

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

22 January 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week we have been looking at homelessness, focusing on the shelter that St. Luke's church has provided for so many people and the difference that this can make to these people's lives.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Hill back on Monday after being out on maternity leave. Miss Hill will be working on Monday, Thursday and Friday supporting teaching and learning throughout the school. She will also be responsible for running the School Council who will meet on Monday lunchtime to tackle a very lengthy agenda. Miss Hill will also be starting a Dance Club for pupils in Sapphire Class after half-term.

It was so encouraging to see so many enthusiastic parents at the Numicon meeting on Tuesday supporting the school in our drive to improve all pupils' numerical skills and confidence in maths. All the resources have been ordered and should be with us by the end of next week. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please see me for handouts and information regarding purchasing packs to use with your child at home.

For some time now we have been talking about the building works that will be starting at our school. Emerald Class will be demolished and a much bigger classroom is being built, extending two and a half metres into the car park. We are extremely fortunate to have received the full funding for this project, as it will make a real impact on our school and allow us to have thirty pupils in every class. Of course these amazing things don't just happen, unfortunately, it will undoubtedly be a real challenge, trying to run a school this size whilst building works are taking place. Therefore, it is crucial that we have your full co-operation during this time, as there will be times that we may well have to relocate the pupils in both Diamond and Emerald Class to the hall and church at St. John's, as the noise level will be too disruptive.

We are currently working on this plan and should this have to take place, we will inform you well in advance providing you with the necessary details for the day. In the meantime we will enjoy our last full week of peaceful surroundings for a while.

Next Wednesday and Thursday we are holding a very important review of teaching and learning and we would really appreciate your full co-operation in this matter. Please make sure that pupils are dressed in

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.1%
Sapphire	96.8%
Diamond	98.2%
Emerald	93.0%

Overall 96.1%

Week Beginning

25 January 2016

Monday

Netball Club—Resuming after February half-term

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Year 2)

Running Club- resuming after February half-term

Science Club (Yr2 by invitation) - resuming after February half-term

Art Club—resuming after February half-term

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Football Club—Resuming after February half-term

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club- resuming after February half-term

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS cont.

the correct full school uniform, arrive on time and behave as is expected at St. John's School. Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.



Susan Notley
Head Teacher

Ruby Memories

The dip in temperature this week has been greeted with shrieks of delight in Ruby class. Over the last two weeks we have been conducting a scientific experiment to find out at what temperature water freezes. On Wednesday morning imagine the excitement when the tray was covered in a block of ice. This stimulated lots of discussion about changes and has prompted further experiments and discoveries. Our literacy sessions have been based around the story, 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear.' The reception children wrote some impressive sentences using

their phonic skills. The nursery children were found in 'Winter Wonderland' retelling the story with puppets and drawing pictures. In numeracy, with the help of Numicon we worked with the children to find one more and one less from a group of objects from 1-20. Whether the temperature is above or below freezing enjoy the weekend. Congratulations to Diyala and William who are going to represent Ruby Class on the school council. I am sure that they will be full of good ideas!

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

This week we have started reading the story, 'Room on The Broom' which the children have loved learning. We have acted out the story and talked about ways of improving our performances. The children have also written some super descriptive sentences about the witch. In maths we have begun working on ways to multiply numbers by 10, 2 and 5 and the children have used bead lines and arrays to help with this. We have

also worked on sorting odd and even numbers by looking for numbers which can be grouped into pairs. In Topic, the children wrote some fantastic diary entries, in role of Samuel Pepys. Please note the changes in Home Reading which are on a separate sheet sent home today. PE for this half term will be taught on a Thursday and PE kits must be in school for this.

Have a lovely weekend

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond class, the children have been learning about the features of instruction texts in literacy. This will support the children in writing a recipe for gingerbread men next week, which may involve some baking! In numeracy, we have been learning to plot co-ordinates in a quadrant. The children have also been translating points and shapes across a quad-

rant. I have reminded the children that they need to bring in a picture of themselves with a family member, a friend or someone they have a close relationship with, as we will be looking at them in Art on Monday.

Have a super weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

Another very busy week in shapes and also 3D including very complicated Emerald class before we have shapes such as icosahedrons and trapezoidal our big move at the end of prisms! I am still extremely pleased with the next week. In literacy we have been focusing on children completing all of their tasks at home classic poetry and have been looking at Daffodils (homework, reading records, timestables and by William Wordsworth and also Jabberwocky by mental maths work), thank you very much for Lewis Carroll. The children found the nonsense your support in this. Have a relaxing weekend and wrap up warm.

Joe Law

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.



Friends' Notice

Friends' Meetings

3 February

2 March

13 April

4 May

8 June

6 July

In the school hall at 2.45pm.

All welcome.

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.

Reminders

School Dinners

- £2.30 a day (11.50 a week)
- To be in credit on ParentPay

Breakfast Club

- £2.50 a day (12.50 a week)
- To be in credit on ParentPay
- Inform the office if the days change which your child normally attends.
- Children's names need to be on the register to attend, otherwise we cannot accept them.



Date List for Spring Term 2016

FEBRUARY		
Wednesday 10	Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Monday 15—Friday 19	HALF TERM	
Monday 22	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5	11.30am
Friday 26	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3	1.30pm
MARCH		
Thursday 3	World Book Day	
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Cuffley Camp—Emerald Class	
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Friday 18	Red Nose Day	
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert at St. John's Church—Whole School	2.15pm
Thursday 24	End of Spring Term	1.30pm

Term Dates for 2016/2017

Spring term 2016

INSET DAY	Wednesday 6 January
Starts	Thursday 7 January
Half term	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February
Ends	Thursday 24 March

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

Please remember that any of the above dates may alter because of changing circumstances.

On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.