

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

29 January 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week in assemblies we have been talking about how God never gives up on you and is constantly trying to help you to become a better person. We talked about many special people in the Bible whom God has worked through and transformed them. This Wednesday was National Holocaust Day, we spent some time reflecting upon the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust and the subsequent genocides in Cambodia.

The building works will be starting on Monday, during this time, Emerald Class will be in the Library. We would really appreciate everyone's co-operation during this challenging time. Emerald Class will be accessing their classroom through the staffroom and at the end of the day they will be dismissed from the Reception area. Therefore, in order to ensure the smooth running of this and the pupils' safety, we would ask that no parents use the office between 2.45 - 3.20pm.

Thank you to both the parents and pupils for your fantastic co-operation and support with our Teaching and Learning Review this week. Our visitors were very impressed with the extremely positive comments that you made about our school and are really supporting us on our journey to making St. John's School an outstanding school across all areas. Since the last review we have made significant progress in so many areas which everyone needs to be congratulated for. I would like to say a special thank you to all the staff and governors of St. John's School, who have worked diligently since the last inspection and are a real strength of the school. Finally, thank you to all our wonderful pupils, who as usual did us proud and it is so rewarding to walk around the school and see so many children enjoying their learning.

I am delighted to see that attendance so far this term has been at a consistent 96% which is great. Please make every effort to ensure that this continues to be every week.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Susan Notley
Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.1%
Sapphire	98.3%
Diamond	97.3%
Emerald	94.0%

Overall 96.6%

Week Beginning

1 February 2016

Monday

Netball Club—Resuming after February half-term

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Year 2)

Running Club- resuming after February half-term

Science Club (Yr2 by invitation) - resuming after February half-term

Art Club—resuming after February half-term

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Football Club—Resuming after February half-term

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club- resuming after February half-term

Ruby Memories

We have had a scientific week in Ruby Class. The young scientists have been learning about the properties of water and watching the plastic minibeasts slowly escape from the ice blocks they had frozen the day before. This was the highlight of the week. In maths we have had a problem with Crispin the puppet hiding numbers from our number line. The daily excitement of working out which numbers were missing and then recording their answers was rewarding to see, not just because the way

the children were applying their number skills to problem solve but the sheer enjoyment of maths. Enjoy the weekend and keep reading!

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

This week we have continued our work on the story of, 'Room on the Broom' in our literacy lessons. The children have sequenced the events in the story and used speech bubbles or inverted commas to write what the characters have said. We also worked on finding alternative rhyming words to end the story in a new way! In maths we have continued with our work on arrays for multiplication and then used a very popular strat-

egy of sharing smarties to solve some division calculations. In art the children had great fun sketching each other in various poses as part of our work on portraits.

Have a relaxing weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

We have had a very busy week in Diamond Class! In history, the children have been creating a passport for an 'Anglo Saxon' version of themselves. We had some very interesting passport pictures indeed! In Geography, we have been looking at types of settlement and this week our focus was on cities. The children have been using the internet to create a collage

of pictures of different cities and their features.

In numeracy, the children have been finding the area and perimeter of 2D shapes, whilst in literacy the class have been busy baking gingerbread men which provided a stimulus for recipe writing. Have a relaxing weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

Emerald Class are on the move! We will now be based in the library and surprisingly it is looking quite spacious. In literacy this week we have been creating a poem based on Rudyard Kipling's 'If'. The children have done extremely well in this and will hopefully be performing some recitals in our good work assembly. In maths we have been looking at plotting and reading co-ordinates, translating shapes and looking at re-

flective symmetry. Please make sure you read the letter regarding pick up arrangements at home time.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

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.

Reminders

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.
- Children's names need to be on the register to attend, otherwise we cannot accept them.

Friends' Notice

Friends' Meetings

3 February

2 March

13 April

4 May

8 June

6 July

In the school hall at 2.45pm.

All welcome.

Valentines Disco

Come to our Valentines Disco.

Tickets available from the office or your class reps.

Tuesday 9 February 3.15-4.15pm

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Thursday 11 February 3.15-4.15pm

Year 3,4,5 & 6





Date List for Spring Term 2016

FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 9	Valentines Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	3.15-4.15
Wednesday 10	Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Thursday 11	Valentines Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15-4.15
Monday 15—Friday 19	HALF TERM	
Monday 22	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5	11.30am
Friday 26	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3	1.30pm
MARCH		
Thursday 3	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.