

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**HEADTEACHER'S NEWS**

This week in our assemblies we have continued to prepare for our Remembrance Service which will take place next Wednesday at 2.30pm in St. John's Church. Poppies will be on sale after school today and all of next week as we are very keen for all pupils and adults to wear a poppy at this very important service. We have discussed the significance of the poppy with all pupils so that they understand the relevance of the poppy during Remembrance.

Christmas has already started at St. John's School as this week we have sent out our letters for the Pantomime trip on the 28th November and we have talked about our Christmas shoeboxes. Next week there will be shoeboxes and the leaflets on display at the end of the day so that we can begin to start preparing your boxes that need to be in by the 16th November.

Thank you to parents for supporting your child with the research that they needed to do over half-term in preparation for their writing on the blue whale. Mrs. Fathers will be collecting all these entries on Monday with the winners being announced at Catriona Fathers' special assembly which will take place on Friday the 1st December at 9.05am. All parents are very welcome to attend this occasion.

Our overall attendance percentage for this half-term is 94.7 % which is below our target of 97%. Please make every effort to improve this next week so that we can achieve our target of 97% this term. Well done to Sapphire Class as you achieved the highest score of 97.9% this week for attendance. Sapphire Class will now have the cup in their classroom all week.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend and please start to prepare the items for your Christmas boxes that need to be in by Thursday 16th November.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Week</u> |
|--------------|-------------|
| Ruby | 97.4% |
| Sapphire | 97.9% |
| Diamond | 95.1% |
| Emerald | 88.5% |
| Overall | 94.7% |

**Week Beginning
6 November 2017****Monday**

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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| 8am | Breakfast Club |
| During School | Keyboard Club |
| During School | Recorder Club |
| 2.30pm | Remembrance Service in St. John's Church |
| 3.00-4.00pm | Netball Club (Yr 3-6) |

Thursday

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

Friday

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| 8am | Breakfast Club |
| During School | Running Club |
| 2pm | Cross Country at Forty Hall |

NOTICES

Fluenz Immunisations Reception, Yr 1, 2, 3 & 4

Forms have gone home with your child and need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. The School Immunisation Team are visiting the school on **Friday 17 November 2017**.



School Dinner / Breakfast Club

School Dinner and Breakfast Club accounts always need to be in credit.



Lost Property

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



Poppies

Poppies are on sale after school.



Lest We Forget.

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.



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

It was lovely to see all the children back after half term. The main focus of our week in Ruby class has been Catriona's competition. We have found out interesting facts about the blue whale, the largest animal on earth. The children have all painted some fantastic pictures of a blue whale which will be submitted to the competition. In maths we have been focusing on measuring which has linked in very well with our research on the blue whale. We went into the playground and measured the length of the blue whale by stretching out our arms and holding hands; even with the help of Miss Snook, Mrs Kelly and the nursery children we were still not as long as a blue whale! Next Thursday, 9th November and the following Tuesday, 14th November we shall be holding short maths workshops in Ruby class from 9 o'clock. You will be able to play games and try out maths activities alongside your child which may give you some ideas to use at home. I shall put a list up on Monday if you could please sign up to the morning which suits you. Due to space restrictions it would be really helpful if we can balance the days if you can be flexible. Many thanks. Finally, we would like to welcome Nevaeh and Nevayha to Ruby class and their families to St John's school. Have a lovely weekend **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing first half term of the academic year! I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled back into class after the break. I must start by saying a big well done to everybody – you have all put in a great amount of effort into your homework and have tried to be as inventive and creative as possible! Our animal creatures are now up on display in the classroom and they really enhance the science display! Our number work for maths is going to be stored on a washing line across the classroom so we are always reminded that numbers are all around us! In maths this week, we have worked really hard with shape. We have looked at properties of 2D shapes, combining shapes to create an image and even finding lines of symmetry, writing similarities and differences between 2 or more shapes. We then had a creative lesson which introduced 3D shapes by using cocktail sticks and marsh-mellows to construct their own shapes! In literacy this week, we have been focusing our attention on researching facts about whales. We have then written our facts up on special paper before it is entered into Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition. Again, I am impressed with how hard the children have worked in literacy!

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond Class have had a busy week back after the half term break! The children's research about whales contributed really well to our Literacy topic and the writing competition this week. They have been using their research to produce an information text. I was also extremely impressed with the children's research about this term's Science topic 'Amazing Bodies'! In Maths, the children have been identifying the properties of 2D shapes and recognising their lines of symmetry. They also worked really hard during a practical activity using large hoops as Venn diagrams to classify 2D shapes. I am really impressed with their increased knowledge of shape vocabulary throughout this week! The class have been writing their own prayers in R.E., and the children will have an opportunity to read out one of the prayers at the end of each day, which I am really looking forward to! Have a lovely weekend, **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

In English this week, the children have been working on Catriona's Writing Award. The theme for the piece of writing was blue whales, and the class has worked incredibly hard to research information, group it into categories and then compose an information text all in one week! It was a great opportunity for the children to showcase all the writing features they have learned so far this year. Well done and good luck to all! In maths this week we have been focusing on different aspects of shape. Firstly, we have been looking at finding the area and perimeter of rectangles and compound shapes. From the middle of the week we have been looking at identifying and measuring angles using a protractor. The children have worked really well on this difficult concept. In geography we started our new topic on where things come from. We found out that 30% of all footballs are made in a town in Pakistan. Have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel



Date List for Autumn Term 2017

| | | |
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| 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 | | |
| Friday 1 | Catriona Fathers' special assembly | 9.05am |
| 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

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

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

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