

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

17 March 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Thank you to all the pupils who submitted fantastic posters for our competition which was judged last Friday and the winners were announced in our assembly this Tuesday. We are now officially a school that supports the campaign against smoking at the school gates. The winning poster will be displayed on a plaque by the school gate. Congratulations to the following winners:

1st place Maeva Eboue

2nd place Florence Carlton

3rd place Milo Robinson

It was so encouraging to see so many parents are both our reading groups this week, I hope you found these sessions useful and that you feel armed with lots of different strategies to support your child's reading. Hopefully you also came away with the feeling that reading is really fun and the importance of continuing to build on that enjoyment with your child. We have two more reading sessions to complete and these are on the following dates:

Thursday 23rd March at 9am – 9.40am – Parents of Emerald Class

Tuesday 28th March at 9am – 9.30am – Parents of Reception Class

Please also make a note about the E-Safety meeting that is open to all parents and I can't stress enough the importance of this meeting.

Tuesday the 28th March at 2.30pm – E-Safety for all parents

The first of our Spring Concerts takes place for all the pupils in Ruby and Sapphire Classes next Wednesday at St. John's Church at 2.45pm. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this concert. The pupils will be going home from the church at 3.15pm.

Our annual dress the egg competition has been launched so I look forward to seeing the amazing creations adorning our Reception Area.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.6%
Sapphire	97.2%
Diamond	95.0%
Emerald	99.3%
Overall	97.3%

Week Beginning 20 March 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Reception to Year 6)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Art Club (by invitation)
3.15-4.10pm	Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
2.30pm	Spring Concert— Nursery, Reception & Sapphire Class
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (by invitation)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3- 6) Please note the earlier finish time

Ruby Memories

The main focus in Ruby class this week has been 'Understanding the World' which links in with Science Week in the rest of the school. Our science lab is now up and running and the children have been carrying out their own investigations into light and magnetism. All the children have carried out different experiments during the week which involve 'change' - the theme of science week. These have included making volcanoes, magic milk, discovery bottles, growing cress, blasting rockets and melting chocolate which was used to make chocolate krispy cakes – thanks Miss Gibbs! The recep-

tion children were also looking for signs of change in nature when we went on our walk in Hilly fields. It was lovely to see the children so animated and excited about their learning in such lovely surroundings and on the warmest day of the year too! Make sure you have a look at our class science book to see all of our experiments and investigations when you come to parents evening in two weeks.

Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

In Sapphire Class this week we have been planning our story that has a moral following on from reading a variety of different stories with morals. The children have come up with lots of interesting ideas as to why the monkey has a long tail or why the elephant has a trunk. These stories will be available for you to read during Parents' Evening on the last week of term. In History we have been learning about captain Cook and the new lands that he discovered. The children have been pre-

tending that they are Captain Cook and writing a diary entry about his travels.

As it was Science Week, we conducted a variety of experiments about different dyes in inks, why salt crystals create interesting patterns on wet paint and why we see white light when we rotate our spinner that has three different colours.

Have a lovely weekend creating your Easter Egg competition.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

In Diamond Class this week, we have been busy investigating evaporation in science. As it is national science week, we spent two afternoons working in groups to investigate the best method to evaporate water on clothing quickly – without using a tumble dryer! I was so impressed with the team work that was taking place! We are now hoping to create some posters about our states of matter topic to send off for the science competition. In literacy, we have been writing a

recount in role of one of the characters from Oliver Twist. In numeracy, we have been using the expanded and compact multiplication method as well as the bus stop method to divide numbers.

I'd like to thank all the parents who came to the reading meeting on Monday. I hope it proved useful in understanding ways to support your child with the reading skills!

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

We had a fantastic day at Cuffley Camp on Monday and were blessed with the springtime sunshine. In the morning we completed a very challenging assault course and then split into two teams and laid tracks for each group to follow and then find us in the woods. The highlight was the afternoon session where we all made water bombs out of origami. I think there were a few vendettas as I ended up extremely wet, mainly thanks to Mrs Ramadan! During science week we have been conducting an experiment to see which type of liquid a nail would rust in whether it be acid, alkali or neutral. We have also researched and produced a piece

of work on some famous scientists including Stephen Hawking, Einstein and Isaac Newton. In maths we have been focusing on fractions this week and the children have made great steps in achieving their targets this week. During our geography lesson the children have been given a European country that they need to research and produce a PowerPoint presentation that they can show to the rest of the class. This morning in RE we have been looking at temptations linked with Jesus spending forty days and forty nights in the desert. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

NOTICES



SPORTS NEWS

The football team have been extremely busy this week playing 3 matches over Monday and Tuesday evening. On Monday we played the eventual champions Raglan and were comprehensively beaten 6-0. To their credit the team played to the final whistle and never gave up with Marco Cavedaschi pulling off a number of great saves. On Tuesday evening we played against St. Paul's and Highfield. In our first game we came up against another extremely strong team and lost 9-2 with Jehoshua and Johnny scoring our goals. In our final match, against Highfield, we played one of the most entertaining 0-0 draws you will ever see with end-to-end action and both teams coming very close to scoring. Over all of the matches Marco played extremely well in goals under immense pressure so was named player of the matches.

Breakfast Club Increase



After the Easter holidays, Breakfast Club is increasing from £2.50 to £3.50 per session.

We have not increased our charges since January 2012, however because of the popularity, we might have to employ extra staff to supervise the children and obviously there has been an increase in food prices over the last five years.

Dress the Egg Competition

Don't forget to start thinking about how to decorate your egg for the competition.

They will be judged on Thursday 30 March.



School Dinners / Packed Lunch

May we remind parents that if your child decides to change from either school dinners or packed lunch, that half a terms notice needs to be given.



Wanted

Do you have any unwanted teacups and saucers to donate to one of our parents for the Mad Hatters Arty Party workshop at Forty Hall?

Please bring them into the school office if you do.

Thank you.



Drop in Clinic to see the School Nurse

The School Nurse is hosting a Drop in Clinic at St. John's on **Monday 24 April from 9am to 10am.**

This is a chance for parents/carers to discuss any medial or family issues you may have.



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.





Date List for Spring Term 2017

MARCH		
Monday 20	Dress the Egg Competition to start	
Wednesday 22	Spring Concert—Nursery, Reception & Sapphire Class	2.45pm
Tuesday 28	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Reception Class	9.00-9.30am
Tuesday 28	E-Safety for all parents	2.30pm
Tuesday 28	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Wednesday 29	Spring Concert—Diamond & Emerald Class	2.30pm
Thursday 30	Dance Festival	
Thursday 30	Dress the Egg Competition to be judged	
Thursday 30	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Friday 31	Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. School finishes at 1.30pm	

Term Dates for 2017

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

Autumn Term 2017

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

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
 4 because of changing circumstances.
 On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.