

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

27 January 2017



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Today is Holocaust Memorial Day and a time where we remember the six million Jews who were killed during World War Two. During our assemblies this week we have been focusing on the Holocaust and looking at what happens when unity breaks down. We have discussed as a school the horrific persecution of millions of Jews during World War Two and looked at why this took place and how it was eventually stopped. As a school we have many lessons to learn from this, we talked about ensuring that we treat everyone equally and having respect and tolerance for each other at all times. We also discussed the importance of not ignoring something that we see happening that is wrong but ensuring that we are making the right decisions to help everyone to get it right.

We are noticing that some pupils are being collected late again and this is really causing us a problem in our Reception Area. Please remember if your child is collected late there is a charging policy in place and this cost will be added to your parent pay bill. Your co-operation in this matter would be really appreciated.

I have just reviewed the Child Protection Policy again and approved it at the Governing Body Meeting last night. I would really appreciate it if all parents could read this; you will be able to access a copy from our website. We will be running another E-Safety meeting for parents on the 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm and I would strongly urge that you make every effort to attend.

From our monitoring of the parking this week, we are still having a lot of cars parking on the kerb which is unacceptable. If you are worried about the safety of your car on this busy road, please park in Strayfield Road. Head Start Nursery has also contacted me to say that some parents have started parking in the nursery again and also allowing their children to run around in the car park. It is really embarrassing for the school to receive such a complaint from our neighbours and this is not how we want our school portrayed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	99.0%
Sapphire	93.8%
Diamond	92.2%
Emerald	91.5%

**Overall 94.1%**

### Week Beginning

30 January 2017

#### Monday

8am	Victorian Day for Diamond
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
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (3-6)

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)

## Ruby Memories

It was an exciting start to our week in Ruby class; when we arrived in school on Monday we found that a pipe had burst in Sunshine room and had covered most of the area and equipment in ice and icicles! This gave us a great opportunity for lots of discussion about why the water had frozen in such interesting ways and how we could melt it. A really apt start to the week that we changed our role play area into the 'polar regions'; we will continue to develop this next week when we introduce polar explorers! Continuing the polar theme, the reception children have been using their phonic skills to write a piece of information about penguins whilst the nursery children have painted their paper mache eggs ready for the 'penguins' to hatch. They have also been practising writing the letters in their name using salt and sand. In

maths we have been investigating missing numbers and talking about different strategies to use to find which number is missing, we think our maths puppet Crispin might have something to do with numbers going missing! Next week will be linking our activities to Chinese New Year which is tomorrow, please look out for any news coverage of the festivities and share it with the children. A big thank you to Jing Fong for coming into Ruby class and sharing with us how he and his family celebrate this special occasion. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Alexia and her family to Ruby class and to St John's school.  
Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed

## Sapphire Tales

This week during our art lesson the children have sketched some interesting still-life drawings of the natural objects which we collected last week. They worked in groups to observe closely the form, colours, patterns and textures of their objects. In literacy we have planned our own Fairy Tales and then started to write openings describing the characters and the setting. In maths we have been doubling numbers up to  $10 + 10$  and using this to double multiples of 10. The year 2 children have moved on to partitioning 2 and 3 digit numbers and recombining to find doubles. In R.E we looked at the significance

of Holy Communion for Christians. In our topic lesson we had a go at drawing our own maps of the school and its surrounding area from a bird's eye view. Please remember to label all items of school uniform and winter accessories that the children bring into school.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

## Diamond Delights

The children have been busy in literacy this week, writing and editing their stories that have a dilemma. In numeracy, we have been finding missing numbers in a sequence as well as plotting co-ordinates in a quadrant. We then looked at translating shapes across a quadrant. In computing, the children have been creating their own music using the audacity program which they have really enjoyed! Some of the chil-

dren could not resist having a little dance whilst playing back the music that they created!

One last reminder to say that it is Victorian Day on Monday and all the children are expected to dress up as Victorian children.

Have a super weekend

Hannah Gallagher

## Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald Class we have begun writing speeches for MP's. We are writing arguments for or against graffiti being legal. In maths, we have been finding multiples and factors of numbers and finding missing numbers in sequences. In R.E. we have compared the Apostle's Creed and the Mool Mantar, looking at similarities and differences between these. The

children have had a good week, working hard across all areas, we can see real progress in lots of their work, which is lovely to see. Have a great weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill



## Date List for Spring Term 2017

<b>JANUARY 2017</b>		
Monday 30	Victorian Day—Diamond Class	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Monday 6	Viking Day—Emerald Class	
Monday 13—Friday 17	HALF TERM	
Monday 27	Poetry week	
<b>w/c Monday 27</b>	Swimming for Years 2 & 3	
<b>MARCH</b>		
Wednesday 1	Ash Wednesday Service	2.45pm
Wednesday 1	Emerald & Diamond Class to participate in the Lord Mayor's Writing competition	
Thursday 2	World Book Day	
Monday 13	Science Week	
Monday 20	Dress the Egg Competition to start	
Tuesday 21	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires	
Wednesday 22	Spring Concert—Nursery, Reception & Sapphire Class	2.30pm
Thursday 23	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires	
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. <b>School finishes at 1.30pm</b>	

## 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

### 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

### 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.