

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**HEADTEACHER'S NEWS**

It was so lovely to see so many parents attending our Parents' Meetings this week and as always being really supportive. If for any reason you were unable to make these meetings, please ensure that you receive a copy of the information sheet. For parents in Emerald Class, I spoke about the Manor Adventure trip which will take place next June. It is really important that everyone has paid their deposit of £50 by the end of September as the next payment will need to be made by October. I really don't want to be a position of having to chase parents for payments as this is really time consuming. Please remember that this trip is compulsory, it is part of their curriculum and as a school we have to provide such learning experiences.

Just in case you didn't see the newsletter last week, please take the time to look at our Ofsted Report which has now been published on the Ofsted website which can be accessed on: Ofsted UK reports, click on find inspection report and type in the school name. We are extremely proud of what as a school we have all achieved together and it is so important to celebrate this.

I am delighted to report that our overall attendance this week is 98.1% which is above our target of 97%. Please really make every effort to maintain this now.

Thank you to those parents who have made the effort to donate tissues for their child's class. This is really appreciated and is supporting us as a school in these challenging financial times.

On the subject of the school budget, I am very concerned about the large number of parents who have yet to pay their annual governors' maintenance of £35 for 2016/17. It is important to note that this money goes towards all the fantastic building work that we have had completed at our school over the years. Without this fund we would never have been able to afford this work that has really benefitted the pupils. Therefore, it is very important that all parents continue to pay this annual contribution as any outstanding balance has to be paid by the school and this means that other areas will have to be cut back for example visits from poets, trips being subsidised.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Susan Notley
Head teacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	Not present
Sapphire	98.7%
Diamond	99.3%
Emerald	96.3%
Overall	98.1%

**Week Beginning
18 September 2017****Monday**

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation) starting after half term

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6) Starting w/c 18 Sep

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Jeans 4 Genes Day Running Club

NOTICES

Football Club

On Tuesday evening unfortunately there will be no football club as the school team is playing their first match at Kingsmead against Brimsdown.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay is up to date.



Governors' maintenance contribution of £35 - please pay ASAP.

Lost Property

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



Manor Adventure

Emerald Class Parents, please ensure your deposit of £50 is paid on ParentPay by the end of September 2017.

Nursery Admissions 2017

- 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.



Packed Lunch

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



Tissue Boxes



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We would really appreciate parents donating tissue boxes to their child's classes. Please bring in to school at your convenience.

Remember



Jeans 4 Genes Day



On Friday 22 September children are to come into school wearing denim clothing and please bring in £1.50 donation for this worthy cause.

The money raised goes towards improving the lives of children with rare genetic disorders.

www.jeansforgenesday.org.uk

Please remember to still bring P.E. Kits in, as Running club and P.E. classes will still take place.

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.



RUBY CLASS

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Pat Creed

SAPPHIRE CLASS

I hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for what will be a very successful year in Sapphire Class! We've all had a super first full week settling into class after the summer holidays. The Year 1 children have settled in really well and have taken this new experience in their stride, considering how much information they have been given and have had to remember! The Year 2 children have done an amazing job so far in helping the Year 1 children settle into Sapphire Class and I am looking forward to seeing this continue! Well done to those children who completed their holiday diaries – it looks like you all had lots of fun and you have completed your diaries with a lot of care! Reading books, homework and spellings are handed to the children on a Friday. A reminder that PE is on a Monday and Thursday afternoon, so all children should bring their full kit to school on a Monday. If there are any initial questions that you'd like to discuss, I am available every night (apart from a Monday) after school so feel free to pop into school and we can have discuss these face to face. Alternatively, I am more than happy to arrange telephone appointments after school if this is more convenient.

Have a lovely weekend everyone

James Stringer

DIAMOND CLASS

We have had a lovely start to the new term in Diamond Class! Firstly, welcome to the new year 3 children and parents. The class have settled in really well and have already impressed me with their fantastic work, especially in Literacy. We have been busy in numeracy, looking at using different methods to solve addition and subtraction problems. We have also started our Geography topic on The Water Cycle, which I'm sure the children will enjoy learning about this term!

P.E. Days are Monday and Thursday, so please ensure that all children remember their kit.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Sabrina Anderson

EMERALD CLASS

Welcome back to everyone involved in Emerald class and especially a huge welcome to Mr Ezel. It has been really good chatting to you all over the last week and a half and seeing all the children settling into Emerald class really well. In maths this week we have been focusing on addition and subtraction strategies and finding missing numbers in calculations by using the inverse. In English we have been looking at the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur and writing our opinions of the strengths and floors in his character. Please could you make sure you children are completing their reading each evening and handing in their reading records on a daily basis. PE days are Tuesday and Friday so please ensure your child remembers their kit. We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel



Date List for Autumn Term 2017

SEPTEMBER		
Friday 22	Jeans for Genes Day (please bring donation of £1.50)	
Monday 25	Cuffley Camp for Diamond Class (parents to take and pick up from Cuffley Camp)	9.30am— 2.30pm
Friday 29	Macmillan coffee morning after Celebration Assembly in memory of Mr Perry (School Council to organise a special fundraising event)	9.30am
OCTOBER		
Monday 2	Cuffley Camp for Emerald Class (parents to take and pick up from Cuffley Camp)	9.30am— 2.30pm
Tuesday 10	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Sapphire Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
Wednesday 11	Harvest Services in St John's Church	2.30pm
Tuesday 17	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Diamond Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
Thursday 19	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Monday 23—Friday 27	HALF TERM	
Tuesday 31	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Emerald Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 8	Remembrance Service in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Tuesday 14	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-5.30 (appointments offered)	
Wednesday 15	Fire Safety Talk Yr 2 & Yr 5	
Thursday 16	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Thursday 16	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-6.30 (appointments offered)	
Tuesday 28	Pantomime (Reception—Year 6)	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Thursday 14	Nativity for Ruby Class	
Friday 15	Christmas Jumper Day	
Tuesday 19	Christmas Parties	1pm
Wednesday 20	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 21	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY Monday 4 September
INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September
Starts Wednesday 6 September
Half term Monday 23 October—Friday 27 October
Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December

Spring 2018

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

Summer 2018

Starts Monday 16 April
Half Term Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 20 July
Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018

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