

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**HEADTEACHER'S NEWS**

Last week as a school we were thinking about the importance of respect linked very closely to Remembrance and the very moving service that we had in St. John's Church. This week I have been alarmed at the incidents that have occurred outside the school where clearly parents have chosen to be disrespectful. I have had to speak to several members of the public who have been shocked at the actions of some of the parents at this school. Attached to this newsletter is a photograph that one resident sent in of a car parked across an entrance- clearly causing immense disruption! Both the site officer and I will be monitoring this very closely as the safety of both children and adults are paramount at all times.

Thank you to those parents and children who have supported the Shoe-box Gift Appeal both at St. John's Church and at the school. In total we had 34 boxes that will now brighten up children's lives on Christmas morning. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Young for as always supporting us with the Operation Christmas Child Appeal.

It was really lovely to see so many parents at our very important Parents' Evenings this week. If for any reason you are unable to make the appointment that you were allocated, please make sure that you see the class teacher so that you can be given another time. We are really keen to ensure that all parents have met with their child's teacher as I can't stress enough the importance of these meetings.

Our overall attendance percentage for this week is 94.4% which is below our target of 97%. Please make every effort to improve this next week so that we can achieve our target of 97% this term. Well done to Diamond Class as you achieved the highest score of 97.9% this week for attendance. Diamond Class will now have the cup in their classroom all week.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

Class	Week
Ruby	91.2%
Sapphire	96.3%
Diamond	97.9%
Emerald	92.3%
Overall	94.4%

Week Beginning**20 November 2017****Monday**

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

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club—3.00-4.00pm
4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation) starting after Christmas

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)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Running Club

Late Stay Club

Having spoken to several parents about the Late Stay Club, we still haven't got enough children to be able to run it. If you are interested and haven't already seen Mrs Flanagan to give her the definite days which your child can attend, please inform the office by Monday.

NOTICES

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please see Mrs Notley if you are interested in taking up the position of Parent Governor for a chat and an overview of the position.

Pantomime

On Tuesday 28 November Reception to Year 6 are going to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Millfield Theatre. Contributions to be made on Parent-Pay.



Lost Property

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



Packed Lunch

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



School Dinner / Breakfast Club

School Dinner and Breakfast Club accounts always need to be in credit.



Hazardous Parking



We have had a complaint from our neighbours with this car parking dangerously and leaving children alone in the car. The sign clearly says no parking but unfortunately this parent has decided to ignore it. It was extremely dangerous and inconsiderate for our neighbour to exit the driveway.

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

What a busy week in Ruby class! Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to the maths workshops, I hope you found it useful. It was also lovely to meet with so many of you during Parent Evenings this week to discuss your child's progress and to plan their next steps. In maths this week we have used sand and water to investigate capacity which has been lots of fun. Percy the park keeper's hut is now set up in sunshine room and the children have been busy writing shopping lists for the food to go into his lunch box. I have been really impressed with how the children are beginning to use their phonic knowledge to support their writing; thank you for all your support with the sound books which has really helped. The children will not need their P.E. kits now until after Christmas as we will be practising our nativity play and using the parachute. The bag of Numicon which we discussed at the maths workshop is available from the office at £22, I have also added the web address of two useful websites for maths. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html> Have a lovely weekend, **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

In Sapphire Class this week, we have been working really hard in all our subjects. In maths this week, we have been learning about fractions. We have been looking at $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of both shapes and numbers. This can be a very tricky concept. However, the children have worked really hard with this! In literacy this week, we have been looking at Krindlekrax again. We have been introduced to Ruskin's mum, Wendy and we have realised that she wears very similar clothes to Ruskin. We had the opportunity to use our knowledge of expanded noun phrases to re-design Ruskin in any way we wished! We then made predictions about whether we think Ruskin has a dad and if so, what he looks like.

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been learning how to convert units of length and compare and order measurements. They also enjoyed estimating, then measuring the lengths of various objects around the room. In Literacy, the class worked in groups to create freeze-frames to illustrate key moments in the story *Pandora's Box*. The children carried out this activity really well and I was very impressed with their acting skills! They have begun writing their own letters of apology from the main character's point of view. In Computing, the class have been using a program called *Scratch* to create moving characters. They have been extremely enthusiastic in experimenting with the different features, while developing their programming skills. As you all may know, the children now take home their Guided Reading book to read at home, and I set them set tasks to do each evening such as finding 3 really good words that they would love to use in their own writing, and noting these words down in their Reading Records. This weekend, I have asked the children to read **4 more pages** of their GR book and write down what they like, or don't like about the story so far.

Have a great weekend! **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

It was great to see everybody this week during Parent Evenings and we both thought the meetings were extremely productive. This week in Emerald Class, we have started our new focus in literacy, which is on the story of Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. The class has looked at the front cover and blurb and discussed the clues suggested about the story. We talked about using specific language in our reasoning, such as: 'suggests', 'indicates' and 'gives the impression'. The children did very well in using this language in their sentences. Well done Emerald Class. In maths we have been focusing on time. The children have completed a wide variety of activities including telling the time to the nearest minute, 24-hour clocks, am/pm times and a range of word problems. Please remember on Monday we are off to Enfield playing fields at the Donkey Lane side where we will be involved in the launch of the new 3G pitch there. We hope you have a relaxing weekend. **Joe Law & Kamran Ezel**



Date List for Autumn Term 2017

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 28	Pantomime (Reception—Year 6)	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Friday 1	Catriona Fathers' special assembly	9.05am
Thursday 14	Nativity for Ruby Class	9.30am
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

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

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

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