

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

22 April 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Assemblies this week have focused on the Queen's 90th birthday, looking at Queen Elizabeth's reign of sixty years, discussing the challenges that she has faced and how successful she has been. Our song for this week has been 'One more step along the world I go' and this has linked closely with the Queen's reign and we have also tied St. George's Day into this discussion as well.

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who took the time to make delicious cakes for our Cake Sale yesterday in aid of Vanessa and Rogers in Uganda. The School Council have worked incredibly hard with Miss Hill in the organisation of this and deserve great credit for its success.

It was great to see so many pupils participating in clubs this week as we have a lot of matches coming up so we really need to get the practise in. Running Club will be commencing from next Tuesday and it is compulsory for all pupils in Key Stage 2. On a Friday the Year 2 pupils are very welcome to join us in Mr. Harold's Field for the Running Club. We have district sports in June so we really need to start training if St. John's pupils are going to bring some medals home.

Thank you to parents who have really responded positively to making sure that pupils are being collected on time. This will make a real difference to the staff's workload and also mean that staff meetings can start on time. Please note that it also includes prompt collection from matches and trips. If parents are ten minutes late, then a charge will be issued.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Head Teacher

**St. John's C.E. Primary
School**

**Week Beginning
25 April 2016**

Monday

**Swimming at Southbury Leisure
Centre—Year 4/5**

Bikeability—Yr 3/4

NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6) 3.15-4.10pm

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)

Bikeability—Yr 3/4

Art Club (by invitation) 3.15-4.10pm

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

**Come to school as a favourite book
character**

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Cricket Club (Yr 4-6) 3.15-4.10pm

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

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

All Class and Team Photographs

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr2-6)

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

(Please note the finishing time)

Ruby Memories

We have had another very busy week in Ruby Class. Our caterpillars have now be joined by another five caterpillars, so the children are able to compare and be amazed at how fast they are growing. We have also been looking at how we change as we grow older, comparing what we can do now and what we could do as babies. Our growing theme has continued all week we have looked at information books about lifecycles of other animals and investigated the life cycle of a frog. Thank you to William for bring-

ing in his tadpoles for us to share; it's always so interesting to see the real thing and we are looking forward to hearing when they turn into frogs. The children are also growing their own 'cress' heads, so with a little tender care there should be cress sandwiches for tea next week! Just a reminder that on Wednesday is book day when the children can dress up as their favourite story book character.

Have a lovely weekend.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

What a fantastic day we all had at Cuffley Camp on Tuesday! We were so lucky to have the sun shining for us too! The children took part in a range of outdoor activities linked to our science work including soil painting, a materials hunt, Andy Goldsworthy sculptures and building animal shelters. Well done to all of the children for their excellent behaviour throughout the day. In class we have started to look at how information texts are different from

story books. In maths we have multiplied and divided numbers and learnt how these number sentences are linked. The year 1 children have been working on sharing out objects in preparation for more formal division. Please remember our next trip for the 3 May and to send money in if you wish to buy a Goody Bag. Year 2 homework is slightly different this week, so please take note of the purple folder and covering letter.

Have a super weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

Diamond Class had a great time on Monday at Cuffley Camp. The children especially enjoyed the orienteering task in the woods and the 'up and under' obstacle course! In literacy, we have been comparing the story of Alice in Wonderland with Tom's Midnight garden as part of our imaginary world's topic. In maths we have focused on symmetry. The children have been creating symmetrical patterns, shapes and pic-

tures. Please do not forget that it is bike ability on Monday and Tuesday next week so it is really important that your child brings in their permission letter, bike and helmet. Any children that do not bring in any of the above will not be able to take part. Please may you also check that that your child's bike is in good working condition!

Have a lovely weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

In maths this week we have been focusing on reflection, translation and rotation. The children have really worked well on moving shapes around quadrants via these methods and seem to have a comprehensive understanding. In literacy the children have completed their letter of complaint regarding their nightmare trip to Manor Adventure. I am extremely pleased with the fan-

tastic standard of writing and if they ever needed to write a complaining letter they would be experts. In art the children have been putting their finishing touches to their self-portrait collages inspired by the artist David Hockney. A few children showed them in assembly but we will try to get them all displayed. Have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

There were no sporting events this week but it was great to see so many children at netball, cricket and rounders clubs.

Unfortunately on Monday there will be no netball club as I have a meeting.

Joe Law



Late Collection Policy

We would like to inform parents that the late collection policy also applies to collection from trips and matches.

We will be sending out a revised Late Collection Policy by email.

Book Fair—Wednesday 27 April

We are hosting a children's Book Fair from Travelling Books on Wednesday 27 April in the school hall and our school receives an excellent commission rate on all sales.



Please come and support us by buying a book.

Manor Adventure Reminder

Year 5 & 6 Parents

Please ensure that payments for Manor Adventure are fully paid by the middle of May.

Cake Sale

We raised £67.07 in aid of Vanessa and Rogers in Uganda.



Thank You!

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



APRIL

Monday 25	Book Week Bikeability—Yr3/4
Tuesday 26	Bikeability—Yr 3/4
Wednesday 27	Pupils to dress up as their favourite book character Book Fair
Thursday 28	Class and team photographs

MAY

Tuesday 3	Museum of Childhood—Sapphire Class	
Thursday 5	Ascension Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Monday 9	SATS Week	
Friday 20	Transition meeting for Yr5/6 parents in the church hall	1.15pm
Wednesday 25	Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6	2-4pm
Monday 30—3 June	HALF TERM	

JUNE

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	

JULY

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
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	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

We are very happy to announce that Foxtons Enfield Estate Agents have agreed to sponsor St. John's. We need a minimum of 40 boards to be put up in return for which Foxtons will sponsor St. John's to the amount of £600. If we meet this target then Foxtons will sponsor us again this year.

Please could you let The Friends' of St. John's know if you would be happy to have a board outside your property.

REMINDER

Friends' Meetings

In the school hall.

4 May

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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