

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

3 March 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

We have been discussing Lent this week and marked the beginning of Lent at our Ash Wednesday Service. I have talked to the pupils about participating in '40 Acts' (40acts.org.uk), remember that, "Small things done with great love can change the world." Mother Theresa.

In our assemblies this week we have been discussing the 'no smoking at the school gates project' which our school is participating in. As part of our Healthy Schools' initiatives, both the Governors and I are very keen for St. John's school to be recognised as a school that is supporting this project. Mrs. Boyd, the Public Health Manager spoke to the pupils in assembly this week to raise the awareness of the importance of this by encouraging the pupils to participate in the no smoking at the school gates competition. This competition will run until the 10th March with the winners being awarded their prizes on the 14th March. The prizes are 1st - a mini Ipad, 2nd £50 WH Smith voucher and 3rd £25 WH Smith voucher. The winning poster will be displayed on a plaque by the school gate.

Our focus for Parents' Meetings this half-term is reading and e-safety. It is really important that you make every effort to attend these meetings as this will help you to support your child's reading and raise your awareness of the crucial role that parents play in ensuring e-safety in the home. These meetings are as follows:

Tuesday the 7th March at 2.30pm - Reading meeting for parents of Sapphire, Diamond and Emerald pupils

Wednesday the 8th March at 9am - Reading meeting for parents of Reception pupils

Tuesday the 28th March at 2.30pm - E-Safety for all parents

As a follow up to the parents' meetings on reading, we are then inviting you into your child's class to see how we are teaching reading so that you will be able to support your child at home. These reading workshops are taking place on:

Monday 13th March at 9am - 9.40am - Parents of Diamond Class

Wednesday 15th March at 9am - 9.30am - Parents of Sapphire Class

Thursday 16th March at 9am - 9.40am - Parents of Emerald Class

Tuesday 28th March at 9am—9.30am—Parents of Reception Class

Could you please make sure that you book you place at the appropriate workshop on the clipboard by the school gates every morning. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these workshops as they will definitely be worthwhile for you to attend.

Have a lovely weekend.

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.5%
Sapphire	93.8%
Diamond	95%
Emerald	96.3%
Overall	95.2%

Week Beginning 6 March 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Reception to Year 6)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.30pm	Reading Meeting— Sapphire/Diamond/ Emerald
3.15-4.10pm	Art Club (by invitation)
3.15-4.10pm	NO Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
9am	Reading Meeting— Reception
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (3-6)

Thursday

Yr 2/3	WORLD BOOK DAY
8am	Swimming
3.15-4.10pm	Breakfast Club
	Dance Club (by invitation)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.00pm	NO Football Club (Yr 3-6)
	Please note the earlier finish time

Ruby Memories

We have continued our doctors' role play area to support our work on people who help us, it has become a common sight to see a child wrapped in bandages in Ruby class! I would also like to say thank you to Mr Ticehurst who came into Ruby class last Friday to talk to the children about his work as a paramedic; he brought in some of the equipment he uses to show the children and even bandaged some willing volunteers! In maths the children have continued to investigate time - comparing different lengths of time and also looking at o'clock times on an analogue clock. The children have been finding out what times different events happen during the day and have also been

making their own clocks. Tuesday was Shrove Tuesday and we have been talking about the significance of it in the Christian church as the day before Lent. The children talked about what they might want to give up for Lent with chocolate being the favourite - we will see! Making pancakes was a great stimulus for our literacy this week with the children writing shopping lists for their pancake ingredients including some exciting toppings. We then cooked and ate our pancakes and Miss Gibbs demonstrated her skills at tossing pancakes without dropping them on the floor!

Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week in maths we have been revisiting telling the time. The children have demonstrated their excellent skills in telling the time to the nearest hour and half hour and with most of them moving on to telling the time to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour too! In year 2 we have looked at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In literacy we have started working on some poems with the theme of the seaside. The children have created rhyming strings of words and then used these in their own poetry about sandy beaches, beach

towels, beach toys and seashells. In topic the children showed much interest in the work of the famous explorer Ibn Battuta and his travels around Asia and Africa during the Middle Ages. In computing the children learnt how to search for different images which we will later use in a presentation about sea creatures. Please remember that Year 1 will need their P.E kits to be in school for Monday as well as Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

In literacy, the children have been completing their newspaper reports on the Victorian slums. In numeracy, we have focused on the area and the perimeter of shapes. The children had a go at creating their own picture in squares and then working out the area and perimeter. In R.E., we read the story of the prodigal son and the children reflected on

God's ability to forgive. The story generated a lot of interesting discussion and a lot of lovely work.

Have a good weekend!

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class the children have been putting their final touches to their story for the Mayor's writing competition called 'The Escape'. Some of the stories were amazing and it really shows how well the children are progressing with their writing. In maths we have really been focusing on decimals and looking at ordering, rounding and converting them to percentages and fractions. Again, the children have worked really well on this and I am hoping

that when faced with a question based on this topic they will be able to breeze through it. In science we have been looking at reactions and why they occur. On Tuesday we are hopefully going to perform a number of reactions in the classroom; I hope the roof doesn't come off! I hope you have a relaxing weekend and don't forget we are at Cuffley Camp a week on Monday.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

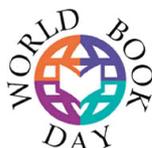
NOTICES

SPORTS NEWS

Fantastic News! The netball team played their final match in the league competition on Wednesday evening and it was a crunch match against a very strong St. Michael's team, who were previously unbeaten. After a very tight start, where both team scored early goals, St. John's really started to play some fast netball and eventually came out winning 7-3 to the delight of our loyal supporters. The whole team played competitively and worked extremely hard and deserve to be the winners of the league after winning all of our games apart from one which we drew against St. Andrew's. The icing on the cake was that after the euphoria of beating St. Michael's we had organised to play a friendly against St. Andrew's, who once again were a very good team. The game followed the same pattern with the half-time score 2-2, but in the second half the girls really started to perform again and came out winning 8-4. A really successful and enjoyable evening was had by all and I was extremely proud of every member of the team. A huge WELL DONE.



World Book Day



On Thursday 9 March we are celebrating World Book Day. The event celebrates books and offers a chance for children to dress up as their favourite characters and play games linked to their favourite stories.

Please bring your child into school dressed up as their favourite character.

School Dinners / Packed Lunch

May we remind parents that if your child decides to change from either school dinners or packed lunch, that half a terms notice needs to be given.



Drop in Clinic to see the School Nurse

The School Nurse is hosting a Drop in Clinic at St. John's on **Monday 24 April from 9am to 10am.**

This is a chance for parents/carers to discuss any medial or family issues you may have.



Dangerous & Inconsiderate Parking



LT14 YTE

HY62 LFS



Both these cars were parked on the pavement outside the school endangering the lives of our children.

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.





Date List for Spring Term 2017

MARCH		
Tuesday 7	Reading Meeting —Sapphire, Diamond & Emerald parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 8	Reading Meeting—Reception parents	9.00am
Thursday 9	World Book Day	
Monday 13	Science Week	
Monday 13	Cuffley Camp—Emerald Class	
Monday 13	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Diamond Class	9.00-9.40am
Wednesday 15	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Sapphire Class	9.00-9.30am
Thursday 16	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Emerald Class	9.00-9.40am
Monday 20	Dress the Egg Competition to start	
Wednesday 22	Spring Concert—Nursery, Reception & Sapphire Class	2.30pm
Tuesday 28	Teacher Reading Demonstration—Reception Class	9.00-9.30am
Tuesday 28	E-Safety for all parents	2.30pm
Tuesday 28	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Wednesday 29	Spring Concert—Diamond & Emerald Class	2.30pm
Thursday 30	Dance Festival	
Thursday 30	Dress the Egg Competition to be judged	
Thursday 30	Parents' Evening—Parent Questionnaires and E-Safety Questionnaires to be completed	
Friday 31	Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. School finishes at 1.30pm	

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

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

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

⁴ Please remember that any of the above dates may alter because of changing circumstances.
 On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.