

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

30 September 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Thank you to all the pupils and parents who supported our Macmillan Appeal in memory of Mr. Perry. It was so lovely to see how supportive and enthusiastic all members of our school community were in ensuring that we as a school pay special tribute to Mr. Perry by dressing up in blue and white. The celebration assembly was a sea of blue and white which was so wonderful to see as we remembered Mr. Perry and for what he contributed to the school in the short time that he was a parent here.

It was very encouraging to see so many parents attending our AGM for the Friends of St. John's School. We spent some time reviewing last year and the many successful events which took place throughout the year. A new committee was elected in with class representatives for every class. These are as follows:

Chair - Cheryl Browne

Vice chair - Kerry Bullen

Treasurers - Rachel Anderson, Nicola Bugliari, Maria Karakassis

Secretary - Anthony Brookwalker

Ruby class reps - Rachel Charalambous, Claire Gentle

Sapphire class - Hawazen Al-Ani, Helen Perry, Valeria Eracia-Williams, Rea Coffi

Diamond class - Nicola Bugliari, Sarah Venn

Emerald class - Anthony Brookwalker, Lisa Sheridan-Downes

Thank you to the parents who attended our E-Safety meeting this Tuesday and for the very positive feedback that was received. Throughout the year we will be holding various workshops to help you in supporting your child in keeping themselves safe whilst using the computer. The next E-Safety meeting will be at St. Michael's School at 7pm, I would strongly urge you to make every effort to attend this meeting. Please note the following meetings:

Tuesday 4th October at 2.30pm - Reading workshop for parents—Nursery to Yr.6

Thursday 13th October at 2.30pm - Maths workshop for parents—Nursery to Yr.6

Tuesday 19th October at 7pm - E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School

I look forward to seeing you at these meetings where we will give you a range of ideas to help you to support your child and make their learning fun.

Alongside our surge on improving E-Safety across the school, we are also asking all parents and members of the public to refrain from using their mobile phone whilst inside the school building. At school concerts, services and celebration assembly, we ask that you only take a photograph of your child. I appreciate that this is yet again another requirement but in the world we find ourselves in today, we need to ensure that we are taking all the necessary steps to keep all our pupils safe.

We have some spaces available for new pupils from Yr. 2 upwards who may like to learn to play the recorder or the keyboard. If your child would like to do this, please make sure that they have their music book and recorder for this Wednesday as lessons are due to start. The school will provide a keyboard but you will need to purchase a keyboard for them as they will have to practise daily and record this in their music journal.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.9%
Sapphire	96.3%
Diamond	90.8%
Emerald	93.3%

Overall 94.0%

Week Beginning

26 September 2016

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Skills (Yr 1 & 2)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
12.45-1.15pm	Running Club (Yr 3-6)
2.30PM	Reading workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 6

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard Club
During school	Recorder Club
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
12.45-1.15pm	Running Club (Yr 3-6) (Yr 2 are welcome to join)
3.15-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6) (please note the earlier finish time)

Ruby Memories

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. The reception children have also been making little books which show some of the things they have been doing in class, they will be bringing them home to share with you next week. Please encourage them to explain what they are doing in the photographs by talking in sentences as this really supports their speaking skills. The nursery children have been busy using collage to make baskets of

vegetables, they have recognised lots of the vegetables in the pictures and have been very definite in which vegetables they like and don't like!
Thank you for sending in your harvest gifts and well done to the reception children for attending their first service in the church, they worked very hard to practise their harvest songs.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week we have had great fun tasting different fruits and describing their taste and texture. During science we sorted foods to create lovely food group mobiles.
In maths we have had a go at finding missing numbers in a sentence by counting on. We then began looking at the value of difference coins and adding 2 coins together.
In literacy we have looked at posters and the type of information that we see on them. We have also looked at

labels on food packaging and on garments, using this information to write labels about our favourite t-shirts.

Have a lovely weekend.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been expert food critics! As part of their preparation for designing and making their own healthy sandwiches, the children had to taste test and evaluate a range of shop bought sandwiches. They really enjoyed the afternoon and they got plenty of ideas for their sandwich designs that they will be creating next week.
In literacy, we have been learning about information texts and identifying the features of them. The children have also been learning to find words and their meanings in a dictionary.
In numeracy, the children have been subtracting using the column method. We have also been finding missing

numbers by completing the inverse and solving mixed addition and subtraction worded questions using the column method.

Have a great weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class we have been writing recounts. In our grammar lesson we focused on adverbials and this has been one of the features we needed to use in our work. We have also focused on writing in the past tense and adding description and feelings to our work. In maths we have been focusing on fractions. We started by finding fractions of shapes. Then we moved on to finding fractions of numbers using our multiplication and division facts. The children have been working hard on their presentation and handwriting.

This is something we will continue to work on throughout all lessons in Emerald class. In R.E we have been looking at rules and why these are important. We have thought about rules that we follow and why we should adhere to them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

Friends' of St. John's—Dates for the Diary

School Disco

- * Tuesday 13th December - Reception—Year 2
- * Wednesday 14th December - Year 3 - 6

Halloween night

- * Friday 4th November 7pm @ the cricket club



ParentPay

ParentPay has enabled schools to save time, but unfortunately a lot of administration time is taken up chasing parents for late contributions.

Please can you check ParentPay and ensure all trips/services are up to date and in credit where necessary.



Primary Admissions—Sept 2017

Open Days

Wednesday 19 October at 9.10am

Wednesday 16 November 9.10am

(please telephone the school office—020 8363 4709)

Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk

St. John's Supplementary Forms

Available on our website www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

Free Children's Cycle Skill Training

Where: Russet House 25th -28th October

Booking restriction: Live or study in Enfield

Price: Free

Training can be booked at: <http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/enfield/>

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.



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.





Date List for Autumn Term 2016

OCTOBER		
Tuesday 4	Reading workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 6	2.30pm
Thursday 13	Maths Workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 6	2.30pm
Wednesday 19	Open morning for prospective parents (please ring the office if you would like to attend) E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School	9.10am 7pm
Monday 24—Friday 28	HALF TERM	
NOVEMBER		
Friday 4	Halloween Night at the Enfield North Cricket Club	7pm
Tuesday 8	Individual School Photographs	
Wednesday 9	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 29	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 13	School Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	
Wednesday 14	Carol Service in St. John's Church School Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	2pm
Thursday 15	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.30pm
Monday 19	Christmas Class Parties Nursery's last day of Autumn Term	3.10pm
Tuesday 20	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm
JANUARY 2017		
Thursday 5	INSET DAY	
Friday 6	School starts	8.55am

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

Term Dates for 2016/2017

Autumn term 2016

INSET DAY	Friday 2 September
Starts	Monday 5 September
Half Term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
Ends (1.30pm)	Tuesday 20 December

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

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