

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

29 April 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

We have celebrated the joy that books and reading brings to so many pupils at St. John's School this week as we participate in the many activities that have been organised for our Book Week. It is a real joy to speak to so many pupils about their favourite books and to experience their enthusiasm for reading - something which we must really try to hold onto in an era where technology is luring so many children away from reading.

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who supported our Book Fair on Wednesday and Thursday, it was a real success and lovely to see so many pupils being keen to purchase books. Please take some time to look at our website over the next few weeks as there will be many photos of all the activities that have taken place since the beginning of term.

As usual bike ability was a fantastic success for Diamond Class this week, giving so many children the opportunity to improve their cycling skills and in some cases experience the real joy of being able to ride a bike! I really hope that all these children will continue to cycle regularly so that when they come to Emerald Class they will be confident to participate in our cycling activities on the road.

Next Thursday at 2.45pm we will be having our Ascension Day Service in St. John's Church and we would really like to see as many parents as possible joining us for this service. All pupils will need to be collected from St. John's Church at the end of the service. There is no swimming on this day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley  
Head Teacher

### This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.4%
Sapphire	95.0%
Diamond	93.7%
Emerald	96.5%

**Overall 95.2%**

### Week Beginning

2 May 2016

#### Monday

**BANK HOLIDAY**

#### Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)

Museum of Childhood—Sapphire Class

NO Art Club (due to trip)

#### Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Cricket Club (Yr 4-6) 3.15-4.10pm

#### Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

**NO Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3**

**2.45pm Ascension Service at St. John's Church**

Football Match—Hadley Wood School

#### Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr2-6)

Rounders Club (Yr 5-6) 3.15-4.00pm

(Please note the finishing time)

## Ruby Memories

In Ruby Class this week we have been sharing traditional fairy tales. This linked in very nicely with book day on Wednesday, when Ruby Class was visited by Red Riding Hood, Elsa, Goldilocks, bears, knights, pirates, Spiderman and many more! Thank you to everyone for making a huge effort and making the day a success. The children are watching in awe and wonder as the caterpillars continue to grow and change. Our

first group are just beginning to make their cocoons so well on their way to becoming butterflies. We have also planted our seeds as part of the school's space seed experiment and we are thrilled to announce that the first seeds to germinate are from Ruby Class!

Have a lovely, long weekend,!

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

## Sapphire Tales

We had a lovely day on Wednesday when everyone dressed up in their favourite book character costume! Sapphire Class did so well retelling one of our favourite Anthony Browne stories - Willy The Wimp in assembly this week, with actions too! This week we have been practising solving word problems in maths and some of the children have moved on to using column addition and subtraction for calculating the answers. We have also looked at how using the inverse helps us to work through missing number

problems. In literacy we have written our own information texts and the children have assessed their own work using polishing pens which they love! We are all ready for our trip on Tuesday morning so remember to ensure that the children are on time for our departure, with their packed lunch and wearing full school uniform please. We look forward to telling you all about it next week. Enjoy the long weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

## Diamond Delights

The children thoroughly enjoyed bike ability on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents for transporting the bikes to school. We were so proud of all the children, especially the ones who were able to ride a bike confidently for the first time! In literacy this week, the children have been using speech punctuation to write a piece of dialogue between a few of the characters in the Al-

ice and Wonderland story. The class have also been busy creating their own characters for their own imaginary story. In numeracy, we have been recapping on how to add or subtract numbers using columns.

Please be aware that the literacy homework this week has been replaced with an R.E. homework set by Miss Hill.

Have a great weekend.

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

## Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class we have been looking at different African tales as next week we are going to be planning and writing our own. The children now have a good understanding of the typical features that can be used to make this type of story. In maths we have been focusing on geometry and measurement including finding the missing angles in a triangle, straight line and a

circle. We have also looked at area, perimeter and volume. In science we have been looking at micro-organisms and the advantages and disadvantages.

I hope you have a relaxing and fun bank holiday weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

## Sports News

No sporting news although we have the quarter final of the football next Thursday against Hadley Wood.

Joe Law



## SATURDAY MUSIC CENTRE OPEN DAY - 7th May 2016

Houndsfield Primary School, Park Suite, Houndsfield Road, Edmonton N9 7RA.

A great opportunity for children to 'try and instrument' and for parents and pupils to find out about music lessons and music activities provided by Enfield Music Service, both in and out of school time.

For more information contact Enfield Music Service, 020 8807 8881

## Book Fair

We have raised £200 from our Book Fair with Travelling Books.

Thank you to everyone who supported us!



## Manor Adventure Reminder

### Year 5 & 6 Parents

Please ensure that payments for Manor Adventure are fully paid by the middle of May.

## 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 Summer Term 2016



<b>MAY</b>		
Tuesday 3	Museum of Childhood—Sapphire Class	
Thursday 5	Ascension Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Monday 9	SATS Week	
Friday 20	Transition meeting for Yr5/6 parents in the church hall	1.15pm
Wednesday 25	Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6	2-4pm
Monday 30—3 June	HALF TERM	
<b>JUNE</b>		
Monday 6—10	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Wednesday 15	St. Paul's Cathedral—Yr 5/6	
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
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	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

We are very happy to announce that Foxtons Enfield Estate Agents have agreed to sponsor St. John's. We need a minimum of 40 boards to be put up in return for which Foxtons will sponsor St. John's to the amount of £600. If we meet this target then Foxtons will sponsor us again this year.

Please could you let The Friends' of St. John's know if you would be happy to have a board outside your property.

### REMINDER

#### Friends' Meetings

In the school hall.

4 May

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	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

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