

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

15 July 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year at St. John's School, how time flies when you are having fun! We have so much to celebrate at our school this year, both academically and in the numerous extra-curricular activities that we have also excelled in this year. Everyone here can look back on the year with pride of what it is we have achieved and take time to celebrate this.

It has also been an extremely challenging year when we think about the death of two of our parents – something that has really cast a dark cloud over our school and indeed our whole community. As a school we are still trying desperately to come to terms with this loss and the impact that this is having on both families. I am immensely proud of how everyone has shown their support in so many different ways in trying to be there for these families as they face the future with a real void in their lives. It should make us all feel so grateful for what we have and to treasure these times, especially as we start our summer holidays hopefully having some very special times together as a family.

Next week we look forward to our annual Sports' Day in Mr. Harold's field at 1pm on Monday, followed by our final celebration assembly on the Tuesday at 9.05 am and finally, our Leavers' Service in St. John's Church at 9.10am on Wednesday. Please remember that we finish school at 1.30pm on the Wednesday.

On Tuesday all pupils will get to meet their new teacher for September and be in their new classroom for a short while. The staffing arrangements for next year are as follows:

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Ruby Class	Mrs. Creed	Miss Gibbs Miss Snook pm
Sapphire Class	Mrs Piscitelli	Mrs. Hargate Miss Snook am
Diamond Class	Miss Gallagher	Miss Kings
Emerald Class	Mr. Law / Miss Hill	Mrs. Ramadan
		Mrs Baskal - Mon, Tues & Thurs.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday, hopefully full of fun and sunshine! We wish all our Year 6 pupils all the very best as they continue their educational journey at secondary school. I look forward to meeting everyone back here on Monday 5th September, ready to start a new school year.

Best wishes

Susan Notley
Headteacher

ST JOHN'S C.E. PRIMARY

Week Beginning 18 July 2016

Monday

8am Breakfast Club
11.30 **Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Year 4/5**

1pm **Sports' Day**

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club
9.10am **Celebration Assembly**
Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)
3.15-4.10 NO Art Club (KS2 by invitation)
1pm Reserve Sports' Day
Pizza Party

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club
9.10am **Leavers' Service**
NO Spanish Club— school time (Yr 2)
1.30pm **END OF SUMMER TERM**

Ruby Memories

We have finished our final targets in Ruby class; Kaelah made an Oreo milkshake and wrote the recipe for her friends, William made a magnificent castle and Lucia has made a very special book about rabbits. 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 Re-

ception class and all the excitement a new year brings. We also have to say goodbye to Evie and Leo 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 2015/16—you are all superstars! Have an amazing summer holiday.

[Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

What a busy week it's been! During our literacy lessons this week have been busy reflecting on the past year and thinking about all our wonderful achievements. We have talked about our favourite trips and our funniest moments! We have thought about the people who have spent time helping us in class and have written some lovely messages to them. In maths we have worked on finding the difference between two numbers by counting on from the smaller one and some of the children practised using columns for this. Much to the children's delight, we finally got to make our 'sea sides in a jar', which turned out

looking amazing. Our concert on Wednesday was very impressive and I'm sure you'll agree with me that our Spanish song was one of the best! As we reach the final few days of term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy (and hopefully warm and sunny) summer holiday, and to thank you for all your support over the year. I have really enjoyed teaching Sapphire Class this year and I look forward to the next academic year. I will be sending some homework home for the holidays so please do look out for this next week.

Have a lovely weekend

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

On Monday, the children had a go at designing and making mosaic tiles. They really enjoyed their afternoon and there were some lovely designs. Throughout the week, the children have been working hard completing maths assessments. They were relieved to finish

the last one on Thursday! In literacy, the children have been writing their stories with a dilemma and assessing each other's story writing. Have a super weekend!

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class we have been involved in Bikeability. The children have been learning about how to ride safely on the roads and have been learning lots of signals and manoeuvres. They have thoroughly enjoyed their week's riding and the instructors have said that the children have been a credit to the school, great news. In class we have completed

our Romeo and Juliet storyboards and have created a playscript for each of the main scenes. Year 6 parents please note we will be having the parents versus children rounders match on Tuesday evening after school on the cricket pitch. I will have a list of food/drink donations outside the classroom this evening, we will provide pizzas. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

On Monday evening the school football team played in their first ever final. The children were very excited but also nervous. We started the match against a very strong St. James's team a little slowly but there was some excellent defending from Tom and Arda in defence and also Marco in goals. Mid-way through the first half Damian took the ball confidently into the opposition's half and scored a great goal. Unfortunately, they scored just before half-time and were full of confidence in the second-half over-powering us and eventually winning 5-1. A

huge well done to the team as they have never reached a final before and I would like to thank all of the parents who have helped with transport and supported us loyally. The player of the match was very difficult so I have given it to the whole team for a great effort. A huge well done. Please remember on Monday afternoon we will be having Sports' Day. Each child should wear a top in the colour of their team. Anybody who doesn't have a coloured top, please don't worry, we will sort out a sports' bib in the morning.



Joe Law

Year 6—Reminders

- All ParentPay accounts to be settled by Tuesday 19 July, reminders have been sent out with your children.
- All Library books to be returned by Tuesday 19 July.

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.

Nursery
places still
available



Date List for Summer Term 2016

JULY		
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	Celebration Assembly—all parents welcome	9.10am
	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

FUN RUN / FAYRE / FOXTON'S ESTATE AGENTS BOARDS

We raised an amazing

£1,296—Fun Run, Fayre and sponsorships

£600—Foxton's Estate Agent boards



RACE NIGHT

We made a profit of £258 for the school and fun was had by all!

Thank you to everyone for your support.

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	Friday 2 September
Starts	Monday 5 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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