

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

18 March 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It is fantastic to hear the beautiful singing coming from both the hall and the classrooms as the children prepare for the Easter Concert next Wednesday. Please note we have changed the start time for the Easter Concert to 2.40pm, as Mrs. Miller would like some time to practise with the pupils prior to the event. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this concert where we celebrate the coming of Easter and the joyous occasion where Jesus rose again from the dead.

There will be a meeting on Monday at 2.30pm in the hall for parents of Reception children. This meeting will focus on both reading and writing; different ideas and strategies to support your child with both. There will also be an opportunity for parents to discuss with me any issues that they may want to raise. Please make every effort to attend as we are now entering the Summer Term and it is really important that we are working together to get your child ready for the next step into Year 1.

Please note that next week we finish on Thursday at 1.30pm after our Celebration Assembly in the morning where we will announce the winners of our Easter Egg competition. I am looking forward to the spectacular entries flooding in next week. The closing date is next Wednesday morning at 9am. Thank you in advance to both Mr. and Mrs. Young for agreeing to the onerous task of judging the entries yet again this year. Due to the early finishing time on Thursday, there will be no Nursery on this day.

As this will be our final newsletter for this term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Easter and a relaxing break.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.1%
Sapphire	95.4%
Diamond	89.9%
Emerald	97.3%

Overall 94.6%

Week Beginning

21 March 2016

Monday

NO Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5

Literacy meeting for Reception parents—2.30pm in the school hall.

NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Football Match at De Bohun Primary

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Running Club- to commence soon

Art Club (by invitation) 3.15-4.10pm

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Easter Egg Judging Day

Nursery —END OF TERM 3.15PM

Easter Concert in St. John's Church—2.40pm

Netball Match at Enfield County Lower School

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

NO NURSERY

NO Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3

END OF TERM 1.30PM

Friday

Ruby Memories

It was lovely to meet with parents this week to share the children's progress and their next steps. Thank you for all your positive comments and your continued support. On Monday the reception children visited the building site with their hard hats and high visibility jackets on. They interviewed Paul (the site manager), we were very impressed with their questioning skills and their knowledge of measurement and estimation. The children also watched a demon-

stration of brick laying—a skill which was soon being applied in the builders' role play area in Sunshine Room! We have been reading and learning about the Easter story which the children have re-told through pictures. We have also been looking at new life and new beginnings which we will continue next week as we lead up to Easter. Have a relaxing weekend and a lovely Easter holiday.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

It was so lovely to see so many of you for your child's progress meeting this week and thank-you all for taking the time to meet with me. If you are still to have your appointment, please do see me to arrange this. I am so pleased to say that the children have done brilliantly with their maths work on number this week! So many of them have now mastered adding and subtracting using mental strategies as well as using both the number line and 100 square. They are all getting better and better at working independently! In

literacy we have practised recounting events from the Farmer Duck story in the past tense. We have also enjoyed writing speech sentences in role as some of the characters who helped get rid of the Lazy Farmer! Year 1 parents please do pop in to the office for a pack of Set 3 phonics sound cards if you don't already have them. These can be practised daily alongside the reading.

Have a lovely weekend

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

Firstly, thank you to all the parents who attended their consultation meetings this week. It was great to be able to talk about your child and their progress!

In history on Monday afternoon, the children had a busy but fun time! The class used clay to write their name in Anglo Saxon ruins. The children rolled out their own shapes and created different patterns using a range of utensils. We are hoping to paint their designs next week. In

French, the children learnt an Easter song and made little French Easter cards which was a lovely treat. In numeracy, the children have been using their known times table facts to multiply bigger numbers. We have also focused on finding factors of different numbers. In literacy, we have been writing our fairy tale play scripts.

Have a super weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

On Wednesday we had an action packed day at Cuffley Camp: pond dipping, orienteering and problem solving. We found a number of pond creatures including newts, dragonfly nymphs, leeches and many more interesting 'beasties'. After this the children showed great skill in completing two complicated orienteering

courses, displaying great teamwork and map skills. To finish with, we completed four challenging problem solving activities where everybody had to co-operate and communicate well. In art our collages are coming on really well and should be finished by Easter. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

Next week we have a football match and netball matches so watch this space to find out the results.

Joe Law



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening was a huge success. A big thank you to all the parents who made arrangements for their children to be looked after, as this makes it a more peaceful event for parents. Unfortunately a few parents did bring their children which meant that they had to be supervised by Mrs Flanagan. As a result of this, she was unable to support parents in completing the parents' survey.

Mrs Notley will be in contact with these parents as we need to ensure that this doesn't happen next time.

Easter Egg Competition

As Easter is fast approaching, we are of course running our annual Easter Egg competition and would like to see all your amazing creations coming into school in time for the judging which will take place on Wednesday 23 March. The winners will be announced in our final assembly on Thursday 24 March.



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

During the holidays please sort out your wardrobes! Bags have been given out, if you require some more please ask in the office.

Donate clean, unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen and towels. To find out more information please go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk.

Friends' Notice

Friends' Meetings

13 April

6 July

4 May

In the school hall at 2.45pm.

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.

Happy Bag Collection

Tuesday 12 April at 9.00am

To raise funds for St. John's.





Date List for Spring Term 2016

MARCH		
Monday 21	Literacy meeting for Reception parents in the school hall	2.30pm
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert at St. John's Church—Whole School Easter Egg Competition Judging	2.40pm
Thursday 24	NURSERY END OF TERM End of Spring Term—RECEPTION—YEAR 6	3.15PM 1.30pm

Term Dates for 2016/2017

Spring term 2016

INSET DAY	Wednesday 6 January
Starts	Thursday 7 January
Half term	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February
Ends	Thursday 24 March

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	Monday 5 September
Starts	Tuesday 6 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

Please remember that any of the above dates may alter because of changing circumstances.

On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

Date List for Summer Term 2016

APRIL		
Tuesday 12	Happy Bags Collection Day	9.00am
Monday 18	Cuffley Camp—Sapphire Class	
Tuesday 19	Cuffley Camp—Diamond Class	
Thursday 21	New Nursery Parents September 2016 Induction Morning	9.10am
Monday 25	Book Week	
	Bikeability—Yr3 & 4	
Tuesday 26	Bikeability—Yr 3 & 4	
Wednesday 27	Pupils to dress up as their favourite book character	
MAY		
Thursday 5	Ascension Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Monday 9	SATS Week	
Friday 20	Transition meeting for Yr5/6 parents in the church hall	
Wednesday 25	Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6	
Monday 30—3 June	HALF TERM	
JUNE		
Monday 6—10	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Wednesday 15	Transition meeting for Yr5/6 parents in the church hall	
Friday 24	Fun Run & Fair	
Monday 27	Science Week	
JULY		
Monday 11	Bikeability—Yr 5&6 all week	
Tuesday 12	Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	