

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

4 March 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Assemblies this week have focused on St. David the patron saint of Wales and of course Mothering Sunday; that very special day where we show our appreciation for the fantastic mums that we are all so lucky to have. Thank you to the Friends of St. John's for organising gifts for all our children to purchase for their mums this Sunday. Hope all our mums have a very relaxing and enjoyable Mother's Day.

It was fantastic to see all pupils arriving to school very well prepared for their swimming lessons this week. It is important that this continues every week now so that all pupils get the opportunity to make great progress in their swimming; a vital life skill that we want all our pupils leaving St. John's with.

Every class celebrated World Book Day in class this week and due to swimming we decided that we would postpone the dressing up event until after Easter when we have a Book Fair in school all week. We have booked this event for the week beginning the 25th April and we will all be dressing up as our favourite book characters on Wednesday the 27th April.

Last week I wrote about the 'Ready for Secondary School' transition programme that we are running for both our Year 6 pupils and their parents. This event has also been extended to Year 5 which I didn't mention. We will be running two more meetings, one in May and the other in June. Please speak to Mrs. Doe if you are interested in joining this very important group in fully preparing your child for their next big step into secondary school.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend, especially to all our mums on Mothering Sunday.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.6%
Sapphire	96.4%
Diamond	96.2%
Emerald	97.5%

Overall 97.0%

Week Beginning

7 March 2016

Monday

Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5
Netball Club (Yr 3-6) - 3.15-4.10pm

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club
Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)
Running Club- to commence soon
Art Club (by invitation) 3.15-4.10pm

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club
Keyboard Club—school time
Recorder Club—school time

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club
Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3
Football Club (Yr 3-6) 3.15-4.10pm

Friday

8am Breakfast Club
Running Club (Yr3-6)- to commence soon

Ruby Memories

It has been a very busy week in Ruby class: we have transformed the role play area into The Three Bears Cottage. Acting out the story has inspired some great story telling with lots of expressive voices! The story has also supported our maths work where we have been measuring and comparing heights, weights, and size. Our busy builders have been investigating if

adding water to the sand will turn it into cement. We are hoping to visit our on-site builders next week to gain some handy tips! The children have also been busy making cards for that special day on Sunday. To all our mums, grandma's and aunties, we hope you have a lovely relaxing Mother's Day.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

The children have worked so hard in maths this week where our focus has been time. Most children have really understood the concept of telling the time to the nearest hour and half hour now, with others having moved on to recognising time to the nearest 15 minutes. Some of the Year 2 children are now confident with telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes too! How impressive is that? In literacy we have all enjoyed listening to even more Anthony Browne stories this week. In the story of Silly Billy the main character Billy was helped by his Grandma's worry dolls,

who gave him advice on how to deal with a whole range of worries! Following on from the story the children made their own worry dolls and enjoyed discussing what they might say to them. We also took part in a lovely circle-time where we spoke about some of the things that worry us. Creaky doors in the middle of the night were top of the list! The Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their first school swimming lesson on Thursday and reports back from staff who accompanied the children, were very positive.

Have a lovely weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

In Diamond class this week, the children became town planners. As part of our topic on 'Settlements' in Geography, the children created a large map of a town with a key of symbols to represent the different features they may find. It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic and working in close collaboration with their peers. In literacy, the children have been writing information reports about Anglo Saxon

homes. In numeracy, we have continued with our topic on using money. We have been adding and subtracting amounts through a range of worded problems. On a final note, the children really enjoyed swimming this week. Thank you to all parents for supporting us in making sure your child has the correct kit packed.

Have a lovely weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

In Emerald class this week the children have been set the task to create their own cereal bar which they are going to sell after school. We thoroughly enjoyed our sampling session on Tuesday morning and have created some, hopefully, delicious bars! Some of the children will be coming home with some money which they are going to use to buy their ingredients for the making process next week. The children have

used lots of persuasive language on their packaging and are going to write detailed instructions for their recipes. In maths we have been looking at adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing by fractions; tricky, but the children have really worked hard on this. Look out at the end of next week for our cereal bar stalls. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

Unfortunately due to the unpredictable weather our two netball matches were cancelled on Wednesday evening. It is the football team's turn on Tuesday evening, playing their final league matches.

Joe Law



Parents' Evening Reminder

Children will not be allowed in school for Parents' Evening, so please can you make alternative arrangements.

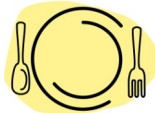
If your appointment is straight after school, please ensure that you have made arrangements for your children to be picked up as they will not be allowed to stay in the school grounds.

Reminders

- Please ensure ParentPay is up to date.

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.

Friends' Notice

Friends' Meetings

13 April

4 May

8 June

6 July

In the school hall at 2.45pm.

All welcome.

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.

Nursery
places still
available



Date List for Spring Term 2016

MARCH		
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.