

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

16 December 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



It is hard to believe that 2016 is already drawing to a close as the children are all enjoying the different activities that are all a special part of Christmas at St. John's School. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents at our Carol Service on Wednesday in St. John's Church. I was so proud of all the pupils, the singing was fantastic and the pupils who played the instruments deserve to be commended for all the effort that they have put in throughout this term. A special mention to both Peter and Jing-Fong, it is always wonderful to take the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the variety of talent that we have at St. John's School. Ruby Class's Nativity was a spectacular occasion where we were all reminded of the true meaning of Christmas; performed beautifully by the Reception pupils and supported by the Nursery pupils. Thank you to all the staff at St. John's School for their hard work and support during this extremely busy time of the year.

Clubs will commence on the week beginning the 16th January and these are as follows:

- Monday - Multi-Skills for KS1
- Tuesday - Art Club by invitation only (letters to be sent out after Christmas)
Science Club by invitation only (letters to be sent out after Christmas)
- Wednesday - SPAG Club for Yr. 6 pupils at lunchtime
Netball Club
- Thursday - Dance Club by invitation only as we are now preparing for the Dance Festival in March
- Friday - SPAG Club for Yr. 6 pupils at lunchtime
Football Club

It is important that we say thank you to the very generous support of the Friends of St. John's School during this time of the year. They have very kindly donated the crackers for our Christmas lunch that we all thoroughly enjoyed on Tuesday. They have also been in contact with Father Christmas to support him with buying all those fantastic presents that he comes with every year. We are expecting an extra special visit from Father Christmas on Monday afternoon when he will hopefully land with his sleigh full of presents in Mr. Harold's field. I am extremely grateful to the parents who gave up their time on Monday morning to decorate our school hall for our Christmas lunch and nativity as well. This support is really appreciated.

It has been brought to my attention that some parents are smoking outside the school gate, please remember that the school is a smoking free zone and we would really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Please remember that school finishes at 1.30pm on Tuesday and will open again on Friday the 6th January.

Have a wonderful Christmas and all our very best wishes for a healthy and happy new year.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

Class	Week
Ruby	96.8%
Sapphire	97.9%
Diamond	93.6%
Emerald	94.8%

Overall 95.8%

Week Beginning

19th December 2016

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
Am	Activities morning
pm	Christmas parties

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
1.30 pm	School finishes

Friday 6th January 2017

8am	Breakfast Club
No Celebration Assembly	

NOTICEBOARD

Please ensure the following forms have been returned to school:-

- Dental Survey—Reception & Year 1
- School Health Service Questionnaire— Reception Class

Ruby Memories

I hope you all enjoyed the 'Noisy Nativity' yesterday, the children worked so hard to learn all the songs, words and actions and were a real credit to Ruby class, we are all so proud of them; now we really feel as Christmas is on its way. In maths this week we have introduced the + and = signs and have been adding two groups of objects together to find an answer, we have kept it very festive and have been adding snowmen, angels and reindeers! We have also been assessing the children's phonic knowledge and I

am so pleased with how well they are all doing, thank you so much for all your support at home with the sound books, it really has made a difference. On Monday afternoon it is our Christmas party, the children can bring in their party clothes to change into at lunchtime; nursery children may wear their party clothes to school. On behalf of the Early Years team I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2017!

Merry Christmas

[Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

This week in maths we have focused on 3-D shapes. Some of the children went on a shape hunt around the school looking for real-life objects which are 3-D shapes. We have identified the properties of the different shapes as well as using them to print 2-D shape patterns. During our literacy lessons we played Scarecrow Tig and then discussed and wrote instructions for playing. Later in the week we got to make some Coconut Ice to complete our work on this unit. We have also had lots of creating going on in the classroom where the children have

made Christmas cards for our helpers as well as making decorations for the classroom. We are now really excited about our class party on Monday so please remember your food donations for this. P.E kits have been sent home so please do check the contents of the bags and label any items that are new, ready for next term. Our homework for the break will be science, spellings and reading as usual with timetables practice for the year 2 children.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

In Diamond Class this week, the children have been writing some Christmas acrostic poems using alliteration. In numeracy, we have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock and we have been converting analogue times to digital times. The children are all very excited for Christmas and we have been singing lots of Christmas carols as well as contin-

uing with our Christmas craft activities.

Have a lovely weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald Class we have been feeling festive. The children have made some lovely Christmas cards and helped decorate the class. We have been writing persuasive posters encouraging people to visit London, using different persuasive techniques. In Maths we have been working on adding and subtracting fractions. We have also simplified frac-

tions by finding common multiples of numbers. We have been really impressed with the children's assessment results this half term, they have made really good progress and have really worked hard. Thank you for all your continued support at home this term, enjoy the Christmas break. Wishing you a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

[Joe Law & Claire Hill](#)

Class Activities/Parties

Monday 19th December

Children to come in party clothes on this day, ready to participate in Christmas activities in the morning and Christmas parties in the afternoon.

School Post Box



Our post box is in the Reception area by the school office for children to post their Christmas cards. Please remember to address the envelopes with the name of the child and their class to ensure cards are delivered to the correct child.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay is up to date:-

- Trips taken
- Governors' Maintenance Fund
- School Dinners in credit
- Breakfast Club in credit



Primary Admissions—Sept 17

- Apply online for your child's school place.
www.eadmissions.org.uk
- 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

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.

Drop Off and Collection

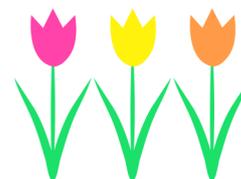


Please do not park on the kerb along Theobalds Park Road

- a) Parents with prams and pedestrians cannot get by and are having to go out in the road
- b) You will get a ticket

Please do not move our parking signs outside school, they are there for the safety of our pupils.

Spring Term 2017



A reminder that there is an Inset Day on Thursday 5 January so we look forward to seeing you all on Friday 6 January.

Children's Christmas Activity Morning

Friday 23 December
10–12pm

St. Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane

All Welcome



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/Spring Term 2017

DECEMBER		
Monday 19	Christmas Class Parties & Christmas Activity Day 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
Monday 30	Victorian Day	
FEBRUARY		
Monday 6	Viking Day	
Monday 27	Poetry week	
MARCH		
Wednesday 1	Ash Wednesday Service	
Wednesday 1	Emerald Class to participate in the Lord Mayor's Writing competition	
Thursday 2	World Book Day	
Tuesday 21	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 23	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 29	Easter Concert	
Thursday 30	Dance Festival	
Friday 31	Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. School finishes at 1.30 pm	

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

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

The Friends' of St. John's