

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

23 September 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who supported Jeans for Genes Day - it is lovely to see the enthusiasm of our school community to help others less fortunate than us. Next week we shall be supporting the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday when we will be holding the Friends of St. John's School AGM in the hall after celebration assembly. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and find out about the very important work that so many of our parents do in supporting all our pupils. Of course we will also be remembering Mr. Perry next Friday who died recently due to pancreatic cancer. To make this a very special day for Danielle and Mrs. Perry, we would like all pupils, parents and staff to wear blue and white.

We would very much welcome donations of cakes on Thursday and Friday as we will be running a cake sale after school on both Thursday and Friday in aid of Macmillan Cancer.

Throughout the year we will be holding various workshops to help you in supporting your child's learning. I would like to draw your attention to the E-Safety meeting next Tuesday at 2.30pm and would strongly urge you to make every effort to attend this meeting. We have conducted surveys with your child about keeping themselves safe whilst using the computer and we have been alarmed at our findings. Therefore, we want to share this information with you so that we can work together to keep all our children safe.

Please note the following meetings:

**Tuesday 27th September at 2.30pm – E-Safety for all parents**

**Tuesday 4th October at 2.30pm - Reading workshop for parents— Nursery to Yr.6**

**Thursday 13th October at 2.30pm - Maths workshop for parents - Nursery to Yr.6**

**Wednesday 19th October at 7pm - E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School**

I look forward to meeting you at these meetings where we will give you a range of ideas to help you to support your child and make their learning fun.

Alongside our surge on improving E-Safety across the school, we are also asking all parents and members of the public to refrain from using their mobile phone whilst inside the school building. At school concerts, services and celebration assembly, we ask that you only take a photograph of your child. I appreciate that this is yet again another requirement but in the world we find ourselves in today, we need to ensure that we are taking all the necessary steps to keep all our pupils safe.

Next Wednesday we will be holding our Harvest Festival Service at St. John's Church at 2.45pm. All pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be attending this service. We would very much like for parents to join us at this service. All pupils will be dismissed from the church after the service. Please make every effort to bring in non-perishable foods for Enfield Food Bank on Wednesday morning.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.0%
Sapphire	96.6%
Diamond	95.8%
Emerald	98.3%

**Overall 96.4%**

### Week Beginning

**26 September 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)
2.30pm	E-Safety workshop for all parents in the school hall

#### Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard Club
During school	Recorder Club
2.45pm	Harvest Festival Service in St. John's Church
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

#### Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
After school	Cake Sale
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)

#### Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.30am	AGM Friends' of St. John's followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning in memory of Mr. Perry
12.45-1.15pm	<u>NO</u> Running Club (Yr 3-6) (Yr 2 are welcome to join)
2pm	Cross Country at Forty Hall
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6) (please note the earlier finish time)

## Ruby Memories

We would like to welcome our new nursery children who have settled very well into Ruby class and also welcome the families who are new to St John's school. It has been lovely to see how welcoming and caring the reception children have been to the younger children.

We have had a busy week in Ruby class with many of our activities based on the story of 'Oliver's Vegetables' We have been learning the days of the week, making observational drawings of vegetables and preparing, chopping and eating vegetable soup which all the children had a

taste of! We also link the story to the Harvest Festival and how vegetables and plants grow. To complete our week's activities, the children will be planting spring bulbs in the flower troughs in Sunshine Room. Thank you to all the parents who attended the reception class meeting yesterday morning; we are looking forward to working with you. Look out for those first speed sounds arriving next week!

Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed

## Sapphire Tales

This week Sapphire Class have been practising constructing sentences and then reading them back to one another, checking they make sense! The Year 1 children have focused on remembering capital letters and full stops whilst for Year 2 it was ensuring that their sentences contained adjectives and connectives. In maths we have looked at how simple patterns can help us to identify odd and even numbers as well as working on making number pairs to 5, 10 and 20. During our computing lesson this week the children really enjoyed following instructions for making yummy fruit salads! You

could almost hear a pin drop in the classroom as everyone devoured their healthy creations! Finally, we were very lucky to have a visit from Mr Lyalls, a professional poet who worked with the children on some very exciting poetry and writing.

Please remember to send P.E. Kits back into school after Monday's Multi-Skills Club after school.

Have a super weekend

Maria Piscitelli

## Diamond Delights

The children had an exciting start to the week at Cuffley Camp. They took part in an assault course, an orienteering trail and a compass trail! We had a super day and all of the children were great role models for our school. In literacy, the children have been planning and writing stories based on the adventure story, Simp. I am looking forward to reading their completed stories as the children were so enthusiastic and had lots of imaginative ideas.

In numeracy, the children have been using number lines to add, as well as being taught the column addition

method. For the last two days, we have been subtracting on number lines.

It was great to have Mr Lyalls, a poet who worked with the children with their poetry and writing.

Have a great weekend

Hannah Gallagher

## Emerald Echoes

This week on Tuesday we had a fantastic trip to Cuffley Camp where the children completed a range of activities including finding out how tall and old a tree was, using compass bearings and completing a problem solving course. The children worked very well together in pairs and small teams and solved and completed a wide range of challenges. In maths this week we have been working on division, looking at a range of problems and using a variety of strategies to solve them. In history we are studying the Ancient Mayan population

and we looked at their creation story and also some of their Gods. We are generally very pleased with the homework being handed in, please keep checking on your child's work to make sure it is at an acceptable standard. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

## Sports' News

On Tuesday evening, after Cufley Camp, the football team played their first match against Churchfield on the fabulous new pitches at Edmonton County. After a very close game we unfortunately lost 1-0 missing a number of good scoring opportunities. Hopefully, next match we will have our scoring boots on. Well done to Tom Doe for some very solid defending and a player of the match performance.

Joe Law



## Bingo Night



St. Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane  
Saturday 15 October at 6pm for 6.30pm start  
Tickets Adults £5.00  
Children £2.00

### LICENSED BAR

Please do not bring your own drink  
For tickets please contact Joan Young 01707 872 857

## Mobile Phones

Please note that mobile phones are not allowed in the school building.



## 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.



## Jeans for Genes Day

We raised **£84.30**

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



## 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>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 27	E-Safety workshop for all parents in the school hall	2.30pm
Wednesday 28	Harvest Festival Service in St. John's Church (Reception to Year 6 pupils attending—please pick them up from the church after the service)	2.45pm
Thursday 29	Cake Sale	3.15pm
Friday 30	AGM—Friends' of St. John's followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning in memory of Mr. Perry (Come to school wearing blue and white)	9.30am
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Tuesday 4	Reading workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 6	2.30pm
Thursday 13	Maths Workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 6	2.30pm
Wednesday 19	Open morning for prospective parents (please ring the office if you would like to attend) E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School	9.10am 7pm
Monday 24—Friday 28	HALF TERM	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
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	9.10am
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 29	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am

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

## cont. Date List for Autumn Term 2016

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
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

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