

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week we have really started to celebrate Easter across the school in both our assemblies and our Easter Concert in St. John's Church for Ruby and Sapphire Class. Thank you to all the children who made a superb effort as always in creating fantastic works of art to celebrate Easter. Everyone has really enjoyed admiring these creations in the Reception area throughout the last few weeks. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Young for taking the time to judge these entries and well done to the following winners in every class:

Ruby Class: Murat Kaplan

Yr.1: Edie Robinson

Yr.2: Lucy Wonfor

Yr.3: Lilly Bamotra

Yr.4: Terry Philippou

Yr.5: Jack Bailey

Yr.6: Janela Wood

Next Wednesday at 2pm we will be holding our second Easter Concert in St. John's Church for both Diamond and Emerald Class. There will also be a large number of pupils playing a variety of instruments so it will undoubtedly be a very entertaining and enjoyable event, celebrating the true meaning of Easter.

This term we have been focusing on 'Respect', one of our very important values at St. John's School. This morning in celebration assembly the following pupils were awarded with the Respect Cup, they are as follows:

Ruby Class: Elliot Lawlor Diamond Class: Daisy-Mai Wilkinson

Sapphire Class: Lucia Collins Emerald Class: Evie Adams

Unfortunately, this week I have had to talk to the pupils in KS2 about chewing gum being brought into the school. Mr. Hutchby has had to remove chewing gum from a carpet and in the toilets as well. We spent some time discussing the importance of respecting our school and the people who work in our school. I am extremely disappointed that some pupils seem to think that this is acceptable to do and I would really value parental support with this please. I have also noticed that some pupils are starting to bring different things into school either in their bags or pockets. I would like to stress again that no child is allowed to bring anything into school and it is not acceptable to say that it is for after school. I have spoken to the pupils regarding this matter and have stated that we will be doing an unannounced check with all pupils in KS2 next week.

This will be our last newsletter before Easter and therefore, on behalf of all the staff and governors at St. John's school, I would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable Easter. I do hope to see as many parents and pupils at our Easter Sunday Service in St. Luke's Church at 10.30am where Father Peter will be blessing the cross that all pupils have made. Thank you so much to Ms Charlton for organising and completing this master piece with all the pupils.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	86.9%
Sapphire	95.0%
Diamond	91.3%
Emerald	90.4%
Overall	90.9%

Week Beginning 26 March 2018

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.00pm	Easter Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

NO NURSERY

8am	Breakfast Club
1.15pm	School breaks up for Easter holidays

RUBY CLASS

Thank you to everyone for coming to the Spring concert on Wednesday, it was a great success and the children really enjoyed being part of it. It was a pleasure to meet with you all at the consultation evenings to discuss your children's progress, I am sure you are all very proud of your children as we are. Thank you once again for your continued support, it really does help. This week we have been looking at the Easter Story and the significance of Easter within the church calendar as we approach Palm Sunday and Holy week. Continuing the theme of Easter - in maths we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and will be using these shapes to make Easter baskets which I am sure will be filled with some special treats after our Easter Egg hunt next week! We shall be investigating symmetry and pattern next week using Easter eggs as a resource. In literacy the children have written letters to Mrs Notley to tell her all about the nest and eggs which have appeared in Sunshine room this week, hopefully today we will find out what animal the eggs belong to! Just a reminder to please send in the children's named water bottles every day; as the weather is hopefully getting warmer it encourages the children's own independence if they can access a drink when they need it. We have had a very busy term and I am sure all the children are looking forward to the Easter break next week and lots of Easter eggs! Have a lovely weekend and a very happy Easter. **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

At the beginning of this week, the children were split in half due to assessment week. Children in Year 2 worked exceptionally hard to complete two previous reading SATs papers and two previous maths papers. This was done to allow relevant members of staff to recognise what the children can do well but it also allows us to recognise what the children need more practice with. As mentioned, the children persevered with these tests very well and I am so impressed with how the Year 2 children conducted themselves during all tests. Whilst this was going on, children in Year 1 worked with Mrs Hargate, Miss Snook and Mrs Ramadan where they focused on completing their setting descriptions which were started last week. The children also focused on sentence construction with a strong focus on capital letters, full stops and getting letters the correct size in relation to one another. Like Year 2, I have been so impressed with how the Year 1 children have conducted themselves during this time.

In Maths, we have been all together, with no testing affecting Maths this week. We have been re-introduced to 2D shapes. We had to put given pictures of 2D shapes under the correct heading on a table as well as identifying the properties of each shape. We have now started looking at symmetry by cutting and folding shapes. The latter is a very tricky concept but I am so impressed with how hard the children have tried with this.

A gentle reminder that CPG books are still for sale in the office. I strongly recommend that these are purchased as they are really helpful books to help your child when they are completing homework tasks etc.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend and a very happy Easter. **James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook.**

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond class have been working extremely hard during this Assessment week. I am very proud of them all. I am especially proud of them for their excellent assembly on Wednesday - they all did a fantastic job!

In our Maths lessons, the class have been working on writing fraction and decimal equivalents, and ordering fractions and decimals from smallest to largest. This was a challenge for the children, but they have really grasped the concept well.

The class have been learning about the Iron Age in History. Their task this week was to compare Iron Age homes with their own homes and way of living today. It was interesting to learn about where people in the Iron Age slept, how they cooked and what they used as a toilet!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and a very happy Easter. **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

This week Emerald Class have been working hard on their English and maths assessments. It was great to see the outcomes and how far the children have come on this year so far. Well done everyone. We also finished our Science Week research and PowerPoint presentations. The class presented them to each other and the standard of the presentations was fantastic! In geography we looked at all the minerals that are used in the world and how we can try and preserve them for hundreds of years to come. On Monday, the class were brilliant in leading the assembly themed on the value of respect. They planned it themselves and showed great maturity. Well done to all.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

NOTICES

Year 6 Leavers

Please can all items on ParentPay be up to date.

Manor Adventure—Emerald Class

Payments for Manor Adventure should now be finalised. Thank you.

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.



Term Dates for 2018/2019

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

School Choir

Year 2 to Year 6 have been invited to join the School Choir Club, letters have been sent out.

If your child is interested, please hand the forms in to the office.

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

MARCH		
Wednesday 28	Easter Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church	2.00pm
Thursday 29	School closes for Easter Holidays	1.15pm

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMES TO THE EASTER CONCERTS

Date List for Summer Term 2018

APRIL		
Monday 16	School opens for the Summer Term	8.45am
Wednesday 18	New Nursery parents (September 2018) visit	12.30-1.15pm
Monday 23	Multi Skills start for the Summer Term	3.00-4.00pm
Tuesday 24	Class and Team Photographs	
Thursday 26	Dance Club starts for the Summer Term	3.00-4.00pm
Friday 27	Cross Country	1.00pm
Friday 27	Powerwalk—Sapphire Class	1.30pm
Monday 30	Bikeability for Year 3 & 4	
MAY		
Tuesday 1	Bikeability for Year 3 & 4	
Monday 7	Bank Holiday—School closed	
Thursday 10	Ascension Service in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Monday 14	KS2 SATS start	
Monday 28—Friday 1 June	HALF TERM	
JUNE		
Monday 4—Friday 8	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Friday 15	Blessing by the Archbishop—At the Millfield Theatre	9.00am
Friday 22	Poetry Festival—Diamond Class (Reserve date Thursday 29 June)	
JULY		
Wednesday 4	Diamond Class Assembly	9.05am
Monday 9	Emerald Class visit to St. Michael's Primary School	A.M.
Monday 9	Discovery Centre Visit—Reception Class & Sapphire Class	
Monday 9	Bikeability—Year 5 & 6	
Tuesday 10	Diamond Class visit to St. Michael's Primary School	A.M.
Tuesday 10	Science Project—Year 5 & 6	
Wednesday 11	Ruby Class Assembly	9.05am
Thursday 12	Graduation Concert—Ruby Class	
Tuesday 17	Sports' Day	1.00pm
Wednesday 18	Summer Concert in St. John's Church (KS1 & KS2)	2.00pm
Thursday 19	Reserve Sports' Day	1.00pm
Thursday 19	Nursery Class End of Summer Term	3.00pm
Friday 20	Leavers' Service in St. John's Church	9.00am
Friday 20	End of Summer Term	1.15pm

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