

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

15 April 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It is lovely to see everyone returning to school feeling refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead at St. John's School. Please make sure that you take some time to note the dates of a variety of events that will be happening this term. It is essential that all pupils are well prepared for all the activities otherwise they will be missing out on some great opportunities that have been planned for this term.

All our clubs are starting again and I would really like to see as many pupils as possible participating in these activities. Please note that we have had to change the Rounders Club to Friday instead of Thursday and this will be starting from next week for Year 5 and 6 pupils and finishing at 4pm. The Running Club will be commencing from Tuesday the 26th April and it is compulsory for all pupils in Key Stage 2. On a Friday the Year 2 pupils are very welcome to join us in Mr. Harold's Field for the Running Club.

Attached to this newsletter, is a copy of our Late Collection Policy, it is really important that you take the time to read it as it is being implemented across the school from Monday. It is important to note that this policy also applies to collection from clubs. Any charges that have to be made will be added to parents' ParentPay account.

As the Summer Term has arrived, pupils are now encouraged to wear the school's summer uniform, all details are outlined in this newsletter. Like the winter uniform, the same expectations apply here.

Attached to this newsletter is the Friends' notice regarding a great opportunity to raise valuable funds for the school. So far this year the Friends' have funded the following:

Coach to Manor Adventure £1,180.00

Laptops & Ipads approx. £3,000.00

The Friends' of St. John's play an extremely important role in our school and it is essential that they get your support. Please make every effort to attend their meetings in the school hall, so that they continue to be successful.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Head Teacher

St. John's C.E. Primary

Week Beginning

18 April 2016

Monday

Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Year 5

Cuffley Camp—Diamond Class

Netball Club (Yr 3-6) 3.15-4.10pm

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Running Club during school (Yr 3-6) commencing 26 April

Cuffley Camp—Sapphire Class

NO Art Club due to the trip

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

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

9.10am Meeting for New Nursery parents in the school hall

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club (Yr3-6) commencing 29 April

Rounders Club (Yr 5-6) 3.15-4.00pm
(Please note the finishing time)

Ruby Memories

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday for the summer term. We have enjoyed sharing all the children's news from their Easter holidays, they have all worked hard to write about their adventures in their 'special writing' books'; thank you for your continued support. This week the children have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and recognising the shapes within the environment. We have also been reading the story

of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and have used the story as a resource for drama, literacy, numeracy and P.E. Activities. The children have even made some grass growing caterpillars! To top off our week of caterpillar activities there was great excitement yesterday with the arrival of our eagerly anticipated 'real' caterpillars. We will be watching carefully over the next weeks as they grow and change into butterflies. Have a good weekend.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

Welcome back to Sapphire Class! I hope that everyone had a lovely break. We have started the new term by looking at toys from the past and present. Over the next few weeks we will be studying toys and we would love to hear about any of your old toys! So, please do see me if you can come in one afternoon to talk to the children about it. (Grandparents very welcome too!) Please remember that swimming has started again, so kits need to be in next Thursday. We are looking forward to our trip to Cuf-

fley Camp next Tuesday. Please remember wellies, a packed lunch and a coat, thank you. In our maths lessons this week we have looked at position and direction and practised giving directions using the 4 compass points. In literacy we have written some fantastic recounts all about the Easter holidays. The children have also worked really hard on their numeracy and reading assessments this week, so keep up the good work!

Have a lovely weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

I hope that you all had a lovely, relaxing Easter break! A lot of children were really enthusiastic about their wonderful Roman homework they had completed over the holiday. The children had a chance to share their work with others which was a great introduction to our topic. In numeracy, the children have been identifying 2D shapes and their properties. In literacy, we have started reading Alice and Wonderland as part of our unit on stories set in

imaginary worlds. The class have been analysing the settings and the characterisation of Alice. Don't forget that it is Cuffley Camp on Monday, so we will meet the children there at 9:30am. Please do not drop your child and leave before 9.30am as there will be no supervision. Collection will be at 2.45pm. I have also replaced the literacy homework this week, with a research geography homework based on mountains in Europe. Have a nice weekend.

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

The Easter holidays seem in the distant past as this week we have hit the ground running as Year 6 have only a few weeks before SATS. In maths this week we have been looking at using the inverse, working with the rules of BODMAS and using proportion to calculate values. In literacy we have been looking at formal

writing; the children are in the midst of writing a letter to Manor Adventure as if we have had a terrible holiday, obviously this will not happen. In art the children are finishing off their collages which are generally looking fantastic.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

Unfortunately, our football match was cancelled on Wednesday evening due to a waterlogged pitch. The netball team played their final two matches of the season against St. Andrew's and Forty Hill.

Joe Law



School Uniform

As we have had a few sunny days, long may it continue, and it is the summer child we encourage your children to wear their summer uniform. Please remember to always bring a coat in as the weather is very changeable.



Rounders Club—Change of day

Rounders Club will now be taking place on Fridays and will be finishing at 4.00pm not 4.10pm.

Please ensure that you are prompt to pick your children up as it is a Friday!

Late Collection Policy

An email has been sent out in regards to our Late Collection Policy which will commence on Monday 18 April.

This is due to a few parents persistently picking their children up late and we hope that this will be a deterrent.

Happy Bags

We raised £111.80 for the school.



Church Services

Sunday 17 April—Children's Worship

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

Songs, 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



APRIL		
Monday 18	Cuffley Camp—Diamond Class	
Tuesday 19	Cuffley Camp—Sapphire Class	
Thursday 21	New Nursery Parents September 2016 Induction Morning	9.10am
Monday 25	Book Week	
	Bikeability—Yr3/4	
Tuesday 26	Bikeability—Yr 3/4	
Wednesday 27	Pupils to dress up as their favourite book character	
Thursday 28	Class and team photographs	
MAY		
Thursday 5	Ascension Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Monday 9	SATS Week	
Friday 20	Transition meeting for Yr5/6 parents in the church hall	1.15pm
Wednesday 25	Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6	2-4pm
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	
Tuesday 19	Reserve Sports' Day	
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.

4 May

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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