

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

20 January 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

During our assemblies this week we have been focusing on the baptism of Jesus and Christian Unity. We linked this to our very special British Values of tolerance, democracy, liberty, respect, responsibility and law and talked about how these play a very important part in achieving unity across our nation. Next week we are going to be discussing the Holocaust and looking at what happens when unity breaks down.

Last week I wrote about our ongoing concerns about parking outside the school and the persistence of some adults in doing three point turns on this busy road. Unfortunately, I have to report that we had an incident this week with a child been hit by a car. This is extremely serious especially as parents are very aware of our ongoing concerns in this area. It is absolutely crucial that we all work together to ensure the safety of all our children. I am very grateful to the parents that are really cooperating with us on this matter but it is essential that everyone follows these rules so that we can guarantee the safety of all our pupils.

From our monitoring this week, we have recorded the registration of a car that parked across Mr. Harold's drive but then proceeded to drive off when spotted. This is extremely disappointing as all parents should be responsible to follow the rules at all times not just when it is monitored as otherwise the energy that the school is putting into this, will be worthless. Furthermore, we are having a lot of cars parking on the kerb which is unacceptable. If you are worried about the safety of your car on this busy road, then please park in Strayfield Road. Next week we will be recording the registrations of cars that are parked on the kerb and noting them in the newsletter.

Having spoken to Mrs. Miller this week regarding the instrumental groups, there are still a number of pupils who are forgetting their instruments or who haven't purchased the tutor books. This is a real issue as this resource is costing the school a significant amount of money and at a time when budgets are tight, I don't want to be providing this when pupils are not availing of this wonderful opportunity. We have decided that from next Wednesday, if any child falls into these categories, then their name will be in the Boot Camp book as I need to see this on a weekly basis.

Have a lovely weekend.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	99.0%
Sapphire	93.8%
Diamond	92.2%
Emerald	91.5%

Overall 94.1%

Week Beginning

23 January 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Reception to Year 6)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Ruby Memories

In Ruby class this week we have been looking at the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We have linked this to animals who live in the Polar regions. The Reception children have made a story board, sequencing pictures based on the story of 'The Emperor's egg'. Next week the children will be choosing a fact about penguins to write about. In maths we have continued our work on adding two groups of objects together and some children are having a try at writing their own number sentences—

fantastic! In Reception phonics we have introduced speed sounds 2 and have been practising sentence writing—capital letters finger spaces and full stops. The nursery have been busy making penguin collages which has helped to support their cutting skills, please continue to practise using scissors at home—thank you.

Reminder—Ruby class P.E. Day is Tuesday afternoon. Please send in their P.E. Kit on the day.

Have a good weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week during our R.E. Lesson the children listened to a range of pieces of music including Orthodox, Gospel and Anglican music. The children all agreed that the Gospel was their favourite because it was 'fun'. They then interpreted their favourite music in a short production using instruments and a range of interesting gestures and dances. Our art lesson took us to Hillyfields for the afternoon on Tuesday where we searched for interesting natural objects to study back in class. In maths we have been investigating different ways of solving division sums. We shared, grouped and sorted objects using hoops, objects, number lines, bead strings and finally found that arrays are a really reliable method to use!

Have a lovely weekend.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, we have been investigating solids and liquids in science. I was so impressed with the quality of the science homework that was given out over the Christmas break. As a result, the children were really knowledgeable when we started the topic this week and they were so keen to share all their facts! In literacy we have been continuing with our story writing unit of work. The children have been writing descriptions of a setting and they have also been focusing on using a

range of punctuation (!,?,...) to improve their writing. In numeracy, we have moved onto place value, mainly looking at using greater than and less than signs to order 3 and 4 numbers. We have also been reading roman numerals up to 12 and some children are able to read roman numerals up to 100!

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald Class we have been writing arguments for and against not recycling becoming a criminal offence. The children have written letters to the MP, explaining their argument. In maths, we have been working on coordinates and translating shapes with their coordinates. The children have been working on sketches of natural and man-made objects. The children thought about line, tone and shading. We were so impressed with the

children's work.

Have a lovely weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill



Date List for Spring Term 2017

JANUARY 2017		
Monday 30	Victorian Day—Diamond Class	
FEBRUARY		
Monday 6	Viking Day—Emerald Class	
Monday 13—Friday 17	HALF TERM	
Monday 27	Poetry week	
w/c Monday 27	Swimming for Years 2 & 3	
MARCH		
Wednesday 1	Ash Wednesday Service	2.45pm
Wednesday 1	Emerald & Diamond Class to participate in the Lord Mayor's Writing competition	
Thursday 2	World Book Day	
Monday 13	Science Week	
Monday 20	Dress the Egg Competition to start	
Tuesday 21	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 22	Spring Concert—Nursery, Reception & Sapphire Class	2.45pm
Thursday 23	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 29	Spring Concert—Diamond & Emerald Class	2.45pm
Thursday 30	Dance Festival	
Thursday 30	Dress the Egg Competition to be judged	
Friday 31	Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. School finishes at 1.30pm	

Term Dates for 2017

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

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY	Monday 4 September
Starts	Tuesday 5 September
Half term	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 21 December

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.