

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

19 May 2017



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week in assembly we have been discussing the meaning of ascension in preparation for our Ascension Service which will take place next Thursday at 2.45pm in St. John's Church for Year 4 – Year 6 pupils. Unfortunately, we have been unable to rearrange the swimming lesson or the P.E. lesson for the other pupils so therefore, they will be collected as normal. The pupils who are participating in the service will need to be collected from the church at 3.15pm. If they are participating in the Dance Club, they will walk back to school with Mr. Law for this club.

Well another round of SATs testing has been completed again this week in Year 2, with the pupils enjoying Mrs. Piscitelli's pop up café prior to completing the tests. I must say I have been really impressed with all the pupils for the perseverance, patience, hard work and determination to succeed that all of them have demonstrated throughout the week. This afternoon they have all had a well-deserved treat of fun and games in the classroom.

Next Wednesday the School Council have organised a non-uniform day in aid of the re- construction of the Lychgate at St. John's Church. Please make every effort to support this worthy cause as St. John's Church is a very special place for this school.

Thank you to everyone for making a conscious effort in trying to improve our attendance for this term so that we can aim to reach our target of 97% by the 21st July. This week our overall attendance percentage has dropped from 97% to 93.8%, please make every effort to ensure that this returns to 97% next week.

Throughout the last few weeks, I have noticed that many of the pupils who have packed lunches are keen to have school dinners. I have spoken to them today and suggested that they speak to their parents regarding this. Our school dinners are excellent and second helpings are always available for our pupils. I can't stress enough the importance of our pupils eating a healthy, substantial lunch and this is why we are really keen for all pupils to have a school dinner. If any parents would like their child to change to school dinners, please inform the school office.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	91.35%
Sapphire	97.3%
Diamond	93.9%
Emerald	91.5%
Overall	93.8%

### Week Beginning 22 May 2017

#### Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

##### NON UNIFORM DAY

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

#### Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.30-3.00pm	Swimming Yr 2 & 3
2.45pm	Ascension Service at St. John's Church
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

#### Friday

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

## Ruby Memories

The exciting news from Ruby class is that the caterpillars are beginning to turn into chrysalis, we are just waiting for the last few stragglers! We are keeping our fingers crossed that the butterflies will begin to emerge before half term. This week we have been writing rhyming sentences linked to our favourite nursery rhyme character or superhero. The children have made some very imaginative suggestions for their rhymes, including using 'monster' nonsense words! In maths the children have been looking at doubling numbers and objects and are beginning to make their own number sentences by recording or using practical resources. The nursery children have also been busy placing the 'Three Bears' in their correct size order together with their beds, bowls and chairs. After half term, as part of transition for the reception children, we would like parents to leave the children at the gate by Sapphire

class to allow the children to come into the playground independently. Either Miss Gibbs or myself will be waiting by the gate to support your child in this exciting new stage of their independence and to feel comfortable with leaving you. We will have a practise during the day next week to reassure the children and if you can also speak to the children during half term it will really help. (Thursdays will remain the same when we invite you to come into Ruby class to change your child's book) Collection at the end of the day will also remain as it is. Just a quick reminder - please encourage the children to complete the word detective books and the writing challenge home work; it will really help to prepare them for the expectations of homework when they move into year 1.

Have a great weekend

**Pat Creed**

## Sapphire Tales

A huge well done to the Year 2 children for doing so fantastically well in their SATS this week! They really have worked so hard and demonstrated all their great progress. We have all enjoyed a celebratory afternoon (including Year 1's) completing the final test this morning! In maths this week, we have solved money problems using different coins and practised reading the time. In topic, we looked at the 7 continents of the worlds and at some of the cities from their different

countries such as New York, Beijing and Sydney. We looked at their typical features and how they differ or are similar to London. The children were especially excited to see the New York Yellow Cabs which they have seen on TV! Please remember that PE kits should always be kept in school and that all items of uniform must be labelled.

Have a great weekend.

**Maria Piscitelli**

## Diamond Delights

In Diamond class this week, the children have been writing humorous poems about teachers. The children had a lot of fun and some of their poems created a lot of laughter! In their poems, they experimented with rhyming couplets and descriptive language. In numeracy, we collected data for bar graphs and de-

signed bar graphs. Also, the Year 4's had a go at creating a line graph based on the weather in Enfield whilst the Year 3's created a pictogram.

Have a great weekend

**Hannah Gallagher**

## Emerald Echoes

This week in literacy we have looked at the video 'Ruin' from the literacy shed website. The children really enjoyed this scientific, futuristic genre. Their task was to write a sequel to the original. The children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. In maths we have been looking at measurements including volume, area and perimeter and angles.

In Art we have started painting our landscapes and hope to finish them next week.

In RE we had a look at the meaning of the trinity and the children created their own which were very interesting.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

**Joe Law**

# NOTICES

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## Ascension Service

Ascension Service at St. John's Church is on Thursday 25 May at 2.45pm. The children that attend swimming on that day (Year 2 & 3), will unfortunately miss it as they will still be at the swimming pool. Please pick them up as usual from school between 3.15 and 3.30pm.



## Fundraisers for the Lychgate

On **Wednesday 24 May** the school council have decided to have a non-uniform day to raise funds to restore the Lychgate at St. John's Church.



After school on **Wednesday 21 June** there will be a bouncy castle with a slide, face painting, tattoos, refreshments and nibbles to raise funds to restore the Lychgate at St. John's Church.

ALL WELCOME



## Run a stall at St. Luke's Church Fayre

If you would like to run a stall at St. Luke's Church Fayre on Saturday 20 May 12 till 4pm please contact Elaine (Churchwarden) on 07905 469 236.



## Induction of Father Peter

On 26 June in St. Luke's Church is Father Peter's Induction at 7.30pm

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## 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.



## 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 Summer Term 2017

<b>MAY</b>		
Wednesday 24	Non Uniform Day—raising money for the Lychgate at St. John’s Church	
Thursday 25	Ascension Service in St. John’ Church	2.45pm
Monday 29—2 June	<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>		
Wednesday 21	Fundraiser for the Lychgate at St. John’s Church after school	
Thursday 22	French Trip—Diamond & Emerald Class	
Friday 23	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
Monday 26	Induction of Father Peter in St. Luke’s Church	7.30pm
<b>JULY</b>		
Wednesday 5	Outdoor Learning at Forty Hall—Year 6	9.30am
Thursday 6	Art Exhibition in the Dugdale Centre—Diamond Class	
Tuesday 11	Cuffley Camp—Sapphire Class	
Wednesday 19	School Concert in St. John’s Church—KS1 & KS2	
Friday 21	Leavers’ Service at St. John’s Church	
Friday 21	<b>End of Summer Term</b>	1.30pm

## Term Dates for 2017/2018

<b>Summer Term 2017</b>	<b>Spring 2018</b>
Starts Tuesday 18 April	INSET DAY Friday 5 January
Bank holiday Monday 1 May	Starts Monday 8 January
Half term Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June	Half term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
INSET DAY FRIDAY 23 June	Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 21 July	
 <b>Autumn Term 2017</b>	
INSET DAY Monday 4 September	
INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September	
Starts Wednesday 6 September	
Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October	
Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December	

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