

**HEADTEACHER'S NEWS**

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who supported our Macmillan Cancer Charity today by wearing blue and white and making lots of delicious cakes. We will let you know how much we raised next week after we have completed our cake sale at the end of school today. Thank you to the School Council for the fantastic work that they have done in raising the awareness of the work that the Macmillan Cancer Charity do in supporting many families.

As many parents were unable to attend our coffee morning this morning, we have decided to rearrange it for next Friday morning after celebration assembly. It would be lovely to see as many new parents as possible attending as well.

Our aim at St. John's School is to help your child to become an independent learner as they progress through the school. This is one of the main reasons why we run Boot Camp so that pupils are encouraged to be responsible for handing in their reading journals, homework and times tables' books on time. It is really important that parents support us with this as it will really help your child as they transfer to secondary school. All pupils are very aware of what the expectations are and parents should be encouraging their child to take responsibility for ensuring that they meet these expectations.

I am delighted to report that our overall attendance this week is 97.4% which is above our target of 97%. Please make every effort to maintain this now as this is an amazing start to the term. Well done to Ruby Class as you achieved the highest score of 99.5% this week for attendance. Ruby Class will now have the cup in their classroom all week.

We are now in the process of agreeing our winter menu for school dinners and we would very much value both parents and pupils' input on this. There will be an opportunity on Friday the 6th October at 2.45pm for parents to come into the dining hall to sample some of the dishes that will be on offer and to offer their views on the suggested new menu. Pupils will also be very welcome to attend with their parents.

For parents in Emerald Class, I spoke again to the pupils who still need to pay their deposit for the Manor Adventure trip which will take place next June. It is really important that everyone has paid their deposit of £50 by the end of September as the subsequent payment will need to be made by October. I really don't want to be a position of having to chase parents for payments as this is very time consuming. Please remember that this trip is compulsory, it is part of their curriculum and as a school we have to provide such learning experiences.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	99.5%
Sapphire	94.5%
Diamond	98.6%
Emerald	96.9%
Overall	97.4%

Week Beginning
2 October 2017**Monday****CUFFLEY CAMP—EMERALD CLASS**

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation) starting after half term

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday**9.30AM MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

8am	Breakfast Club During School Running Club
2.45pm	Parents invited to sample school dinners

NOTICES



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Cuffley Camp

Please ensure this is contributed to before your child's trip.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay is up to date.



Governors' maintenance contribution of £35 - please pay ASAP.

Lost Property

If you would like to look in the Lost Property box, it is situated outside the school office.



Manor Adventure

Emerald Class Parents, please ensure your deposit of £50 is paid on ParentPay by the end of September 2017.

Nursery Admissions 2017

- 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.



Packed Lunch

Please ensure that all packed lunches are collected at the end of the day.



Tissue Boxes

We would really appreciate parents donating tissue boxes to their child's classes. Please bring in to school at your convenience.

Remember



Harvest Donations to Food Bank

Urgently needed items are:

Tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, meat soup, UKT milk, coffee, juice, squash, pot noodles, jam, custard, rice pudding, washing powder, deodorant, shampoo and baby toiletries

(They have plenty of baked beans, kidney beans, lentils, pulses, pasta, tea, sugar and cereal.)

Enfield Catering Service

Parents and pupils who complete a survey on www.myschoollunch.co.uk/enfield will be entered into a prize draw. The winning pupil will be awarded a Kindle Fire and case at a school assembly – complete the survey today by clicking on 'Win a Kindle Fire!'

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.



RUBY CLASS

This week in Ruby class the children have been very enthusiastic about learning their first speed sounds which is lovely to see and so exciting to know that this is the beginning of their reading journey. Please encourage your child to find pictures or draw something beginning with the initial sounds we have been learning. The reception children have also been making their numbered caterpillars to support our focus book of the week, The Hungry Caterpillar. We have welcomed our new nursery children to Ruby class and have been so pleased with how the older children have been so kind and welcoming to them, helping them to settle into the class.

Reception parents - please remember next Tuesday is P.E. day and the children will need their full kit in school. On Thursday we shall be going on a walk to St John's Church to meet Father Peter who will be showing the children around the different parts of the church.
Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Before I begin to talk about what we have done this week, I am amazed with last week's homework. The amount of work and effort that has gone into the building models has been amazing and they all look fantastic in our classroom as part of our Great Fire of London display!

This week in literacy, we completed our first 'Big Write' task. We read through our story and used our purple pens to correct missing punctuation/capital letters and some children even took the time to use the thesauruses to up level their vocabulary! We then took all this work and wrote it up into our big write book. This is the first time we have written straight into our books and I was very impressed with how well the children completed this task. Towards the end of this week, we have started our work looking at instructions, where we have examined their features before following a set of instructions to make friendship bracelets for one another.

This week in maths, we have been looking at subtraction. We have taken away both one and two digit numbers from a two-digit number as well as using our counting back skills to compare temperatures between Brazil and London. Some of us even started to look at the inverse operation to check our answers. Like literacy, we have tried incredibly hard in maths this week so well done everyone! I hope you all have a nice, relaxing weekend! **James Stringer**

DIAMOND CLASS

At the beginning of this week, the class took a trip to Cuffley Camp. They all had an exciting time and seemed to have enjoyed the entire day! One of the things the children learnt during the trip was about seed dispersal, which is linked to our Science topic this half term.

Back at school over the next few days, we had a discussion about 'bullying', addressing the different types of bullying, the effect it has on children involved and what to do when we are a witness of bullying or the victim.

In Maths the children have been focusing on multiplying numbers using a range of methods. I've encouraged the children to continue to daily practise their times tables at home.

In Geography, they have been researching information about the River Thames. Next week, they will be creating their own fact files for the River Thames and I hope to use them for our class display wall!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Sabrina Anderson

EMERALD CLASS

In maths this week we have been focusing on division. The children have worked extremely well on different methods and strategies and the majority of the class can now complete long division through chunking. In English this week, Emerald Class have been learning how to impact the reader with descriptive phrases and the differences between metaphors and similes. We also looked at passive voice sentences. At the end of our sequence, we combined our learning and the children wrote fantastic descriptions of the minotaur from Theseus and the Minotaur. We read our work out loud and celebrated our achievements. Well done to everyone!

Please remember we have Cuffley Camp on Monday. The children need to arrive at Cuffley by 9:30am and be collected at 2:30pm.

Have a great weekend.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel



Date List for Autumn Term 2017

OCTOBER		
Monday 2	Cuffley Camp for Emerald Class (parents to take and pick up from Cuffley Camp)	9.30am— 2.30pm
NEW EVENT Friday 6	Coffee morning for Parents—Macmillan (re-arranged from Friday 29 September, due to parents unable to attend)	9.30am
Friday 6	Parents are invited to sample the school dinners	2.45pm
Tuesday 10	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Sapphire Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
Wednesday 11	Harvest Services in St John's Church	2.30pm
Tuesday 17	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Diamond Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
Thursday 19	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Monday 23—Friday 27	HALF TERM	
Tuesday 31	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Emerald Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 8	Remembrance Service in St. John's Church	2.30pm
Tuesday 14	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-5.30 (appointments offered)	
Wednesday 15	Fire Safety Talk Yr 2 & Yr 5	
Thursday 16	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Thursday 16	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-6.30 (appointments offered)	
Tuesday 28	Pantomime (Reception—Year 6)	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Thursday 14	Nativity for Ruby Class	
Friday 15	Christmas Jumper Day	
Tuesday 19	Christmas Parties	1pm
Wednesday 20	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 21	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY Monday 4 September
INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September
Starts Wednesday 6 September
Half term Monday 23 October—Friday 27 October
Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December

Spring 2018

INSET DAY Friday 5 January
Starts Monday 8 January
Half term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March

Summer 2018

Starts Monday 16 April
Half Term Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 20 July
Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018

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