5 children, who have been with Mrs Ramadan in the mornings, for being 'a delight to teach'. It just makes things run

much more smoothly so well done. As a reward we will be holding a pizza and pasta lunch on the Friday before half term. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

Next week the cricket team will be playing in the borough tournament on Tuesday so watch this space to see how they have got on.

Joe Law



Headlice



- Please can you check your child's hair over the weekend as there has been a few reports of headlice.
- Long hair should always be tied up.

ParentPay

Please can parents check their ParentPay and that all trips/services are up to date.



Manor Adventure Reminder

Year 5 & 6 Parents

- Please ensure that payments for Manor Adventure are fully paid by the middle of May.
- All dietary and medical forms to be handed in.
- Meeting for parents on Thursday 26 May at 2.45pm in the school hall.

Church Services

Sunday 15 May—Pentecost Sunday

St. John's Church, Strayfield Road,: Sunday at 9.30-10.00am

Children's Worship, songs, children's talk, prayers, refreshments.

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



MAY		
Friday 20	Transition meeting for Yr5/6 parents in the church hall	1.15pm
Wednesday 25	Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6	2-4pm
Thursday 26	Meeting for Manor Adventure—Yr 5/6	2.45pm
Monday 30—3 June	HALF TERM	
JUNE		
Monday 6—10	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Wednesday 15	St. Paul's Cathedral—Yr 5/6	
Friday 24	Fun Run & Fair	2.00pm
Monday 27	Science Week	
JULY		
Friday 1	Poetry Performance at Kingsmead School (selected pupil from Diamond Class)	
Monday 11	Bikeability—Yr 5/6 all week	
Tuesday 12	Disco—Reception, Year 1/2	3.15pm
Wednesday 13	Summer Concert—KS1 & KS2	2.30pm
Thursday 14	Disco—Yr 3/4/5/6	3.15pm
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	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

Sponsorship for the school

We are very happy to announce that Foxtons Enfield Estate Agents have agreed to sponsor St. John's. We need a minimum of 40 boards to be put up in return for which Foxtons will sponsor St. John's to the amount of £600. If we meet this target then Foxtons will sponsor us again this year.

Please could you let The Friends' of St. John's know if you would be happy to have a board outside your property.

REMINDER

Friends' Meetings

In the school hall.

8 June All welcome.

6 July

MANY THANKS

THE FRIENDS' OF ST. JOHN'S

Term Dates for 2016/2017

Summer term 2016

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

INSET DAY	Monday 5 September
Starts	Tuesday 6 September
Half Term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
Ends	Wednesday 21 December

Spring term 2017

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

Summer term 2017

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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