



St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week in our assemblies we have started to prepare for our Remembrance Service which will take place on Wednesday the 8th November at 2.30pm in St. John's Church. Poppies will be on sale after half-term as we are very keen for all pupils and adults to wear a poppy at this very important service. We will be discussing the significance of the poppy after half-term so that all pupils understand the relevance of the poppy during Remembrance.

Today we thanked Miss Gibbs for all her hard work, support and dedication to the pupils of St. John's School and we wish her all the very best as she embarks on a new adventure.

It was so encouraging to see so many parents attending our 'Ocean Maths' workshop for Diamond Class on Tuesday. I hope you will continue to enjoy using your maths pack at home with your child and have lots of fun with Maths! We have had to cancel the Emerald Class workshop after half – term as we are still awaiting resources for this activity. As soon as we have received them, then we will re-schedule this workshop.

Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition

The blue whale in the Natural History Museum

In place of Dippy the dinosaur will hang the huge skeleton of a blue whale, the biggest creature on Earth, and the largest example of its kind in the world.

The enormous creature will plunge down from the vaulted ceiling with an open mouth, as if it to swallow up visitors in his enormous jaws.

How did it get its food?

Why are whales so big?

What do they eat?

Over half-term we are very keen for all pupils to spend some time researching this amazing creature so that they will be prepared to complete their writing when they return. It would be fantastic if pupils could make a trip to the Natural History Museum to see this superb skeleton and appreciate its splendour. Catriona Fathers' special assembly will take place on Friday the 1st December at 9.05am. All parents are very welcome to attend this occasion.

Our overall attendance percentage for this half-term is 95.8% which is below our target of 97%. Please make every effort to improve after half-term, so that we continue to strive towards achieving our target. Well done to Emerald Class as you achieved the highest score of 96.2% this week for attendance. Emerald Class will now have the cup in their classroom all week.

Have a lovely, relaxing half-term.

Susan Notley

Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.5%
Sapphire	95.7%
Diamond	95.9%
Emerald	96.2%
Overall	95.8%

Week Beginning 30 October 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation) starting after Christmas

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Running Club

NOTICES

Fluenz Immunisations Reception, Yr 1, 2, 3 & 4

Forms have gone home with your child and need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. The School Immunisation Team are visiting the school on **Friday 17 November 2017**.



Lost Property

If you would like to look in the Lost Property box, it is situated outside the school office.



Sports News

This week the school netball team played their first matches on Tuesday evening at Enfield County Lower School. Our first game was against Worcesters and after some initial nerves the girls started to come to grips with the challenges of match play. After a very close fought match we came out winning 1-0. In the second match, against Forty Hill, we showed a lot more confidence and again came through winning 3-1. Well done to all the girls who played, the parents who supported and a special well done to Rianna Goskel who was named player of the match for her superb goal scoring exploits. A great start.



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.



Packed Lunch

Please ensure that all packed lunches are collected at the end of the day.



Cycle Enfield



Cycle Enfield will once again be offering FREE half term holiday cycle skills for various age groups.

Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October. These FREE sessions are happening in 3 locations across the borough. This is the only opportunity for younger children (age 4-9) to receive training. Training can be booked here: <http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/enfield/>

Where: Russet House School, Kingsmead School and Chace Community School

Booking restriction: Live, work or study in Enfield

Price: Free

School Dinner / Breakfast Club

School Dinner and Breakfast Club accounts always need to be in credit.



Remember



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.



RUBY CLASS

This week the children have been learning about Diwali by acting out the story of Rama and Sita. They have also been making rangoli patterns and Diva lamps which they will be bringing home today. The children are working very hard at learning their phonics and have been practising blending the sounds they know into simple words and have matched the initial sound to their favourite fruit and vegetables. Please keep practising initial sounds by playing I Spy over the holiday. Today we are saying goodbye to Miss Gibbs who I know the children are really going to miss. On a personal note I would like to thank Miss Gibbs for all her hard work in Ruby class and being a real pleasure to work with. We wish her the very best in her new job and I have booked her to come back for the nativity to be on changing duty for shepherds, kings, sheep etc.!

I would also like to say well done to all our Ruby class children who have worked hard and settled into school so well over their first half term. Have a lovely half term and a good rest!

Pat Creed

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Well done to all those children who received a Going for Green certificate this morning. These certificates are handed out on a half termly basis for those children who stayed on green (or moved back to green from yellow) for the entire half term. For those children who didn't receive a certificate today, next half term is a fresh start so there is every chance you will receive this certificate when we finish for the Christmas holidays! In maths this week, we have been looking at money! We completed a pre-assessment to see what the children already knew and what needed to be taught to move children forward in their knowledge and understanding of this aspect of maths! Money has the potential to be an extremely tricky concept, but the children have tried extremely hard adding money together before finding different ways of making an amount! Well done everyone! In literacy this week, we have been looking at labels, captions and lists. We made the learning context relevant to the children through labelling and captioning pictures of members of staff around the school before writing a party list for Miss Gibb's leaving party!

I am extremely impressed with how we have worked this half term and I am looking forward to continuing this after half term. Have a lovely, relaxing half term everyone

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond Class has been working extremely hard this week once again! The Ocean Maths event on Tuesday morning was an excellent success, as I could tell that both the children and the adults were really engaged in the various activities, and I am sure the class thoroughly enjoyed the event and may have also developed a greater love for Maths! The children have also been practising multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000; their knowledge of this concept has really improved throughout the week. In Literacy, the children have been using their creative imaginations to create similes and metaphors to describe a variety of nouns in an illustration taken from the story 'Gregory Cool'. Some of the children also learnt how to use personification which really helped to bring the image to life! By the end of the week, they produced their own pieces of descriptive writing. The class were sad to see Sadie leave us on Tuesday, but we are all extremely happy for her and wish her all the best of luck in her new school and brand new home!

I wish all of Diamond Class a wonderful half term break!

Sabrina Anderson

EMERALD CLASS

This week in English, the children have been using drama to retell the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. We used the drama to think of different ways the story can be retold and completed our planning including many exciting writing features. I'm sure that the writing produced will be excellent. Over half term, the children have been given a project to complete about an animal of their choice that is now extinct. This will link with our new science topic. Please encourage your child to find out lots of information and produce an engaging poster to present to the class on the first day back. In maths we have focused on percentages; the children have worked really well on this topic and solved some tricky questions. We hope you have a relaxing half term.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel



Date List for Autumn Term 2017

OCTOBER		
Monday 23—Friday 27	HALF TERM	
POSTPONED Tuesday 31	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Emerald Class (in the hall)	POST- PONED
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 8	Remembrance Service in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Tuesday 14	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-5.30 (appointments offered)	
Wednesday 15	Fire Safety Talk Yr 2 & Yr 5	
Thursday 16	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Thursday 16	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-6.30 (appointments offered)	
Tuesday 28	Pantomime (Reception—Year 6)	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Friday 1	Catriona Fathers' special assembly	9.05am
Thursday 14	Nativity for Ruby Class	
Friday 15	Christmas Jumper Day	
Tuesday 19	Christmas Parties	1pm
Wednesday 20	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 21	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY Monday 4 September
 INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September
 Starts Wednesday 6 September
 Half term Monday 23 October—Friday 27 October
 Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December

Summer 2018

Starts Monday 16 April
 Half Term Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June
 Ends (1.30pm) Friday 20 July
 Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018

Spring 2018

INSET DAY Friday 5 January
 Starts Monday 8 January
 Half term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
 Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March

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