

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

25 November 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week throughout our assembly time, we have talked about 'Universal Children's Day' and I read an extract from the book of Mark talking about Jesus' love for children and the significance of him blessing all the children who were brought to him. 'I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it' Mark 10 v13-16. We also talked about St. Clement and the Christian value of loyalty, giving examples of where being loyal to friends, family and the community at large.

We are still keen to get more parent questionnaires completed and we would really appreciate your co-operation in this matter. At the moment we only have ten parent questionnaires completed, we would really appreciate it if every parent could make an effort to complete this as your feedback is really important to us. The information regarding this is attached to this newsletter.

Thank you to those parents and pupils who made a real effort to ensure that the correct uniform and P.E. kit is being worn at all times. If you know that your child hasn't got the correct item of clothing or footwear, please make every effort to purchase this at the weekend.

Have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	94.9%
Sapphire	91.8%
Diamond	97.6%
Emerald	95.6%

Overall 95%

Week Beginning 28 November 2016

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Yr 1 & 2)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
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Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
10am	Pantomime at the Mill field Theatre
During school	Keyboard Club
During school	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)

Friday

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

Ruby Memories

Christmas has begun in Ruby class! Our home corner has been transformed into Santa's workshop with some very busy elves wrapping up 3D parcels. The Reception children have made their own books of the Christmas Story and have retold the story in their own words. The nursery children have been ordering penguins according to their size and using their 1:1 counting skills to construct caterpillars. 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 – Thursday 15th December 2.30 p.m. We will not be having P.E. again until the new term so

please do not bring in P.E. kits. Just a quick reminder that in the winter months it is advisable to send joggers in for P.E. because the children get changed before lunch so will be out in the playground in their kit. Also if the girls are wearing tights they will also need a pair of socks to change into. Next Wednesday the Reception children will be going to watch the Aladdin pantomime at the Millfield Theatre with the rest of the school. As we will not be back at school until approximately 12.45 p.m. the Nursery session will start at 1.30 p.m. Have a good weekend

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week we have focused on the story of The Princess and the Pea in literacy and the Year 1 children have acted out the story (complete with costumes!) whilst the Year 2 children have written some lovely pieces retelling the different parts of the story. We all then enjoyed watching the videos taken of all our budding actors as well as designing some super WANTED posters looking for a suitable real princess to marry the prince! In maths we have continued our work on addition and subtraction with Bingo and 3 in a Row games and some of the children have progressed to the tricky task of partitioning and recombining two 2-digit num-

bers. During our topic lesson we talked about foods which would be eaten during The Stuart period over 400 years ago and the children got to make their own Bread Sippets which would be eaten by the poor during this time. Our new art & design topic is Sculpture and this week we started by finding out what we already know about sculpture and what we would like to find out. We then spent some time looking at some very famous sculptures including The Angel of the North and the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

Have a relaxing weekend Maria Piscitelli

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

In literacy this week we have been looking at the features of adverts, both on T.V. and magazines focusing on the language, graphics plus catchy jingles they might use. We conducted our own experiment in science, looking at our teeth. We've used an egg to represent the tooth, placing it in toothpaste, then next week leaving it in vinegar to see what the effects will be. In maths we've been looking at measurement, converting cm into mm and drawing around our-

selves using m & cm, also measuring different items around the classroom.

Have a good weekend.

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

Another extremely week in Emerald class. The children have written up their newspaper reports based on 'The Death of the Highwayman.' Their style of journalistic writing has developed well over the last two weeks and they are a very interesting read. In maths we have been focusing on time, especially word problems. The children have found this challenging, but need to develop different strategies and show resilience to solve them. In science, this week, we completed an experiment to find out which magnet was the strongest;

we had some very long chains of paper clips! I hope you have a relaxing weekend and don't forget the pantomime on Wednesday.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

Sports

Last night the school football team played in the cup against Freezywater St. George's. It was a

very closely fought game with a number of chances at both ends. After our opposition took an early lead St. John's played admirably a scored an equaliser just before half-time through Jehoshua Anderson-Williams. In the second half we pushed for the lead and found it, through atypical striker's goal again from Jehoshua. Despite some fine saves from Marco in goals our opponents equalised and the in the final minute scored a winner to win 3-2 at the final whistle. Well played to all of the team as they showed real commitment and energy

and on another night could have won. The player of the match was Jing-Fong Koh for some heroic defending.

Joe Law



Dogs on the school grounds

Please can you refrain from bringing dogs into the school.

Please keep them on a lead away from the school grounds.



Happy School Bags Scheme

We raised £92.00 for the school with your kind donations of clothes etc.



Thank You!

Primary Admissions—Sept 17

Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk

St. John's Supplementary Forms

Available on our website www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk or in the school office.

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.

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.

Sunday 20 November

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

St. John's Church—9.30 to 10.00am

Songs, Children's Talk, Prayers, Refreshments





Date List for Autumn Term 2016

NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 30	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 6	Infants Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2—CANCELLED	
Tuesday 13	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day Junior Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6—CANCELLED	
Wednesday 14	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 15	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.30pm
Monday 19	Christmas Class Parties & Christmas Activity Day Nursery's last day of Autumn Term	3.10pm
Tuesday 20	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm
JANUARY 2017		
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

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

The Friends' of St. John's