

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

26 February 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Assemblies this week have focused on the meaning of Lent and how we as Christians need to think about how we observe Lent and reflect upon this special time. Towards the end of Lent we will be celebrating Easter by having a special Easter concert in St. John's Church at 2pm on the 23rd March.

It has been lovely to see our sporting fixtures starting again and what a fantastic week it has been for both the netball and football team. I certainly don't want to steal Mr. Law's glory so please make sure that you read the sports' news. It is really important that all our KS2 pupils make every effort to attend the sports' clubs so that we continue to have this success in the matches and of course get fit and healthy. Unfortunately, due to staff training there will be no netball club on Monday after school.

Whilst on that note of fitness and being healthy, our intensive swimming programme is starting again next week, please make sure that you read this section of the newsletter so that all pupils come to school with the correct kite ready to participate.

Thank you to Mrs. Doe for organising the 'Ready for Secondary School' transition programme that we are running for both our Year 6 pupils and their parents. We had the first meeting today, if you were unable to make this meeting, it still isn't too late for you to be involved. We will be running two more meetings, one in May and the other in June. Please speak to Mrs. Doe if you are interested in joining this very important group so that your child is fully prepared for their next big step into secondary school.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.5%
Sapphire	93.6%
Diamond	95.7%
Emerald	96.2%

Overall 95.6%

Week Beginning

29 February 2016

Monday

Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5

NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Running Club— to commence soon

Art Club (by invitation) 3.15-4.10pm

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3

Football Club (Yr 3-6) 3.15-4.10pm

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club (Yr3-6)- to commence soon

Ruby Memories

We hope you all had a good half term and have coped with getting back into the school run! The explorers have been making backpacks and drawing their all important maps, so they don't get lost at the South Pole. We were very impressed at their knowledge of the world and specifically the facts they remem-

bered about habitats in Antarctica. The nursery children have been writing their names and working hard to form their letters correctly. The building site has continued to develop with lots of planning and measuring taking place., of course having a real live building site in school continues to motivate and inspire.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

This week we have begun to look at some wonderful story books by Anthony Browne. The children have analysed the stories and discussed the different features of the texts. They have also written character profiles about the author. In maths we have revisited place value, looking at how we can use symbols for less than, more than and equal to, to complete number sentences

which make sense! (Charlie Croc and his diet of large numbers was a great help with this!) During our topic lesson this week we have begun learning about the life and work of Florence Nightingale and the children have enjoyed visiting Scutari Hospital in the classroom! Please remember swimming for Year 2 which starts on Thursday. Have a lovely weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

This week in literacy, the children have been working in partners to research Anglo Saxon homes for an information report that they will be writing next week. In numeracy, our topic has been using money. We have been ordering different amounts and making different combinations for different amounts of money using coins. We have also been adding amounts by repeatedly adding on a number line as well as some children using the column addition method.

With regards to homework, as the printer was out of action before the holidays, the science homework was never given to the children. Therefore, the science homework will be given out today and the children will have two weeks to complete it. As a result of this, I won't be giving out any literacy homework, but the numeracy homework will be expected to be handed in on Wednesday next week. Have a super weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

In Emerald class this week the children have been working on creating a revolting recipe using a range of different features. It is a good job we are not actually making their concoctions as they would be well and truly disgusting! In maths we have been looking at using a range of strategies to solve division and multipli-

cation calculations. Hopefully the children will be able to use them in their homework. In science we are studying electricity: the children have been making a range of electrical circuits and looking at how switches work. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

A very successful week on the sporting front, probably our best ever! On Tuesday evening our football team played two matches against Lavender and then Worcesters. After a great start to the game against Worcesters with Shai Morgan scoring we carried on our excellent play and came out winners 5-3 with Damian O'Connor scoring a well-deserved hat-trick and Johnny Jones scoring the other. Damian carried on his scoring against Worcester, who we beat comprehensively 4-1, netting another hat-trick

and Travis Calloway-Bayley scoring the other. The whole team played really well but the player of the two matches was Travis.

On Wednesday evening our netball team faced an extremely tall St George's team and after a slowish start really found their groove and came out deserved winners 5-0. Well done to all the girls who played with a special mention to Evie Adams who made her debut. The player of the match was Kaela Grant-Ntabagara for her excellent shooting.

Joe Law

Swimming Lessons

On Monday 29 February (Yr 4 & 5) and Thursday 3 March (Yr 2 & 3) swimming commences.

All permission letters to have been handed in to the school office. Please remember to bring in their swimming costumes, towel, swimming hat and goggles if required.



Reminders

- Please ensure ParentPay is up to date.

School Dinners

- £2.30 a day (11.50 a week)
- To be in credit on ParentPay



Breakfast Club

- £2.50 a day (12.50 a week)
- To be in credit on ParentPay
- Inform the office if the days change which your child normally attends.

Friends' Notice

Friends' Meetings

2 March

13 April

4 May

8 June

6 July

In the school hall at 2.45pm.

All welcome.

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.



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.

Nursery
places still
available



Date List for Spring Term 2016

FEBRUARY		
Monday 29	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5	11.30am
MARCH		
Thursday 3	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3	1.30pm
	World Book Day	
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Cuffley Camp—Emerald Class	
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Friday 18	Red Nose Day	
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert at St. John's Church—Whole School	2.15pm
Thursday 24	End of Spring Term	1.30pm

Term Dates for 2016/2017

Spring term 2016

INSET DAY	Wednesday 6 January
Starts	Thursday 7 January
Half term	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February
Ends	Thursday 24 March

Summer term 2016

Starts	Monday 11 April
Bank holiday	Monday 2 May
Half term	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
Ends	Wednesday 20 July

Autumn term 2016

INSET DAY	Monday 5 September
Starts	Tuesday 6 September
Half Term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
Ends	Wednesday 21 December

Spring term 2017

INSET DAY	Wednesday 4 January
Starts	Thursday 5 January
Half term	Monday 13 to Friday 17 February
Ends	Friday 31 March

Summer term 2017

Starts	Tuesday 18 April
Bank holiday	Monday 1 May
Half term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
Ends	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.