

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**HEADTEACHER'S NEWS**

This week during assembly time, we have been thinking about how prayer can help us in our daily lives. We talked about the power of prayer in helping us to cope with challenges and how it can help us to understand difficult situations or changes that may have occurred in our lives. The children also came up with suggestions of how prayer helps us to be grateful for what God has given us and the importance of taking time to reflect on this. All pupils are encouraged to write prayers for our prayer box in the Reception Area that we will use in our assemblies. Thank you to Freddie and Sofia for leading the prayers in Celebration Assembly this morning.

Next Friday morning we will be holding our special Catriona Fathers' Writing assembly at 9.05am. It would be really lovely to see as many parents as possible at this special event as it is a lovely time to celebrate Catriona's short life at St. John's School.

I am still desperately trying to set up an after school club to support parents with their child care arrangements. Having spoken to a few providers, we will need a minimum of twenty pupils every night. It will run from 3pm – 5.30pm at a cost of £10/£11 a day. To date we still haven't enough parents who are interested in this that will make it a viable club to run. I will run this for one more week so that I can ensure that all parents have had the opportunity to complete the necessary paper work and see if this will be viable to go ahead. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Flanagan in the school office before Friday afternoon.

Our overall attendance percentage for this week is 97% which is in line with our target of 97%. Well done to Diamond Class as you achieved the highest score of 98.6% this week for attendance. Diamond Class will now have the cup in their classroom all week.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

Class	Week
Ruby	96.4%
Sapphire	95.6%
Diamond	98.6%
Emerald	97.7%
Overall	97%

Week Beginning**27 November 2017****Monday**

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

9.05am depart	PANTOMIME AT THE MILLFIELD Reception to Year 6
8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club—3.00-4.00pm
4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation) starting after Christmas

Wednesday

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

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday

9.05am	CATRIONA FATHERS WRITING ASSEMBLY
8am	Breakfast Club

NOTICES

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please see Mrs Notley if you are interested in taking up the position of Parent Governor for a chat and an overview of the position.

Pantomime

On Tuesday 28 November Reception to Year 6 are going to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Millfield Theatre. Contributions to be made on Parent-Pay.



School Dinner / Breakfast Club

School Dinner and Breakfast Club accounts always need to be in credit.



Christmas School Dinner

If your child is packed lunch but would like a Christmas School Dinner on Friday 15 December, please pay £2.30 on ParentPay under school dinners and inform the school office, so the kitchen can order enough food for everyone.



Nursery Admissions 2017

- 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.



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.



RUBY CLASS

In Ruby class this week the children have been making their own books of the Christmas Story and have retold the story in their own words which we will be sharing with some of the older children. The nursery children have been working very hard, practising their name writing in sand and salt. We have also begun to practise the songs for the Nativity play which are all coming on very nicely; don't forget to put the date in your diary – Tuesday 14th December 2.00 p.m. Next Tuesday the Reception children will be joining the rest of the school in going to watch the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Millfield Theatre. As we will not be back at school until 1.00 p.m. the Nursery session will begin at 1.30 p.m.

Have a lovely weekend, **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Another great week of learning here in Sapphire Class. In maths this week, we have focused on measurement. We had a carousel activity day where we were able to complete a range of different measurement activities, including volume, length and weight. We used many different resources to help us complete these tasks and recorded our estimations and results in our own 'measurement activity booklet.' We have also been looking at reading scales where all divisions and numbers are given. Some of us have even looked at this task, but where not all numbers and divisions are given. This requires working out of what the scale is going up by before working out what the possible answer could be. A tricky concept, but we have tried really hard with this! In literacy, we have been focusing on setting description and we've linked this to Lizard Street, an East end of London Street where our fictional text Krindlekrax is based. We have looked at our 5 senses and imagined, through drama, what it'd be like if we were on Lizard Street ourselves. We then planned our setting description before starting our writing about Lizard Street, which will continue into next week. Please note that on Tuesday, we are off to the Millfield Centre for the Jack and the Beanstalk production. It is important that we leave school on time so we can beat traffic and arrive at our destination before 10:00am. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone arrives to school on time on Tuesday so we can leave promptly. Also, we will be decorating our room for Christmas on Tuesday afternoon. If anybody would like to bring in any Christmas decorations for the classroom, then please feel free to bring these to school.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend, **James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook**

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Diamond Class, our mathematical focus was measurement, therefore, the children focussed on measuring weight while baking fairy cakes! They learnt to measure ingredients, the importance of measuring accurately and using different types of scales. I was so impressed with how well all the children worked as a group! Also, the cakes were absolutely delicious! In Literacy, the children have been using their imaginations to begin writing their own mythical story as an alternative to 'Pandora's Box'. I'm really looking forward to reading their versions of this myth! The class have finally completed their moving monsters in D.T. and have started to decorate them. I have mentioned to the children that it would be a great idea to bring in any shoe boxes that could be used as the base for their monsters. A child shared their sample model using a shoe box and it looked great! In Science, the class have been learning about the importance of maintaining a balanced diet and the benefits of each food group. They have also been creating their own meal plans that reflect a balanced diet. This weekend, I have asked the children to read **4 more pages** of their Guided Reading book and write down what they like, or don't like about the story so far. I will be providing a task schedule featuring their reading tasks for each night that they can keep in their Reading Records, so that you are aware of what your child needs to do during their reading time each evening.

Have a lovely weekend! **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

On Monday Emerald class took part in the launch of the new 3G pitch on Enfield playing fields with the mayor of Enfield. We had great fun and enjoyed having our pictures taken. This week in Literacy, we have continued looking at the story of Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, paying particular attention to the character of Nyasha. The children performed a 'hot seating' activity, where they questioned the character's reasons for not telling her father the truth about her sister. We then went on to write a letter in the voice of Nyasha. The children wrote very well. Well done Emerald Class. In maths we have been focusing on statistics and looking at the mean, median, mode and range. Later in the week, we started looking at line graphs, pie charts and bar charts and will continue to work on this next week.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend. **Joe Law & Kamran Ezel**



Date List for Autumn Term 2017

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 28	Pantomime (Reception—Year 6)	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Friday 1	Catriona Fathers' special assembly	9.05am
Thursday 14	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.00pm
Friday 15	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas School Dinner	
Tuesday 19	Christmas Parties	1pm
Wednesday 20	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 21	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY Monday 4 September
 INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September
 Starts Wednesday 6 September
 Half term Monday 23 October—Friday 27 October
 Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December

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

Spring 2018

INSET DAY Friday 5 January
 Starts Monday 8 January
 Half term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
 Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March

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