

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

21 October 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week we have been thinking about what it means to be part of St. John's School and what is really special about us. We discussed the school's vision statement: With God's help we will find our gifts, develop our strengths and share them with others.

We talked about how we might find our gifts and what our gifts might be, discussing various different examples of children's gifts in our school. Some children talked about the gift of kindness, forgiveness, being an excellent mathematician, being a creative writer and so on. It is important that we appreciate and celebrate what God has given us but also making sure that we share this with others.

This Wednesday morning we held an Open Morning for parents and pupils that may be thinking about applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception Class. If you know of anybody who may be interested in this, please encourage them to contact us and come along to the next Open Morning on the 16th November at 9.10am.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our highly committed and hard-working governing body. If any parent is interested in this role, please make an appointment to meet with me.

We will be holding a maths meeting for Reception and Sapphire parents on the 10th November at 2.30pm in the hall. It is really important that you make every effort to attend this meeting as Mr. Law will be giving you lots of practical ideas about how you can help your child with maths. With the introduction of the new maths curriculum now, the expectations have increased dramatically and it is important that we are all working together to support our children.

I think everyone is more than ready for a restful half-term, taking time to recharge these batteries before we start back again on the 31st October. Please remember if there are any items of school uniform that need to be purchased or new shoes, it is important that this is done ready for the next half-term.  
Have an enjoyable half-term.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.3%
Sapphire	96.4%
Diamond	94.8%
Emerald	97.0%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.1%</b>

### Week Beginning

**31 October 2016**

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
12.45-1.15pm	Running Club (Yr 3-6)

#### 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

8am	Breakfast Club
12.45-1.15pm	Running Club (Yr 3-6) (Yr 2 are welcome to join)
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6) (please note the earlier finish time)
7pm	Halloween night at Enfield North Cricket Club

## Ruby Memories

This week in Ruby class we have continued our work on measuring and the children have been measuring each other to see how tall they are: we have set up a height chart outside the classroom and they are very excited to see how much they will grow over the school year. We have also been investigating weighing using balance scales and have walked around the school to find out which objects were heavy and light. The children also weighed different ingredients and Miss Gibbs has worked with a group of children to carry out an investigation to find out how much sugar was in a selection of soft drinks which the children weighed and measured using teaspoons. If you could continue to look for opportunities to weigh and measure objects at home and encourage the children to use the correct vocabulary, it

would really support their learning. The nursery children have also been busy snipping vegetables to support their cutting skills. The reception children have taken home their first reading scheme book, I hope you enjoy sharing it over half term. Please ensure that this book is returned every Tuesday to allow us to send home the next book. Next half term, the reception children will need their P.E. kits on Tuesdays as we have moved our P.E. day. Please be aware that the children get changed into their kits before lunch, as they will be in the playground and it is getting colder you may wish to send in joggers for them to wear rather than shorts. Just to say well done to all our Ruby class children who have settled into school so well over their first half term. Have a lovely half term holiday and a good rest!

Pat Creed

## Sapphire Tales

This week in Sapphire Class we have been composing poems for the poet, Paul Lyalls who worked with us last week. These poems will be published in a poetry book ready for sale just in time for Christmas. Throughout the week we have continued with the poetry theme and the class have written some lovely poems describing different fruits which will be displayed on our healthy eating display.

In maths we have been extremely busy in Year 1 measuring different object and then ordering them from the shortest to the longest. In Year 2, we have been measur-

ing using centimetres and metres of different objects around the classroom and comparing their lengths.

We have been very creative this week and completed very detailed pastel drawings of a variety of fruits for our health eating display. You will be able to see this when you visit us during Parents' Evening.

All the children have worked very hard this half-term and deserve a well-earned rest. Please remember to continue with your reading, spellings and homework that has been handed out.

Maria Piscitelli

## Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been completing their half termly assessments. They have worked really hard and we are very proud of them. Aside from the assessments, the children have had great fun in history. They have been writing their names in Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. The children also made their own paper as the Egyptians made

theirs out of the papyrus plant but we used brown strips of card, paper towels and lots of glue! Hopefully, they will be displayed on our Egyptian display in the classroom.

I hope you have a lovely half term and a well deserved rest

Hannah Gallagher

## Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald Class we have been writing our own poems based on the poem 'The Sound Collector.' We called ours 'The World Protector' and thought about the bad things in the world we would want to get rid of. The children came up with some lovely ideas, using alliteration, rhyme and lots of description. We were so impressed with their poems! We must also say well done to the children this week as they have

had tests to complete, they have all tried really hard. We have also been creating Mayan power points where we have summarised what we have learned about the Mayans over the past half term. The children have produced some lovely presentations full of information. We have had a lovely half term where the children have settled well into Emerald class, let's continue this after the holiday! Have a lovely half-term.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

## Sports

This week the school netball played their next set of matches in the league. First up was St. Andrew's, after a very competitive game we finished up drawing 3-3 with Lauren scoring a goal in the last few sec-

onds. Next up was Laverder, the girls played extremely well and came out winners 2-0. A huge well done to everybody who played with Lauren Faulkner being named player of the match. Many thanks to all the parents who supported.

**Joe Law**

## Happy School Bags Scheme

Your child is bringing home a bag today for the Happy School Bags Scheme.

HSB offers the opportunity to raise additional funds for St. John's and at the same time help our environment by recycling unwanted, quality clothes, paired shoes and trainers, handbags, belts, bed linen, towels and soft toys.

Please over the half term sort out your wardrobes !!

The collection day is

**Tuesday 22 November**, so please bring your bags to the office on Monday 21 November



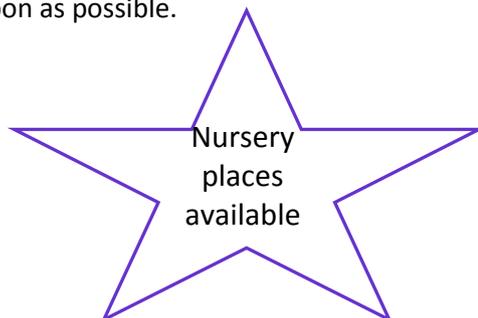
**Poppies** will be on sale after half-term



**Lest We Forget.**

## Nursery Admissions 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.



## Operation Christmas Child

Your child will be coming home today with a Shoebox Gift Form, for Operation Christmas Child, which we support every year. Operation Christmas Child is where we aim for every family in the school to donate a shoebox filled with gifts for a special child to enjoy this Christmas. Please bring these in after half term with the deadline of **Wednesday 16 November**. For more details visit their website

[www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)



## Primary Admissions—Sept 17

Open Day

Wednesday 16 November 9.10am

(please telephone the school office—020 8363 4709)

Apply online—[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

St. John's Supplementary Forms

Available on our website [www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## 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

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Monday 24—Friday 28	HALF TERM	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Friday 4	Halloween Night at the Enfield North Cricket Club	7pm
Tuesday 8	Individual School Photographs	
Wednesday 9	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Open morning for prospective parents Operation Christmas Child—Shoebboxes Collection	9.10am
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 22 November	Happy School Bags Collection	11am
Friday 25	Christmas Fete	
Tuesday 29	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 6	Infants Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 13	Junior Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 14	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 15	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.30pm
Monday 19	Christmas Class Parties Nursery's last day of Autumn Term	3.10pm
Tuesday 20	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>		
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

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Monday 31st October

After school we will be selling cakes and sweets

#### SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 6 December at 3.15pm– 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Tuesday 13 December at 3.15pm– 4.15pm  
Year 3,4,5 & 6



#### Halloween Night

Friday 4th November at 7pm  
The Cricket Club



#### CHRISTMAS FETE

Friday 25 November

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates etc. for the tombola and raffle prizes for the Christmas Fete, please bring them into the school office.

Many thanks