

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

18 November 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week throughout our assembly time, we have supported Anti –Bullying Week, shining a spotlight on bullying and encouraging all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. We discussed ways in which children can be powerful and how individually and collectively we can take action to stop bullying. The theme this year is: 'The Power of Good' and we talked about the importance of making the right decisions and standing up for what we believe is right and in doing so being outstanding role models in our community.

Thank you to all our parents and pupils who have brought in their Christmas Boxes. Whilst it was slow to start with, I am delighted with the conscious effort that so many pupils and parents made so that we can make a real difference to so many children's lives on Christmas morning.

It was really lovely to meet with so many parents this week during our Parents' Evenings and to receive so many positive comments about our school. Thank you to those parents who made a real effort to make alternative arrangements for childcare, this was really appreciated and we are aiming that all parents will adhere to this for next time. At the moment we only have ten parent questionnaires completed, we would really appreciate it if every parent could make an effort to complete this as your feedback is really important to us. The information regarding this is attached to this newsletter.

It is with regret that the Governors of St. John's School have made the decision to cancel both the Christmas Fair and the discos in the light of the serious situation that occurred at the recent Halloween Party. Please read the attached letter regarding this matter.

Have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.9%
Sapphire	86.7%
Diamond	96.8%
Emerald	97.0%

Overall 94.3%

Week Beginning 21 November 2016

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Yr 1 & 2)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
9am	Happy School Bags Collection Day

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard Club
During school	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)

Friday

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

Ruby Memories

It was lovely to meet with so many of you during Parents' Evening this week to discuss your child's progress and to plan their next steps. Thank you for all your support, it really does make a difference. In keeping with the X factor theme at the moment we have set up a little stage in the outside area for the children to perform on which really helps to build their confidence. If you have a CD player at home which you are no longer using, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to Ruby class to use with our outdoor stage area. This week we have continued looking at pattern

within the environment and in nature. The magnifying glasses have been in full use as the children have investigated the features and patterns of different leaves. We have also been discussing how animals stay safe by using their patterned skin to camouflage themselves within their environment and the reception children have gone on to make their own animal camouflage paintings. Next week in maths we will be looking at 3D shapes which links in very well with wrapping presents in Santa's grotto—Christmas begins in Ruby class!!
Have a great weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

It was so lovely to see you all this week during Parent Consultations and to discuss your child's progress with you. In class this week we have been focusing on addition and subtraction in maths. The children have been using the number square for adding and subtracting multiples of 10 and then using this knowledge to add and subtract 11 and 9. Some of the year 1 children have been practising using the number line for addition and subtraction also. In literacy we have looked at speech and how characters talk to each other in texts. The children really enjoyed the opportunity of writing in role as the BFG and Sophie from last week's story and as well as

using speech bubbles, we have practised using really grown-up speech punctuation too! Over the next few weeks we will be looking at traditional tales as part of our literacy work so please do read these at home with the children. During science we have started to learn about growing up and how babies change into children. The children have compared and contrasted how babies and children move; how they communicate and what they eat. Their challenge was to prepare a short drama sketch in which they described how they have changed as they have grown from a baby into a child.

Enjoy the weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

It was lovely to see so many of the parents at the Parents' Meetings this week. I really enjoyed talking about the progress all of the children have made and how they have settled into the new academic year really well. In literacy this week, the children have been planning and writing a new chapter for our class story, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In numeracy, we have been focusing on data handling with a particular focus on using and interpreting tally charts

and bar charts. Some of the class also had a go at creating a line graph. In geography, the children have been using Google maps to locate streets, town/villages and counties to the north, south, east and west of our school.

Have a relaxing weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

We have continued our work on The Highwayman this week. We have looked at the features of newspaper reports, planned and begun to write our own reports about The Highwayman. We have lots of features we need to include and will polish and improve our work next week. In maths, we have been measuring length, weight and capacity. We have been practical in our work, and followed this up with converting measurements. In Science we planned and carried out an experiment to see which ball would bounce the highest, using scientific concepts to help us predict and understand.

We have begun to get into the Christmas spirit in Emerald Class this week, by learning about the meaning of advent in R.E.

Have a lovely weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

Sports

Thank you to all the parents who brought their children to the Cross Country at Forty Hall. It was a lovely Autumnal day to participate in the Borough Cross Country. Well done to all pupils who participated and it was so rewarding to see all the children finish. I was really impressed with some chil-

dren who participated for the first time and coped incredibly well with it.

Susan Notley



School Photographs

REMINDER

Place your order online with Ward Hendry Photographers or return your proof card with the exact money by **FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER**.



Parent View

Please can you fill in the questionnaire about our school (a link is on our home page of our website) if you didn't manage to at the Parents' Evening. **THANK YOU.**

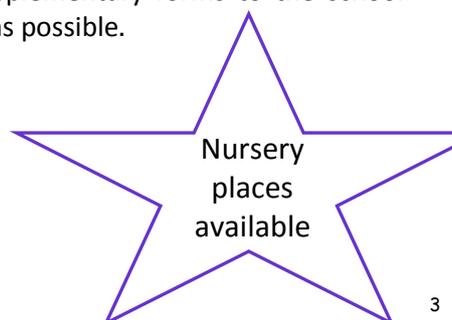


Primary Admissions—Sept 17

Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk
St. John's Supplementary Forms
Available on our website www.stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk or in the school office.

Nursery Admissions 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.



Happy School Bags Scheme

If you would like any more bags, please ask in the school office.

HSB offers the opportunity to raise additional funds for St. John's and at the same time help our environment by recycling unwanted, quality clothes, paired shoes and trainers, handbags, belts, bed linen, towels and soft toys.

The collection day is **Tuesday 22**

November, so please bring your bags to the office on **MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER**.



Parents' Evening

A big thank you to everyone who made alternative arrangements for their children, so that you could have valued time with looking at your child's books and with the teachers.



It is very disappointing that some parents choose to ignore our request that no children were allowed and this made it extremely unfair for the parents who had made other arrangements.

School Uniform

Please name all school uniform, so that if it is mis-placed it can be easily identified.

Please check at home that your child hasn't accidentally gone home with another child's item of clothing.

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.

Sunday 20 November

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

St. John's Church—9.30 to 10.00am

Songs, Children's Talk, Prayers, Refreshments





Date List for Autumn Term 2016

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 22 November	Happy School Bags Collection	11am
Friday 25	Christmas Fete—CANCELLED	
Wednesday 30	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 6	Infants Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2—CANCELLED	
Tuesday 13	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day Junior Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6—CANCELLED	
Wednesday 14	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 15	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.30pm
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

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

CHRISTMAS FETE

Friday 25 November
St. John's Church

Unfortunately this event has been cancelled.

SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 6 December
Tuesday 13 December

Unfortunately this event has been cancelled.