

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

26 May 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This morning during our Celebration Assembly we held our one minute silence in memory of all those people who lost their lives in that horrific atrocity that took place in Manchester on Monday night. Our assemblies this week have focused on helping our children to come to terms with this terrifying incident and really focusing on our Christian values that are so important to us at this time.

Ascension Service took place yesterday in St. John's Church for Year 4 – Year 6 pupils. Thank you to Mr. Tungatt for leading the service, we always really appreciate his support throughout the school.

Sadly today we are having to say goodbye to Mrs. Piscitelli as she takes up a teaching position in another school. Mrs. Piscitelli has worked in our school for many years, firstly in the capacity of a Teaching Assistant and then after successfully completing her teaching training with us, she became a teacher. In both these positions, Mrs. Piscitelli has always worked extremely hard, wanting the best from all the pupils in her care and helping them to achieve their full potential. She is a very well organised teacher whose classroom is always beautifully presented demonstrating clearly Mrs. Piscitelli's artistic talents. For many years Mrs. Piscitelli has run a very successful Art Club and has organised many art days where pupils have worked alongside an artist completing the beautiful pieces of art work around our school. We wish her all the very best in her new post.

Thank you to everyone for the extremely generous support in aid of the reconstruction of the Lychgate at St. John's Church. In total we raised a sum of £152. The school council deserve great credit for all the superb events that they have organised throughout this year.

Unfortunately, our attendance has really dropped this week which is a real shame as we were doing so incredibly well. Many parents have filled in forms requesting authorisation for holiday leave which is a concern and means that children are missing out on their education. I spoke about this in assembly today as we can never compensate the teaching and learning that takes place in class. I really hope that after half-term we return to how it has been on the whole this half-term.

Have a lovely, relaxing half-term , enjoying the sunshine!.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	93.7%
Sapphire	89.3%
Diamond	86.4%
Emerald	94.8%
Overall	91.1%

Week Beginning 5 June 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.30-3.00pm	Swimming Yr 2 & 3
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday

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

Ruby Memories

This week in Ruby class the reception children have been writing their own individual targets of what they would like to make during the next half term. The variety of targets which are suggested never ceases to amaze me; ideas so far include various types of cake including a dinosaur cake and a life-size robot, watch this space! The nursery children have also been very busy working on different number challenges, I have been so impressed with their 1:1 counting and number recognition, well done! Just a quick reminder for the reception parents for after half term to leave the children in the mornings at the gate outside Sapphire class to allow them to walk independently into the playground as part

of the transition process. A member of the Early Years team will be there to support the children. (Thursday - changing book day will remain as before when we invite you into the class room to change books with your child.) Have a lovely half-term and keep practising your reading and writing; remember we love to share what you make or write at home.

*Exciting news in Ruby class – the butterflies are beginning to emerge from their individual chrysalis – a real awe and wonder moment for the children to witness. *

Have a great half term holiday

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

It has been a fun-filled week this week in Sapphire Class. We began the week with Godly Play during RE where we learnt about the story of the Good Shepherd. The children created some lovely work in response to this including felt pictures, Lego towers and iced biscuits! In literacy we read the story of Billy Bucket who only wanted a bucket for his birthday and tried so hard to convince his parents that it was a very special one! (Ask the children to tell you why!) in maths we have practised our addition and subtraction skills by using the inverse to solve problems and then by using number lines to count forward or back in multiples of 10. Later in the week we created some passports to New York during our topic

lesson and the children filled these with facts all about the city which they all seem so interested in!

As you all know, this has been my last week in Sapphire Class. I have been lucky enough to teach some of the children for almost 2 years and they have all made me a very proud teacher! I look forward to hearing about how they are all getting on. Thank you all for you lovely gifts and cards and for all your good wishes.

Hope you have a lovely break

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

On Monday afternoon in Diamond class, an artist called Mia came into work with us. She taught the children how to create felt pictures which was so enjoyable and a new experience for us all! Mia will be working with us again after half term for a day to complete our felt pictures and she will also be showing us how to make willow sculptures. In July, some of the children from our class will be taking part in an exhibition/market day in Enfield to display some of the work the

class have produced. Alongside our class, will be other local schools displaying their work too which is very exciting. In literacy, the children have been researching and writing a fact file about an animal. In numeracy, we have focused on mental methods including doubling and halving, as well as dividing with some remainders.

I hope you have a relaxing break over half term!

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in maths we have been focusing on money problems. The children have done very well and solved some tricky investigations. In literacy we have been looking at mystery stories with the children writing some interesting 'goosebumpy' stories. In computing they have been using a storybird program and have published some really good short stories. We enjoyed our

treat this morning of scrambled eggs on toast and sausages, very good 'chefing' skills! I hope you have a great half-term.

Joe Law

NOTICES

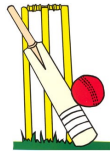
ParentPay

Please check ParentPay over the half term. It would be great if all parents could be up to date with their accounts on our return.

Year 6—As we are fast approaching the end of their Primary Years, please ensure ParentPay is finalised.

Sports News

After half-term there will be a number of rounders and cricket fixtures. We will also be preparing for District Sports.



Chicken Pox / Headlice

Just so parents are aware that there has been a few cases of Chicken Pox.

Please check your child's hair over the half term as there as been a couple of children who have had to be treated for headlice.

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.



Fundraisers for the Lychgate

We raised £152.00 from the non-uniform day.



After school on **Wednesday 21 June** there will be a bouncy castle with a slide, face painting, tattoos, refreshments and nibbles to raise funds to restore the Lychgate at St. John's Church.

ALL WELCOME



Induction of Father Peter

On 26 June in St. Luke's Church is Father Peter's Induction at 7.30pm

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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.





Date List for Summer Term 2017

MAY		
Monday 29—2 June	Half Term	
JUNE		
Wednesday 21	Fundraiser for the Lychgate at St. John's Church	After school
Thursday 22	French Trip—Diamond & Emerald Class	
Friday 23	INSET DAY	
Monday 26	Induction of Father Peter in St. Luke's Church	7.30pm
JULY		
Wednesday 5	Outdoor Learning at Forty Hall—Year 6	9.30am
Thursday 6	Art Exhibition in the Dugdale Centre—Diamond Class	All day
Tuesday 11	Cuffley Camp—Sapphire Class	
Wednesday 19	School Concert in St. John's Church—KS1 & KS2	
Friday 21	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church	
Friday 21	End of Summer Term	1.30pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Summer Term 2017	Spring 2018
Starts Tuesday 18 April	INSET DAY Friday 5 January
Bank holiday Monday 1 May	Starts Monday 8 January
Half term Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June	Half term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
INSET DAY FRIDAY 23 June	Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 21 July	
 Autumn Term 2017	
INSET DAY Monday 4 September	
INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September	
Starts Wednesday 6 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.