

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

24 February 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

In our assemblies this week we have been discussing the 'no smoking at the school gates project' which our school is going to be part of. As part of our Healthy Schools' initiatives, both the Governors and I are very keen for St. John's School to be recognised as a school that is supporting this project. Mrs. Boyd, the Public Health Manager will speak to the pupils in assembly next week and raise the awareness of the importance of this by encouraging the pupils to participate in the no smoking at the school gates competition. This competition will run for two weeks, the closing date being the 14th March with the winners announced in the celebration assembly on the Friday. The prizes are 1st – a mini Ipad, 2nd £50 WH Smith voucher and 3rd £25 WH Smith voucher. The winning poster will be displayed on a plaque by the school gate.

Our focus for Parents' Meetings this half-term is reading and e-safety. It is really important that you make every effort to attend these meetings as this will help you to support your child's reading and raise your awareness of the crucial role that parents play in ensuring e-safety in the home. These meetings are as follows:

Tuesday the 7th March at 2.30pm - Reading meeting for parents of Sapphire, Diamond and Emerald pupils

Wednesday the 8th March at 9am – Reading meeting for parents of Reception pupils

Tuesday the 28th March at 2.30pm – E-Safety for all parents

As a follow up to the parents' meetings on reading, we are then inviting you into your child's class to see how we are teaching reading so that you will be able to support your child at home. These reading workshops are taking place on:

Monday 13th March at 9am – 9.40am – Parents of Diamond Class

Wednesday 15th March at 9am – 9.30am – Parents of Sapphire Class

Thursday 16th March at 9am – 9.40am – Parents of Emerald Class

Thursday 28th March at 9am—9.30am—Parents of Reception Class

Could you please make sure that you book your place at the appropriate workshop in the school office. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these workshops as they will definitely be worthwhile for you to attend.

From our monitoring of the parking this week, I am delighted to report that no cars were parked on the kerb or in Head Start Nursery. Your co-operation in this matter is really appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.5%
Sapphire	94.8%
Diamond	94.3%
Emerald	94.4%
Overall	95.5%

Week Beginning 27 February 2017

Monday

8am	Poetry Week
3.15-4.10pm	Breakfast Club Multi Skills (Reception to Year 6)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Art Club (by invitation)
3.15-4.10pm	Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
2.45pm	Ash Wednesday Service
3.15-4.10pm	NO Netball Club (3-6)

Thursday

Yr 2/3	Swimming Commences
8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (by invitation)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6) Please note the earlier finish time

Ruby Memories

In Ruby Class this week we have been looking at the language of time—seconds, minutes etc and comparing different lengths of time. Next week we will be looking at clocks and investigating o'clock times. It would be really helpful if you can talk about telling the time at home.

Just a reminder—the Reception children will need their P.E. Kits on Thursday as we will be doing P.E. With Year 1 on Thursday afternoon.

Have a good weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week the children have completed some fantastic information books about taking care of pets. We have really been practising reading through our work and checking that it makes sense. In maths we have been comparing numbers using vocabulary like more than and less than. In our RE lesson we looked at the second part of a Christian's life journey when they go to Heaven. The children really enjoyed talking about what they imagined Heaven would look like. In science we observed and recorded what our bean experiments look

like. They have made such progress over the half-term break; we really do have some beanstalks growing in our classroom! Please remember that our PE days for all children are Mondays and that the Year 2 children will be going swimming for their PE session every Thursday, so they will need appropriate swimwear and towels. Year 1 children will still be having their usual Thursday session of PE in school so kits need to be in school for this.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been writing as Victorian journalists. They have been preparing a newspaper report about the growing concerns they have for the Victorian slums which they are all so eager to write about! In numeracy, we have been continuing with our fraction topic. The children have been finding equivalent fractions using a fraction wall as well as simplifying fractions. In addition, we have been matching fraction and decimal equivalent

lents. As Lent is coming up in the Christian calendar, we read the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil in the desert. The children discussed what are tempted by in their own lives and then created a drama piece about a time when they were tempted by something!

Don't forget that swimming starts next week for the year 3's!

Have a super weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in maths we have been focusing on long multiplication, division, using the inverse and word problems. The children have done extremely well on understanding these difficult concepts and have produced some excellent pieces of work throughout the week. In literacy everybody has been working towards entering the Mayor's writing award; the focus of the piece of writing was 'The Escape'. In science I was very pleased with the pieces of homework that the children produced based on changes in materials; we had a competition to see which one the children liked the best.

Please make sure you have seen and completed the Cuffley Camp letter as this visit is happening in a couple of weeks. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

NOTICES

SPORTS NEWS

There will be no netball club this week as the netball team are playing their final games in the league.



Drop in Clinic to see the School Nurse

The School Nurse is hosting a Drop in Clinic at St. John's on **Monday 24 April from 9am to 10am.**

This is a chance for parents/carers to discuss any

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

May we remind parents that if your child decides to change from either school dinners or packed lunch, that half a terms notice needs to be given.



PARENTPAY



ParentPay is very effective for our school as it is an online payment system which allows parents to pay quickly and securely for school meals, trips and activities, uniforms, music lessons and fees.

You simply top-up your ParentPay account online by debit or credit card.

Please can parents/carers visit their ParentPay account regularly to keep up to date with payments. This will greatly reduce the amount of administration time taken. Many thanks.

Swimming—Year 2 & 3



Please remember to bring in your completed forms to school before Thursday 2 March.



Dangerous Driving

Some of our parents have been seen doing three point turns outside the school which is not only dangerous but causes much disruption.

We have had many complaints and it reflects badly on the school.

Please be more considerate.



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 2017

FEBRUARY		
Monday 27	Poetry week	
MARCH		
Wednesday 1	Ash Wednesday Service	2.45pm
Wednesday 1	Emerald & Diamond Class to participate in the Lord Mayor's Writing competition	
Thursday 2	Swimming commences—Year 2 & 3 (every Thursday for 15 weeks)	2.30-3.00pm
Tuesday 7	Reading Meeting —Sapphire, Diamond & Emerald parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 8	Reading Meeting—Reception parents	9.00am
Thursday 9	World Book Day	
Monday 13	Science Week	
Monday 13	Cuffley Camp—Emerald Class	
Monday 13	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Diamond Class	9.00-9.40am
Wednesday 15	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Sapphire Class	9.00-9.30am
Thursday 16	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Emerald Class	9.00-9.40am
Monday 20	Dress the Egg Competition to start	
Tuesday 21	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Wednesday 22	Spring Concert—Nursery, Reception & Sapphire Class	2.30pm
Thursday 23	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Tuesday 28	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Reception Class	9.00-9.30am
Tuesday 28	E-Safety for all parents	
Wednesday 29	Spring Concert—Diamond & Emerald Class	2.30pm
Thursday 30	Dance Festival	
Thursday 30	Dress the Egg Competition to be judged	
Friday 31	Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. School finishes at 1.30pm	

Term Dates for 2017

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

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY Monday 4 September
 Starts Tuesday 5 September
 Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
 Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December

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