

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

20 May 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week in assemblies we have been focusing on the work of the School Council in St. John's School. We reminded the pupils again about the roles and the responsibilities of the School Council, remembering that they are the pupils' voice in our school. Please take some time to look at the e-safety work that the school council have completed across the school. This is going to be developed further after half-term when we will be running workshops about the importance of e-safety with all pupils and teachers.

Next week our Football Team will be playing in the semi-final against Capel Manor School at 3.45pm on Thursday. It would be lovely to see as many parents and pupils supporting our team at this very important match, so please make every effort to try to come to this. I am extremely proud of the team having achieved this already; they are a credit to themselves and to both Mr. Law and Miss Hill.

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Mrs. McPartland has decided to resign from her position of teacher in Ruby Class. She has taken the decision to pursue new opportunities. Janet has worked at St. John's School for many years and has made a significant contribution to the school and the children in her care. I would like you to join me in wishing Janet every success for the future and express our sincere thanks for her hard work and dedication over the years.

Please ensure that you take a moment to look at the dates list at the back of this newsletter as we have added the date for the final Celebration Assembly and the Graduation Concert for Ruby Class. Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley  
Head Teacher

### This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.6%
Sapphire	96.1%
Diamond	96.7%
Emerald	95.5%

**Overall 96.4%**

### Week Beginning

23 May 2016

#### Monday

8am Breakfast Club

**Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5**

NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

#### Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)

NO Art Club

Rounders Match at Oakthorpe Primary

#### Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6 back at 4pm

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

NO Cricket Club due to Queenswood Trip

#### Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

**Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3**

**Manor Adventure meeting Yr 5/6 in the school hall at 2.45pm**

**Semi Final against Capel Manor Primary at 3.45pm**

#### Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr2-6)

Rounders Club (Yr 5-6) 3.15-4.00pm

(Please note the finishing time)

**HALF TERM**

## Ruby Memories

In Ruby Class this week we have been reading 'The Gruffalo.' The children also acted out the story using actions and voices—we have a class of budding actors! The remaining butterflies have emerged and the final three will be released today. It's hard to believe that they were tiny caterpillars just a few weeks ago. It has been amazing that the children have had the opportunity to witness these changes for themselves. The children have also been very busy

writing some lovely messages for Mrs McPartland's leaving card. We will all miss Mrs McPartland: her fantastic ideas and her lovely sense of humour. We send her our very best wishes for the future. On Thursday morning the reception children will be going to St. John's church where Father Edward will be showing us around the church and explaining about some of the services which are held there. Have a good weekend.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

## Sapphire Tales

We've made it through our first week of the SATS! Well done Year 2 for all your hard work during our reading assessments. Next week's focus will be maths and then that's it! In the meantime, the Year 1 children have also been working extremely hard writing some fantastic Super Hero stories which some of them got to read out to the class yesterday. In maths we have revisited shape and finding lines of symmetry in 2D shapes, as well as practising our measuring in cm. I have to say that we are really getting good at this! We have also worked with money; finding different ways of making amounts

and with time where the children have to beat the clock using an interactive game on the laptops. In R.E we learnt about the Bible story of The Lost Sheep. Our joined handwriting is coming along well and the Year 1 children are now having a go at using cursive writing in their books which is lovely to see. You will have noticed that some of the Year 1 children are now bringing home spellings written in the cursive font which although should be encouraged, is not essential for their spelling test.

Enjoy the weekend

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

## Diamond Delights

In Diamond Class this week, the children have been painting their photo frames. Next week should be fun as we are going to start decorating them. I have spoken to the children about bringing in any decorations they would like to add to their frames. For example, shells, dried flowers, leaves, sequins etc. In literacy, the children have been designing machines of the future. The class have been using a flowchart

structure to explain how they work. In numeracy, we have been looking at 3D shapes and their properties. The children had a go at creating 3D shapes out of nets as well as using spaghetti and plasticine!

Have a super weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

## Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class we have been looking at writing poems based around the emotions and senses. The children have written some really entertaining and powerful pieces using similes, metaphors, personification and a range of descriptive language. In maths we have been looking at solving time word problems by using a time line to find the different intervals. Our

sculptures are now complete and Mrs Ramadan and I are extremely pleased with the final product. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

## Sports News

This week the school cricket team competed in the Enfield Borough Cricket Tournament. of the rounders team and also the football team who are playing in the small schools' cup.

After a very slow start the team really raised their game and completed 5 matches winning 2 and losing 3. I was especially pleased with the performance against the group winners where we only lost on the final ball. Next week is the turn



## Absence—Reminder

- Telephone call to be made to the school office in the morning of your child's absence.
- A written explanation to be handed in to school when your child returns.

## ParentPay

Please can parents check their ParentPay and that all trips/services are up to date.



## Manor Adventure Reminder

### Year 5 & 6 Parents

- Please ensure that payments for Manor Adventure are fully paid by the middle of May.
- All dietary and medical forms to be handed in.
- Meeting for parents on Thursday 26 May at 2.45pm in the school hall.

## 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.



## 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

## Date List for Summer Term 2016



<b>MAY</b>		
Wednesday 25	Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6	2-4pm
Thursday 26	Meeting for Manor Adventure—Yr 5/6	2.45pm
Monday 30—3 June	HALF TERM	
<b>JUNE</b>		
Monday 6—10	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Wednesday 15	St. Paul's Cathedral—Yr 5/6	
Friday 24	Fun Run & Fair	2.00pm
Monday 27	Science Week	
<b>JULY</b>		
Friday 1	Poetry Performance at Kingsmead School (selected pupil from Diamond Class)	
Monday 11	Bikeability—Yr 5/6 all week	
Tuesday 12	Disco—Reception, Year 1/2	3.15pm
Wednesday 13	Summer Concert—KS1 & KS2	2.30pm
Thursday 14	Disco—Yr 3/4/5/6	3.15pm
Friday 15	Graduation Concert—Reception Class	9.30am
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	Celebration Assembly—all parents welcome	9.10am
	Reserve Sports' Day	1pm
Wednesday 20	Leavers' Service	9.10am
	END OF SUMMER TERM	1.30pm

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

## Friends' Notice

### Sponsorship for the school

Thank you to all parents and members of staff at St. John's who have agreed to have a Foxtons Enfield Estate Agents board up at their home.

The boards will be up on or around the 30th May and come down on or around the 27th June.

### REMINDER

#### Friends' Meetings

In the school hall.

8 June                      All welcome.

6 July

**MANY THANKS**

**THE FRIENDS' OF ST. JOHN'S**

## Term Dates for 2016/2017

### **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

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