

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

21 April 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It is always so lovely to see all the pupils returning to school really refreshed and ready to start an extremely busy final term at St. John's School. Attached to this newsletter are all the dates for this term, please take the time to read these through carefully so that you are well prepared for all the planned activities this term.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the permission slips and submitted payment where required for the necessary clubs. All clubs will commence next week and I look forward to seeing as many pupils as possible participating in these clubs. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate school P.E. kit including the correct footwear for all P.E. activities.

I have spoken to all pupils about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform including the appropriate footwear which does not include trainers. This week I have also noticed that several pupils are wearing false nails, which of course is not acceptable, in particular for health and safety reasons. From Monday if this is still the case, parents will be contacted to collect their child and have the nails removed before returning to school. Please ensure that all long hair is tied back at all times. We pride ourselves at St. John's School at how smart our pupils look at all times and this is something that we very keen to continue as it impacts on all areas of school life.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete both the parents and e-safety questionnaire, which is extremely useful feedback for the school to have. Attached to this newsletter is the overall feedback and I am so delighted with the very positive feedback that we have received which reflects the excellent working relationships that the school has with all parents.

Unfortunately, despite all the excellent things that are taking place at St. John's School, our attendance still remains a real cause for concern. For the Spring Term we are at 94% which is below the national level and is the major weakness of the school. Having spoken in assembly this morning, it is now really important that for this term we ensure that all of us make a real effort to get into school every day. Our target is 97% and we are still aiming to achieve that – it was really encouraging to see that this week we have achieved that so we can do it!

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	99.6%
Sapphire	98%
Diamond	97.5%
Emerald	91.9%
Overall	97%

Week Beginning 24 April 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
9-10am	Drop in Clinic for parents to see the school nurse
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1-3)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club Class & Team Photos
3.15-4.10pm	Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
12.30pm	New Nursery parents and pupils visit)
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
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday

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

Ruby Memories

Welcome back to the new term, it was lovely to see all the children back at school on Tuesday. It has been lovely reading about all the children's adventures over the Easter holidays. In maths we have been looking at the value of coins 1p, 2p, 5p; if the children can practise using these coins at home, it will really help the children to recognise them. We are also investigating animal lifecycles and are awaiting the delivery of caterpillars when the children will be able to observe the transition as they turn into butterflies. We are also continu-

ing to look at 'people who help us' and this afternoon we are having a visit from a Police officer, who will be telling us about their work.

A reminder to Nursery parents - the children will need plimsolls in a PE bag on Tuesdays. Please ensure both items are labelled with children's name and class. Thank you.
Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

Welcome back everybody! I hope you and your children had a well-deserved rest! On our first week back, although we welcome the beautiful warmer weather, children do still need their coats in school as it can suddenly turn quite chilly. Water bottles must be brought in everyday (containing just water) and washed out every evening please. In literacy this week, we have based our writing around the story of Dougal's Deep Sea Diaries. The children have summarised the events of the story and written some lovely character descriptions of

both Dougal and their own fictional Super Hero! In maths we have consolidated our work on position and direction and started working on multiplication using arrays, number lines and even the grid method! During our Topic lesson we described human and physical features in Enfield. Please remember that swimming is back on next week so kits need to be in.

Have a lovely weekend.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

The children have had a very busy first week back! We were very impressed with the children's geography homework on deserts. All the children shared their work and we are hoping to make a display to show off their efforts. Their desert homework also led to the children writing a recount as an explorer in the Sahara desert. In literacy, the children have been writing a balanced argument on whether children should complete chores or not. In numeracy, we have been revising

column addition and subtraction in columns. The children have been estimating answers and finding missing numbers in a sum by calculating the inverse.

I would just like to remind parents about the importance of the children practising their spellings at home. Spelling results were extremely low this week and this is a real concern. I will give out the same spelling list next week and I will be testing the children again on the same spellings.

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

Welcome back to everyone after a lovely Easter break. I can't believe it but it is only two weeks until the year 6 children complete their SATS, time really has gone quickly this year. In literacy we have been looking at playscripts and have been focusing on the Shakespeare play Macbeth. The children have really enjoyed listening to the play and on the back of this have written some very pleasing playscripts using all the typical features of this type of text. In maths we have been focusing on percentage word problems with the children working really hard to think about what methods are

needed to solve each problem. Please remember the children receive new spellings each week on a Wednesday for a test the following week, must handing their reading record daily and will have their homework on a Friday to be handed in no later than Thursday morning. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law

NOTICES

After School Clubs

Acceptance letters have gone out with your children today. If your child would still like to join a club after school, please inform the school office.



Dance Festival DVDs

If your child would like to order an Enfield Schools' Dance Festival 2017 Souvenir DVD, priced £11, please complete an order form, which you can get from the school office and bring in the payment in cash or cheques to be made payable to 'St. John's CE Primary School'.



The deadline is Tuesday 2 May 2017

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.



Drop in Clinic to see the School Nurse

The School Nurse is hosting a Drop in Clinic at St. John's on **Monday 24 April from 9am to 10am.**

This is a chance for parents/carers to discuss any medial or family issues you may have.



Swimming—Year 2 &3



Year 2 & 3 parents, please check your emails for the dates of swimming.

Swimming commences Thursday 27th April.

Sports News

There is no news on the sporting front, although the netball team received their medals and trophy for winning the Enfield netball league.



Happy Bags

Wednesday 17 May

To raise funds for St. John's.

Happy Bags have been given out to the children today. Please donate clean, unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen and towels.

To find out more information please go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk.

Please bring in your Happy Bags before Wednesday 17 May.

Thank you.



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.



St. John's C.E. Primary School Questionnaire, based on 36 questionnaires completed.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child is happy at this school. <u>Comments:</u>	26	9	1		
My child feels safe at this school. <u>Comments:</u>	26	10			
My child makes good progress at this school. <u>Comments:</u>	24	12			
My child is well looked after at this school. <u>Comments:</u>	22	14			
My child is taught well at this school. <u>Comments:</u>	24	12			
My child receives appropriate homework for their age. <u>Comments:</u>	19	15	1		1
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved. <u>Comments:</u>	21	12	3		
The school deals effectively with bullying. <u>Comments:</u>	11	16	2		7
This school is well led and managed. <u>Comments:</u>	21	15			
This school responds well to any concerns I raise. <u>Comments:</u>	20	16			
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress. <u>Comments:</u>	22	14			
Would you recommend this school to another parent? <u>Comments:</u>	26	10			

Date List for Summer Term 2017



APRIL		
Monday 24	Drop-In Clinic for parents to see the School Nurse (no appointment necessary)	9.00-10.00am
Tuesday 25	Class & Team photographs—the whole school	
Wednesday 26	New Nursery parents and pupils for September to visit Ruby Class	12.30pm
Thursday 27	Swimming for Year 2 & 3 commences for the Summer Term	
MAY		
Monday 1	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 9	Cuffley Camp—Diamond Class	
Wednesday 17	Happy Bags collection (collection of unwanted clothes etc) to raise	11am
Thursday 25	Ascension Service in St. John' Church	2.45pm
Monday 29—2 June	Half Term	
JUNE		
Thursday 22	French Trip—Diamond & Emerald Class	
Friday 23	INSET DAY	
JULY		
Wednesday 5	Outdoor Learning at Forty Hall—Year 6	9.30am
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	End of Summer Term	1.30pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Summer Term 2017	Spring 2018
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	

Autumn Term 2017
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
⁵ because of changing circumstances.
 On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.