

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

14 October 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week we had a visit from Pathways in our assembly and they involved many children in helping to tell the story of Jonah and the whale. We learnt about the importance of forgiveness and how at times we might find this extremely difficult to do but it is so important that we do this. God recognises that we can all make mistakes and that at times we may wander down the wrong path. However, it is essential that we help somebody who may be heading in the wrong direction and we ensure that we support them in making the right choices.

Next Wednesday morning at 9.15am, we will be holding an Open Morning for parents and pupils that may be thinking about applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception. If you know of anybody who may be interested in this, please encourage them to attend this.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our highly committed and hard-working governing body. If any parent is interested in this role, please make an appointment to meet with me.

Please note the following meeting in St. Michael's School next Tuesday regarding E-Safety:

Tuesday 19th October at 7pm - E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School

Due to popular demand for both our Multi-skills and Dance Club, we are continuing to run them after half-term. If you would like your child to join or continue to attend this club, please make sure that you have completed the form and enclosed a cheque for £14 as each club will run for 7 weeks starting on the first week back.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.3%
Sapphire	98.6%
Diamond	92.0%
Emerald	97.8%

Overall 96.2%

Week Beginning

17 October 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)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard Club
During school	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)
9.10am	Open morning for prospective parents
7pm	E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School

Thursday

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

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

This week the children have become story tellers! They have been using props to tell a story which an adult has scribed for them. We have had some exciting stories—many include princesses and star wars! We have also been looking at measure and have been ordering objects by their height and weight—have a try at home using toys or even tin cans or cereal boxes.

Yesterday the children were very excited when we were visited by a poet, Paul Lyalls. He worked with the reception children to write a class poem. Just to say thank you for your support with our new 'sound books,' we really value your input.

Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week the children have really impressed me with their fantastic work on time! We practised reading the time to the nearest hour and half hour and some of our year 2 children moved on to reading the time to the nearest 15 minutes as well. The children were very good at drawing in the clock hands for the different times which is often very tricky to do. Please do practise telling the time at home with the children. In literacy we have read and performed lots of poems. We have identified patterns in different poems such as rhyme and repetition and then changed verses in familiar poems to create

our own poetry. On Thursday Paul Lyalls was back to work with us again to finalise our poetry for the school book which will be out in time for Christmas. In D&T we designed our own healthy salads using some of the vegetables which we have looked at over the weeks. Next week we will be preparing our own healthy salads! In science we have looks at the importance of hygiene in helping us to stay healthy. Please remember to label items of clothing and to send children in with a suitable coat for the cooler weather.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

On Tuesday, the children had a super afternoon making their healthy sandwiches. They especially enjoyed eating their end result! Thank you to all the parents for preparing and buying your child's ingredients. In numeracy, the children have been learning to divide through the use of the numicon resource, use of a number line and some children have been learning to use the chunking method. In literacy, the children have

been exploring list poems and haiku poems. We have been focusing on their features and the children had a go at writing their own poems using specific structures. The poet, Paul Lyalls, also worked with the children on Thursday, to create their own independent poems.

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class we have been looking at narrative poetry with a particular focus on performance. The children were split into small groups and asked to perform a poem based on Jack and the Beanstalk or the Christmas story. There were some very entertaining pieces with excellent use of actions and tone of voice to add specific drama. In maths we have

focused on completing a range of word problems and developed strategies to solve them. During science lessons we have been looking at life cycles, life expectancies and also different types of living things and their adaptations. In computing lessons with Mr Singh the children have designed apps which they think would be successful in today's market; who needs The Apprentice.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

Sports

On Tuesday evening the school football team played their next round of matches on the fantastic pitches at Edmonton County. Playing Hadley Wood first, the team played with enthusiasm and tenacity and took an early lead through a Travis Calloway-Bayley penalty. Unfortunately, the team slowed down in the second half and fell behind 2-1. With a few minutes to go a long range effort from Jing-Fong Koh hit the bar and that was the end a very close defeat. In the second match against very strong opponents, in the form of St. Edmund's, the

team were very competitive but again unfortunately lost to a very late goal to leave the final score 1-0 to St. Edmund's.

Thank you to all our loyal supporters for their encouragement and braving the chill. Well done to Kaela Grant-Ntabagara who was named player of the match for her 'no-messing' defending and flashes of inspiration.

Joe Law

Friends' of St. John's—Dates for the Diary

School Disco

* TO BE CONFIRMED

Halloween night

* Friday 4th November 7pm @ the cricket club



ParentPay

ParentPay has enabled schools to save time, but unfortunately a lot of administration time is taken up chasing parents for late contributions.

Please can you check ParentPay and ensure all trips/services are up to date and in credit where necessary.



Primary Admissions—Sept 2017

Open Days

Wednesday 19 October at 9.10am

Wednesday 16 November 9.10am

(please telephone the school office—020 8363 4709)

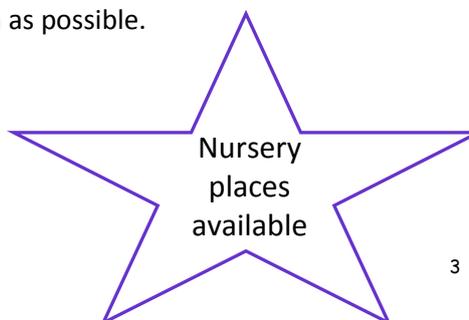
Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk

St. John's Supplementary Forms

Available on our website www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

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.





Date List for Autumn Term 2016

OCTOBER		
Wednesday 19	Open morning for prospective parents (please ring the office if you would like to attend) E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School	9.10am 7pm
Monday 24—Friday 28	HALF TERM	
NOVEMBER		
Friday 4	Halloween Night at the Enfield North Cricket Club	7pm
Tuesday 8	Individual School Photographs	
Wednesday 9	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 29	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am

DECEMBER		
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

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

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

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