

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

'Respect everyone, love other believers, honour God, and respect the Emperor.' Peter 2:17

This week in our assemblies we have started to focus on 'Respect', another important value at St. John's School. The certificates in Celebration assembly will now focus on those pupils who have really demonstrated respect in many different aspects of school life. We have been discussing the importance of showing respect for each other in the way that we behave and thinking about what happens when we are disrespectful to others.

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Ash Wednesday Service in St. John's Church where we really thought about the 'sins' that we have committed and how Jesus is always prepared to forgive us. Father Peter talked about the Lord's Prayer and the forgiveness that we ask from God when we say this prayer. All the pupils had the opportunity to write about some of the sins that they have committed and we then burnt these sins during the service signifying the forgiveness that God shows us at all times.

Please remember that next Thursday is World Book Day and we would really like all the pupils (parents if you wish) dressing up as their favourite book character. Yr.2 and Yr.3 will be going swimming on this day as well so they will change into their PE kit before they go swimming. It is really important that every child has the correct swimming kit as I don't want any children not participating as this resource is costing the school a lot of money. Last year participation was excellent and I am expecting the same this year.

We will also be holding our annual Dress the Egg competition for Easter this year and I would really like to see completed entries arriving into Reception as soon as possible. The cost of entry will be £1 per entry and the closing date will be the 16th March at 3pm with the winners being announced in the final Celebration Assembly on the 23rd March.

Have a good weekend

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.3%
Sapphire	95.2%
Diamond	94.5%
Emerald	92.6%
Overall	94.9%

Week Beginning 26 February 2018

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 Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club
9.05am Sapphire Class Assembly
During School Keyboard Club
During School Recorder Club
3.00-4.00pm Netball Club
(Yr 3-6)

Thursday

WORLD BOOK DAY
8am Breakfast Club
1.30pm Swimming Yr 2&3
3.00-4.00pm Dance Club
(Yr 3-6)

Friday

8am Breakfast Club
12.30-1.00pm Running Club
(Yr 3-6) Yr 2 welcome

RUBY CLASS

In Ruby Class we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. Our role play area is now a Chinese Restaurant which the children are really enjoying. We have also completed our class dragon today ready for dragon dancing next week! In maths we have been focusing on ordinal numbers which link in with the Chinese Zodiac story, 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. In the playground we have continued with the same theme and have been having races to win medals to consolidate the children's knowledge of ordinal numbers. The nursery children have enjoyed playing the dinosaur racing game; turn taking and adding on to reach the podium to win a gold medal! In phonics the butterflies have begun learning the next set of speed sounds; please continue to practise the sounds and complete the word detective books as it really helps to support the work we are doing in the classroom.

Have a good weekend, stay warm! **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Welcome back; we hope you all enjoyed a nice, relaxing half term break and are looking forward to another exciting half term here in Sapphire Class!

This week in Literacy, we have been very excited as we have started our next class text (Beegu by Alexis Deacon). We have predicted what we might think will happen based on the front cover and clues given to us in the blurb. We have used adjectives to describe Beegu's feelings and to describe his appearance. We then moved onto exploring diary entry features before testing our comprehensions skills to plan our very own diary entry from the point of view of Beegu, who is currently lost on planet Earth and is understood by nobody. In Maths, we have focused on further consolidating our place value knowledge before revisiting strategies for working out subtraction calculations, including counting back on a number line. We have been working very hard this week in Maths and the children are definitely growing in confidence in these aspects of Maths! Well done!

Please may I gently remind everyone that PE is on a Monday and a Thursday and it is an expectation that kits are present in school on both these days. Another gentle reminder about the importance of making entries into reading records every day and, for Year 2 children, times tables books at least three times a week.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend,

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook

DIAMOND CLASS

During the first week back at school, Diamond Class have been using their imagination to write their own adventure and mystery stories, following the structure of 'The Tunnel'. So far, the children have written their opening and build-up sections and will complete their mysterious stories next week.

In Maths, the class have been focusing on a range of topics including using times tables facts to calculate larger questions, finding factor pairs, multiplying 3 single digit numbers together, multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers by a single digit using column method and solving multiplication word problems. This term, the History topic focuses on the Bronze and Iron Ages. So far, the children have explored why and how aspects of the Bronze Age were an improvement on the Stone Age. I am really impressed with the children's 'Light' research for Science. I can tell that they put a lot of effort in this task over the half term break. The children shared the information they found out about light with the class. During the main part of the lesson, the class explored how we need light to see things and why some things are easier to see than others. Hope you all have a lovely weekend! **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

This week in Emerald Class, the children have been thinking about arguments for and against lying! In the story of Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter's, Nyasha hides the truth from her father so not to upset him. We explored different situations and consequences of lying, and then wrote a balanced argument about the debate. It made for very interesting discussions! Also this week, the children presented the light project that they put together over half term. It was fantastic to see the efforts of the children! Well done! Another focus of the week was to look at our Christian values. The children showed great understanding of the values and why they are important. They then went on to write prayers about them.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

NOTICES



#WORLDBOOKDAY 2018

THURSDAY 1 MARCH



On Thursday 1 March we are celebrating World Book Day. The event celebrates books and offers a chance for children to dress up as their favourite characters and play games linked to their favourite stories.

Please bring your child into school dressed up as their favourite character.

Spare Clothes required

Ruby class have run out of spare trousers, skirts, socks, tights and knickers for any accidents. If you have any spare or unwanted items, please can you bring them into school.

It would be really appreciated.



Dress the Egg Competition

Start thinking about how to decorate your egg for the competition.

Closing date is Friday 16 March.

Winners to be announced on Friday 23 March.



ParentPay—Email and Mobile

Please can you ensure that you have entered your email address and mobile telephone number on ParentPay as we send out information regarding changes or events coming up and the newsletter.



Nursery Admissions 2018/19

- 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.



Swimming—Yr 2 & 3

Please remember to

- Give in the questionnaire and swimming goggles form to the office
- Bring in the correct swimming kit
- Bring in their PE kit to change into because the children will be in their World Book Day outfit



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.





Date List for Spring Term 2018

FEBRUARY		
Wednesday 28	Sapphire Class Assembly	9.05am
MARCH		
Thursday 1	World Book Day—Children dress up as their favourite character	
Thursday 1	Swimming starts for Year 2 & Year 3	1.30-2.00pm
Tuesday 6	Ocean Maths for parents—Sapphire Class	9.00am
Wednesday 7	Diamond Class Assembly	9.05am
Tuesday 13	Ocean Maths for parents—Diamond Class	9.00am
Wednesday 14	Reception Class Assembly	9.05am
Friday 16	Dress the Egg Competition closing date	
Tuesday 20	Parents' Evening	3.00— 5.30pm
Wednesday 21	Easter Concert for Ruby & Sapphire Class in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Thursday 22	Parents' Evening	3.00— 7.00pm
Wednesday 28	Easter Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church	2.15pm
Thursday	School closes for Easter Holidays	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2018/2019

Spring	2018	Autumn	2018
INSET DAY	Friday 5 January	INSET DAY	Monday 3 September
Starts	Monday 8 January	Starts	Tuesday 4 September
Half term	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February	Half Term	Monday 22 October—Friday 26 October
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 29 March	Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 21 December
		Bank Holiday	Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 December
Summer	2018	Spring	2019
Starts	Monday 16 April	INSET DAY	Monday 7 January
Half Term	Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June	Starts	Tuesday 8 January
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 20 July	Half Term	Monday 18 February—Friday 22 February
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 May 2018	Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 5 April

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