

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

2 December 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

The Christmas spirit is well and truly alive at St. John's School this week, starting with the whole school trip to see Aladdin at the Millfield Theatre on Wednesday morning. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Ticehurst for their very kind donation of the Christmas tree which adorns our Reception Area. Our Christmas post box has also been located by the office for all pupils to post their Christmas cards in. We are all busily practising for both the Carol Service which will be at 2pm on the 14th December and Ruby Class's nativity play which will take place on the 15th December in the afternoon.

It was so lovely to see Mr and Mrs Fathers again this morning for our annual Catriona Fathers Writing Competition based on Roald Dahl this year. All pupils deserve to be congratulated for the tremendous effort that was put into the wonderful writing that was judged by the Fathers. All the winning entries are now on display in the Reception Area so that everyone can take the time to appreciate these outstanding pieces of writing. The winners for this year are as follows:

Reception: Cristiano Gioe

Year 1: Tristan Val Kispal

Year 2: Nicky Leonidou

Year 3: Sophia Ogundipe

Year 4: Ivian Varbanov

Year 5: Evie Adams

Year 6: Jing-Fong Koh

Jing-Fong Koh was also the overall winner

Please remember that next Friday will be a non-uniform day in memory of Catriona Fathers and the money raised from this will be donated to her special charity. Every pupil needs to donate £1.50 as they enter the gate where the school council representatives will be collecting this donation. Have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	90.5%
Sapphire	96.4%
Diamond	94.4%
Emerald	97.0%

Overall 94.6%

Week Beginning

5 December 2016

Monday

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

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
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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

NON UNIFORM DAY—Catriona Fathers please bring in £1.50 donation.

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

NOTICEBOARD

Please check your emails for the following information:-

- E-Safety Update
- Workshops for Parents
- 'The Incredible Years' Parenting Series

Ruby Memories

In Ruby class we have been celebrating the start of advent by lighting our advent candle; on

Monday Mr Tungett will be coming to school to talk to the children about the meaning of advent. The reception children have been very busy putting their phonic skills into practise by writing their letters to Father Christmas and posting them in the Ruby class post box - we are hoping for replies very soon! In maths we are continuing to investigate the properties of 3D shapes, we have also been looking at shapes in the environment. Please encourage the children to look for 3D shapes around the home, I am sure you will be impressed with

how many they can find. The children had a fantastic time going on the coach and at the pantomime on their first big outing from school – so exciting! We have also been busy practising the songs for the nativity play which is really getting us into the Christmas spirit. As the weather is getting colder can you please encourage the children to try and do their zips and buttons up independently and also please name any gloves, hats and scarf's. Many thanks.

Have a good weekend, stay warm!

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week we have been very busy again with all our addition and subtraction work in maths! We have

learnt how to add 3 numbers together by finding pairs to 10 and 20 and found missing numbers in a number sentence by using the inverse operation. In literacy we have found out what a noun is and at how we must use capital letters to write proper nouns such as our names. Our focus for the week has been Goldilocks and the Three Bears which the children have enjoyed listening to different versions of. We have thought about questions that the Three Bears might have asked Goldilocks when they saw the state of their cottage, after she had paid them a

visit! Next week we will be writing letters of apology from you know who! We have also practised our handwriting which is coming along nicely. I think it's fair to say that the highlight of the week was our visit to the pantomime on Wednesday where everyone had a great time. We have also been getting ready for Christmas in class and our tree is up and looking beautiful! Please remember that PE kits are needed for Monday and Thursday and that elasticated ties are best for these days. These can be bought in the school office for £3.00.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

In Diamond Class this week, we have been finishing off our investigation in science on the

effect of fluoride toothpaste on an egg (which has the same amount of calcium as our teeth!). The children designed their own investigations in groups and there were some interesting results after we dropped the eggs into vinegar. The investigations stimulated a lot of discussion surrounding the importance of looking after our teeth. In R.E., we have been discussing the time of Advent. We lit the first candle on our advent wreath and some of the children shared prayers with the class which was lovely.

In literacy, we have been continuing with our persuasive text unit. The children have been taking part in some role play, persuading their partner to buy a specific toy. They have also been designing a magazine advert for a toy of their choice. In numeracy, we have been converting lengths into mm, cm, m and km. We have also been weighing objects in g and kg as well as finding the capacity of liquid in ml and l. Just a quick reminder to bring in a small glass jar for our snow globes that we will be making! Have a super weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

In Emerald class this week we have been looking at statistics in maths. The children completed a

number of different physical and metal challenges and recorded their results in a variety of tables. They are now in the process of calculating the mean and also representing their information in a range of graphs. In science we had a wander around the school looking at the different materials that have been used in the building.

We took photographs on the iPads and then discussed and wrote about why certain materials had been used for certain purposes. Next week we have assessment week which is a very important week where the children can show all the fantastic progress they have made during the term. I hope you have a relaxing weekend and not too much Christmas shopping!

Joe Law & Claire Hill

Christmas Lunch

If your child has packed lunch but would like a school Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 13 December, please inform the office and pay £2.30 on ParentPay.



Poppies

We raised **£152.42** for the Poppy Appeal.



Lest We Forget.



School Post Box



Our post box is in the Reception area by the school office for children to post their Christmas cards. Please remember to address the envelopes with the name of the child and their class to ensure cards are delivered to the correct child.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay is up to date:-

- Trips taken
- Governors' Maintenance Fund
- School Dinners in credit
- Breakfast Club in credit



J Smith & Sons—Uniform Shop

15% discount winter sale on Saturday 10th December instore and online!

Parents can use this discount on our website www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk. They can apply the discount coupon code 'SANTA15' which can be found in the shopping cart before checkout.

Primary Admissions—Sept 17

Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk

St. John's Supplementary Forms

Available on our website

www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk or in 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.

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.





Date List for Autumn Term 2016

DECEMBER		
Friday 9	Non Uniform Day—Catriona Fathers (please bring in £1.50 donation)	
Tuesday 13	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day	
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