

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

27 May 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It is hard to believe that another half-term has sailed by at a blink of an eye! However, when I stop to think about what has been covered this half-term, it amazes me to think that we are all still standing! Well done to all the pupils, parents and staff for all that has been achieved so far this year and a break is certainly very well deserved.

When we return on the 6th June, we will be waving goodbye to Emerald Class for the week as they head off on their five day trip to Manor Adventure in Shropshire. Due to this, all after school clubs will be cancelled for this week, however, Running Club and Spanish Club will still take place. Please note that due to a change in staff meeting times, Netball Club will now be taking place on Thursday after school from the 16th June to the end of term.

I have spoken to the pupils this morning about the importance of being dressed in the correct school uniform which includes the correct PE kit as well. There will be a uniform check on the 6th June, please make sure that any items which need to be purchased are done so over half-term.

On Friday 10 June for the Queen's birthday lunch, all pupils to come to school dressed in red, white and blue. There will be no running club. The Friends' of St. John's have agreed to decorate the school hall for this special occasion.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable half-term.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley  
Head Teacher

### This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	99.3%
Sapphire	96.8%
Diamond	89.3%
Emerald	90.7%

**Overall 93.3%**

### Week Beginning

6 June 2016

#### Monday

8am Breakfast Club

MANOR ADVENTURE all week Yr 5/6

**Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Year 4**

NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

#### Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)

NO Art Club

#### Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

NO Cricket Club

#### Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

**Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3**

#### Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Queens birthday lunch—children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue.

NO Running Club during school (Yr2-6)

NO Rounders Club (Yr 5-6) 3.15-

4.00pm

(Please note the finishing time)

## Ruby Memories

Yesterday the Reception children had a fascinating visit to St. John's Church. We would like to thank Father Edward for showing us around and explaining to the children about the different areas of the church and what they are used for. Father Edward also explained what happens when a wedding takes place and the children had the opportunity to role play the bride and groom, bridesmaid, best man and father of the bride! Our wedding theme has continued all week: we have been reading 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' by Julia Donaldson. The story has been

the focus for lots of our activities this week including writing wedding menus, making scarecrow faces and puppets and small world farm play. This afternoon we are completing our activities by having a 'wedding party'. Just a reminder about the children coming into the playground independently after half-term, please continue as normal on Thursday morning and come into class to change books. Thank you for all your support this half-term. Have a fantastic holiday.

[Pat Creed](#)

## Sapphire Tales

The Year 2 children did their final SATS paper yesterday, so well done to them for all their hard work. WE can all now breathe a sigh of relief! In literacy this week we have written some wonderful character descriptions of the Yeti from Charlie's Superhero Underpants and the children have rewritten parts of the story in their own words. It appears that Charlie had to travel to the banks of the New River and even the roof of Costa on the AOD to find his favour-

ite item of clothing! In D&T we have worked on making our own board games and during our topic lesson this week we all had a go at playing outdoor games that were played by children in the past such as Hopscotch and Jacks (Five Stones). Please remember to check P.E. Kits over the break and to return those ready for the next half term.

Have a lovely break.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

## Diamond Delights

Diamond Class have had a busy week, completing the end of half term assessments. The children have also been writing their explanation texts in Literacy to explain how their helpful machines work. In numeracy, we have been measuring length, capacity and weight. The class have also started decorating their photo

frames in D+T which we will hopefully complete after half term. Miss Hill has set a Science homework. There will therefore be no numeracy or literacy homework but I will be expecting the children to complete their times tables and their reading as normal.

Have a lovely week's break!

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

## Emerald Echoes

Today we had a celebratory pizza and pasta lunch to acknowledge the year 6 children completing their SATS and the year 5 being extremely supportive. We all enjoyed preparing the food but especially the eating part. The children have some science homework to complete over the half term and also reading from their guided reading book. Please remember the first day back

we are off to Manor Adventure for the week, make sure your bags are packed and don't forget your toothbrush. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

[Joe Law](#)

## Sports News

The rounders' team played their first match of the season against a very strong Oakthorpe side. After a slow start on the batting front we warmed up with some good fielding and catching. Batting is definitely where we need to improve and this showed in the final score being 9-3 to Oakthorpe. Well done to everybody who played in their first match with the player of the match being Louis Jones for his excellent bowling.

Yesterday evening the football team played in the semi-finals of the small schools' cup against a tall and physical Capel Manor team. After a slow start, with Marco pulling off a great save in the first min-

ute, the team started to play some excellent football and took a commanding 3-0 lead into half-time with goals from Shai, Damian and Travis. Capel Manor came back strongly and some great defending from both Kaela and Arda kept us in the lead. Our excellent fitness really paid dividends as Louis and Shai, with his second, scored great team goals to make the final score 5-1. This was a fantastic team performance with every player 'working their socks off', therefore the whole team deserve the player of the match. Many thanks for all the parents who came to support and I know we are all looking forward to the final.

Joe Law

## Spare Clothes

If children borrow clothes from school please ensure that they are returned as we are running very low.



## Manor Adventure Reminder

### Year 5 & 6 Parents

- Manor Adventure to be fully paid.
- Medicines to be in a plastic bag and labeled with a permission letter to administer.

## 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

## ParentPay

Please can parents check their ParentPay over the half term and ensure that all trips/services are up to date.



## 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.





## News from Fr Edward

Dear parents at St John's School, it has been announced today that I am going to move to a new post: Archdeacon of Hastings in the Diocese of Chichester. I will not be Vicar of a parish but have a role encouraging and supporting parishes over a wide area of east Sussex. The family and I will be moving over the summer holidays to our new home in Crowborough.

During the six years that I have been Vicar of Clay Hill, I have loved being involved with St John's School. It has been a great privilege for me to be a governor, conduct assemblies and school services, and teach RE in Emerald Class, as well as many other bits and pieces. I have also been so pleased to get to know many parents from the school and to see children growing up through the years.

I have greatly appreciated working with Mrs Notley, Mr Law and the rest of our excellent staff team. In an educational culture where teachers have to be obsessed with targets and statistics, their love of the children and concern for their wellbeing as individual human persons has always stood out - which is exactly what should make a church school distinctive.

I am not leaving until August, so it is not yet time to say goodbye, but I am sending this round so that you are updated. Please note that we are planning another children's service at St John's on Sunday 19 June from 9.30-10am. Have a good half term break!

### Date List for Summer Term 2016

<b>JUNE</b>		
Monday 6—10	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Wednesday 15	St. Paul's Cathedral—Yr 5/6	
Wednesday 22	Ready for Secondary School Workshop in the school hall	1pm
Friday 24	Fun Run & Fair	2.00pm
Monday 27	Science Week	
<b>JULY</b>		
Friday 1	Poetry Performance at Kingsmead School (selected pupil from Diamond Class)	
Monday 11	Bikeability—Yr 5/6 all week	
Tuesday 12	Disco—Reception, Year 1/2	3.15pm
Wednesday 13	Summer Concert—KS1 & KS2	2.30pm
Thursday 14	Disco—Yr 3/4/5/6	3.15pm
Friday 15	Graduation Concert—Reception Class	9.30am
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	Celebration Assembly—all parents welcome	9.10am
	Reserve Sports' Day	1pm
Wednesday 20	Leavers' Service	9.10am
	END OF SUMMER TERM	1.30pm

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

## Friends' Notice

### Sponsorship for the school

Thank you to all parents and members of staff at St. John's who have agreed to have a Foxtons Enfield Estate Agents board up at their home.

The boards will be up on or around the 30th May and come down on or around the 27th June.

### REMINDER

#### Friends' Meetings

In the school hall.

8 June                      All welcome.

6 July

**MANY THANKS**

**THE FRIENDS' OF ST. JOHN'S**

## Term Dates for 2016/2017

### **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	Friday 2 September
Starts	Monday 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

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