

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

15 January 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

In assembly this week we are thinking about helping others with a particular focus on those people whose homes have been flooded. We have discussed the importance of a team approach in trying to help others; the difference it can make and how it makes us feel also as a person. Next week we are looking at homelessness, focusing on the shelter that St. Luke's church has provided for so many people and the difference that this can make.

Please remember that there is a Numicon meeting for all parents next Tuesday at 2.30pm in the school hall. This is a new maths programme that we are implementing across the school in supporting children with their maths work. So far it is really making a difference and children are extremely positive about it. There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase a Numicon pack that you can use at home to help your child.

A parent has approached me this week about young children being left in the car alone whilst siblings are being taken into school. This does concern me and I am very grateful that this has been brought to my attention. I would really appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

We have now published the dates for the next school year so that many parents can book their holidays well in advance and hopefully get a good deal! Your co-operation in this matter is really appreciated and will be extremely beneficial to your child.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Susan Notley  
Head Teacher

### This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	90.7%
Sapphire	99.7%
Diamond	94.9%
Emerald	96.2%

**Overall 96.0%**

### Week Beginning

18 January 2016

#### Monday

Netball Club—Resuming after February half-term

#### Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

2.30pm Numicon Training for all parents in the school hall (supporting your child with maths)

Spanish Club during school (Year 2)

Running Club- resuming after February half-term

Science Club (Yr2 by invitation) - resuming after February half-term

Art Club—resuming after February half-term

#### Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Football Club—Resuming after February half-term

#### Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

#### Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club- resuming after February half-term

## Ruby Memories

During the week we have been reading and developing work around the 'stickman' story. This has always proved very popular with many of the children as they watched the short film adaptation that was on television over Christmas. The children made their own stick people that are going to be displayed in the classroom. These were used as a prompt for some caption writing and impromptu role play. There was great excitement as our pet fish returned to Ruby Class with the nursery children keen to give

him a new name. As a maths activity and an early introduction to democracy the children voted for their favourite name. Kaelah was very pleased that her choice 'Larvi Nemo' was the favourite. So welcome back 'Larvi Nemo' a new school year and a new name! There has however been a mini crises as the tank seems to have a leak, if anyone has a small fish tank that they no longer use could you come and have a chat with us.

Many thanks

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

## Sapphire Tales

We have all had a fun-filled week in Sapphire Class! We have continued our work on letters in literacy by practising using verbs in the past tense. The children have written post cards to each other as well as writing a letter to the zoo requesting a special animal! In maths we've had a very messy (but of course incredibly exciting) time measuring the capacity of different

containers. We have looked at how we can sort data using different graphs and tables, sometimes using ICT to help us. In our art lesson on Thursday we used the iPads to capture images of the childrens' facial features with a particular focus on the different shapes that our mouths can make.

Have a lovely weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

## Diamond Delights

On Monday, we started our Anglo Saxon topic in history. We discussed why the Anglo Saxons moved away from their land to Britain. Then in groups, the children discussed if they had moved from another country and possible reasons why their family did. The in depth discussions the class had were excellent, and the children are looking forwards to finding out more about this period of history. In numeracy this week, our main focus has been identifying roman numerals and adding and subtracting with them. We have also looked at identifying missing num-

bers in number sequences, which will be continued into next week. In literacy, we have been planning and writing shape poems. I am looking forward to hearing the children reciting their own poems next week! Additionally, the children are looking at different kinds of relationships in art. Please may the children bring in one picture of themselves with a friend/family member/someone they are close to, as we will be using them to create sketches and paintings.

Have a lovely weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

## Emerald Echoes

This half term we are looking at famous figures in British history. On Monday we focused on the life of Queen Elizabeth II and the children produced some really great work full of facts and information. In maths this week we have been continuing to look at properties of numbers focusing on multiples, prime, square and cube numbers. I am really pleased with the organisation of the children; their homework, reading records, guided reading questions and

mental maths books are all handed in on time and to a very good standard. Keep it up. I hope you have a relaxing weekend and wrap up warm!

[Joe Law](#)

## Cold Weather



Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves at playtime.

## 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.



## 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.

## Friends' Notice

### Friends' Meetings

3 February

2 March

13 April

4 May

8 June

6 July

In the school hall at 2.45pm.

All welcome.



## Date List for Autumn Term 2015

<b>JANUARY</b>		
Tuesday 19	Numicon Training for all parents in the school hall (supporting your child with maths)	2.30pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Wednesday 10	Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Monday 15—Friday 19	HALF TERM	
Monday 22	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5	11.30am
Friday 26	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3	1.30pm
<b>MARCH</b>		
Thursday 3	World Book Day	
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Cuffley Camp—Emerald Class	
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Friday 18	Red Nose Day	
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert at St. John's Church—Whole School	2.15pm
Thursday 24	End of Spring Term	1.30pm

## Term Dates for 2016/2017

### Spring term 2016

INSET DAY	Wednesday 6 January
Starts	Thursday 7 January
Half term	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February
Ends	Thursday 24 March

### 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

Please remember that any of the above dates may alter because of changing circumstances.

On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.