



St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the academic year at St. John's School. So much has happened throughout this year and it lovely to end the year with our building and decorating work coming to an end. Over the holidays our hall will be decorated and then we will be in a position to start planning the official blessing of our new building in the Autumn Term.

We are also delighted that Ofsted have completed their inspection of the school and we are awaiting their final report. I will be in a position in September to present this report to you and talk through all that we can celebrate about our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Governing Body for all the endless support that they have given to both myself and the school throughout this year. I am extremely grateful for this and we are incredibly fortunate to have the privilege to work with such a competent, dedicated and professional team of people who clearly have the best interests of all our pupils at heart.

It is with much sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Gallagher next week, as she takes up a teaching position closer to her home in September. Miss Gallagher joined us in June, 2015 as a newly qualified teacher in Diamond Class and quickly established herself as an extremely competent teacher who is diligent, conscientious, caring and a fantastic team player. Miss Gallagher has always worked extremely hard, wanting the best from all the pupils in her care and helping them to achieve their full potential. She is a very well organised teacher whose classroom is always beautifully presented demonstrating clearly Miss Gallagher's many talents as an outstanding teacher who is passionate about the well-being of all the pupils. We wish her all the very best in her new post.

Please note that from the 6th September, St. John's School will finish at an earlier time of 3pm. After much discussion with staff and Governors it was agreed that this time would support the following areas:

Due to limited space at lunchtime for all pupils, it has been noted for some time that the last fifteen minutes of lunchtime are where the most challenging behaviour occurs. Therefore, by reducing the lunchtime to 45 minutes this will help to support positive behaviour throughout the lunchtime. Lunchtime will be from 12.15pm – 1pm for Sapphire, Diamond and Emerald classes and 11.45 – 1pm for Reception pupils.

With budgets being constantly cut, this will also still allow us to continue to implement the high level of supervision at lunchtime and break time along with the additional support in every classroom.

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This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	88.0%
Sapphire	97.3%
Diamond	91.0%
Emerald	96.3%

Week Beginning 17 July 2017

Monday

8am	Bikeability (Yr 3 & 4) Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	NO Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

8am	Bikeability (Yr 3 & 4) Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	NO Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
2.15pm	School Concert in St. John's Church—KS1/ KS2
3.15-4.10pm	NO Netball Club(Yr 3-6)

Thursday **1pm**

	Sports Day (Whole School)
	NURSERY LAST DAY
8am	Breakfast Club
2.30-3.00pm	NO Swimming Yr 2 & 3
3.15-4.10pm	NO Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday

9.10am	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church
8am	Breakfast Club

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS continued...

All clubs will now start at 3pm and finish at 4pm and these will commence week beginning the 18th September. These clubs are as follows:

Monday 3 – 4pm Multi-Skills - Rec – Yr.3

Tuesday 3 – 4pm Football Club – Yr.5 & 6 and Science Club (start after half-term)

Wednesday 3 – 4pm Netball Club Yr.3 – 6

Thursday 3 -4pm Dance Club Yr.3 - 6

Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform for both the school day and the P.E. sessions in September. We have had many pupils not wearing the correct P.E. kit throughout this year and from September, if your child does not have the full correct P.E. kit, they will not be allowed to participate in P.E. or represent the school in sporting events.

Next Wednesday, all pupils will spend some time meeting their teacher for September.

The teaching staff structure for September will be as follows:

Emerald Class: Mr Law and Mr. Ezel will job share (Mr. Ezel will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with Mr. Law teaching on Wednesday and Friday)

Diamond Class: Mrs. Anderson (Miss Anderson has been completing her induction from June)

Sapphire Class: Mr. Stringer

Ruby Class: Mrs. Creed who will continue to be responsible for managing and organising the Early Years Department and for the continued development of science across the school.

Miss Nelson will continue to work on a Monday as the SENCO, supporting children with special educational needs, EAL pupils and Looked after Children across the school.

Mr. Law in his role as Deputy Head teacher will be working at supporting the development of Maths and Humanities across the school. He will also be working alongside both Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Stringer in ensuring that they are well supported in their new positions. Mr. Law will also be responsible for P.E. assessment across the school, school development, challenging the more able pupils and enrichment activities for all pupils.

Mr Ezel will be joining as an Assistant Head teacher working three days a week and being responsible for Literacy, PSHE, School Council, Healthy Schools, Computing, E-Safety, Design and Technology, Art and some sports clubs. We are really looking forward to working with Mr. Ezel who is a very experienced Assistant Head teacher and has much to offer St. John's School.

On behalf of everyone at St. John's School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our fantastic Year 6 pupils all the very best in their secondary schools and we look forward to celebrating their time with us at the Leavers' Service next Friday in St. John's Church at 9.05am.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you back with us on the 6th September.

Have a good weekend



Susan Notley
Head teacher

Ruby Memories

I hope you all enjoyed the graduation concert, the children worked very hard and we are very proud of them as I am sure you are. The end of the school year is always full of mixed emotions; we will all miss our 'butterflies' (and their families) but know they are ready for the challenge of year 1. We look forward to welcoming the nursery into the reception class and all the excitement a new year brings. We also have to say goodbye to Johnathon and Iona who are moving to new schools; we send you our very best wishes and hope you will always remember your time in

Ruby class. Finally I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to you all for your invaluable support throughout the year, we certainly couldn't do it without you!

A huge well done to the class of 2016/2017 – you are all superstars!

Have an amazing summer holiday.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

We have had a lot of phone both in and out of Sapphire Class this week!

On Tuesday, we ventured out to Cuffley Camp where we undertook a range of fun activities which allowed developing our orientation and mapping work! By learning to read our maps, this allowed us to successfully complete a nature walk to find leaves from different trees. It also allowed us to complete lots of fun activities throughout the day. This led perfectly to our end of day activity where we had loads of fun (despite the rain!) making our own masks. All children were very well behaved throughout the day and had a really good time!

In class, we have been developing our investigation and problem solving skills! We solved the case of the missing

scarecrow heads by completing several clues linking to what we have learnt this year! We have also written our own instructions as a group to create games for other children to use! We worked really hard as a team – well done everyone!

Please may I remind everyone about the importance of plastic bags next week as we start to take things home from the classroom, such as our old books and art work!

Have a lovely summer holiday.

James Stringer

Diamond Delights

As this is the last newsletter before the end of the Summer term, I would like to say thank you to all the children and parents at St John's for making my time here so memorable.

I will truly miss all of the children I have taught but I have so many lovely memories to take away with me. We will be having a party on the last day, Friday 21st, so the children need to bring in party clothes in a bag labelled with their name. I will put a class party list up on the door early next week!

In class, the children have been writing a letter of persuasion and in numeracy we have been focusing on decimals. The children have ordered and compared decimals. They have also been adding and subtracting decimals and exploring them through money problems. In R.E., we have reflected on the year and the children have written end of year prayers which were beautifully illustrated!

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Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and all the Year 6 pupils are busily composing their memories of their time at St.

John's School. We look forward to celebrating their time with us at the Leavers' service next Friday in St. John's Church at 9.05am. All the Year 6 pupils have been such an amazing bunch of pupils to teach and I have thoroughly enjoyed being their class teacher for two years. We wish them all the very best as they head to pastures green.

I would like to wish all the pupils in Emerald Class a very relaxing and enjoyable summer holidays and I very much look forward to having my new Year 6 class in September along with the Year 5 pupils.

Please may I remind everyone about the importance of plastic bags next week as we start to take things home from the classroom, such as our old books and art work!

Joe Law

NOTICES

After School Activities

All After-School activities have now finished.



Swimming Lessons

Swimming has now finished.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay is up to date.



Year 6—As we are fast approaching the end of their Primary Years, please ensure ParentPay is finalised.

Labels for Uniform



NameTags 4 U—www.nametags4u.co.uk

Thank you to Sebastian's mum for finding this site. The labels are ironed on and do not come off in the wash.

Lost Property



If you would like to look in the Lost Property box, it is situated outside the school office.

WET PLAY GAMES



If you have any spare board games for when the children are inside at Playtime because of the rain, it would be greatly appreciated.

Car Keys

Has anyone lost any car keys? As a set was found outside the school on Thursday 29 June.



Packed Lunch

Please ensure that all packed lunches are collected at the end of the day.



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

JULY		
Monday 17	Bikeability Level 1 for Years 3/4 commencing 0900-1500 (Mon & Tues)	9.00-3.00
Wednesday 19	School Concert in St. John's Church—KS1 & KS2	2.15pm
Thursday 20	Sports Day—Whole School	1.00pm
Friday 21	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church	9.10am
Friday 21	End of Summer Term	1.30pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

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

Spring 2018

INSET DAY	Friday 5 January
Starts	Monday 8 January
Half term	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 29 March

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

cause of changing circumstances.
On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.