

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

4 November 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

As our Remembrance Service will be taking place next Wednesday at 2.45pm in St. John's Church, we have focused on this theme during our assemblies this week. Throughout the week, I have explored the meaning of respect and how important this is in our lives. We have thought about the different ways in which we can show respect to others: in school, to our family, to the wider community and in the world.

It is hard to believe that I find myself talking about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal so soon again. On Tuesday all pupils were given the information leaflet which will need to accompany the box with £3 in the envelope. We are aiming for 100 boxes to adorn our Reception area so that we can make a real difference to 100 children on Christmas morning. Please make every effort to support this very worthwhile cause.

We will be holding a maths meeting for Reception and Sapphire parents on the 10th November at 2.30pm in the hall. It is really important that you make every effort to attend this meeting as Mr. Law will be giving you lots of practical ideas about how you can help your child with maths. With the introduction of the new maths curriculum now, the expectations have increased dramatically and it is important that we are all working together to support our children.

Have an enjoyable and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.6%
Sapphire	96.1%
Diamond	96.0%
Emerald	97.4%

Overall 97.0%

Week Beginning 7 November 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)
	Individual Pupil Photo graphs

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard Club
During school	Recorder Club
2.45pm	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church
3.15-4.10pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.30pm	Maths Meeting—Reception and Sapphire parents
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

It was lovely to see the children back at school ready for the busy half term ahead. We would like to welcome Iona and Pheonix to Ruby class and also welcome their families to St. John's school. This week we have been learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali, which is also called the Festival of Light. The children have made Diva lamps which they will be bringing home today; I am sure they will be able to tell you about the Diwali story of Rama and Sita when the villagers welcomed them home by using Diva lamps to light their way. Wednesday was a very exciting morning for the reception children when we went on a walk down to Wildwoods Water Centre to buy a new fish. There were so many fish to look at, including some very large Koi carp which the children found fascinating to watch as they swam very close to where we were standing, looking for food. We finally chose two much smaller fish to

fit in our tank which Wildwoods kindly donated to us. We are now in the process of having a class vote to decide what to call them. In maths we have been investigating capacity which linked very nicely to us having to decide if our fish tank had enough capacity to fit two fish in! Please have ago at home - filling different sized containers with water and comparing which has the bigger/smaller capacity, this will really support and consolidate your child's learning and it's always fun playing with water!

A reminder that the reception children will need their P.E. kit in school on Tuesdays. Please be aware the children will be getting changed into their kit before lunch, as they will be out in the playground and the weather is turning cooler you may prefer to send joggers in rather than shorts.

Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

It was so lovely to see all the children back after our holiday and it seems they all had a super time! This week we have spent time working on the properties of 2D shapes in maths and the Year 1 children have really impressed me with all their knowledge! Well done. In literacy we have continued our work on poetry. The children have really enjoyed planning and writing

their own conversation poems using questions and responses. Our joined up handwriting is really coming along well—especially in Year 2. We looked at occasions where families gather together and we talked about Christian families celebrating events like Christmas, Baptism and Easter.

Have a lovely weekend

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

As our topic in literacy is all about adventure stories, we have chosen Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as our class story this half term. We have been looking at the structure of Roald Dahl's story and the children have had a go at writing their very own golden ticket using a range of different connectives. We have also been looking at the way Roald Dahl uses a mixture of short and long sentences to create suspense and tension when there are any exciting points in the story. In maths, we have been finding multiplies of numbers as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In geography, our new topic is all about the earth. The chil-

dren have been identifying the oceans and continents on a world map. Also, in R.E. the children have been identifying and designing a synagogue as part of our learning on Judaism. Their colourful designs are beautiful and will look lovely hung up in the classroom.

Our art lessons are going to start next Monday and the unit is all about patterns. Please could the children bring any examples of pattern from home e.g. pieces of fabric or even pictures of different patterns.

Have a great weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald Class we have been writing recipes. We have focused on the layout, using imperative verbs, commas and brackets. We had some lovely cake recipes, maybe you could try and make your one at home! In Maths, we have been working out the area and perimeter of shapes. Once we were confident in this, we began to find the area and perimeter of compound shapes. We have moved on to investigations and

applying our knowledge we have learned this week. In art, we continued our topic on still life and tried to recreate a famous still life painting using bold colours. We focused on size and proportion of objects. Next week, we will be bringing in our own objects and creating still life pictures using oil pastels. The children have been showing off their moves in P.E. We have worked in groups to make our own dances.

Joe Law & Claire Hill

Sports

Coming up

Cross-country event at
Forty Hall, Forty Hill, EN2
9HA on Friday 11 November.

Joe Law

Operation Christmas Child

If you would like another form, please ask in the school office.

Operation Christmas Child is where we aim for every family in the school to donate a shoebox filled with gifts for a special child to enjoy this Christmas. Please bring these in before **Wednesday 16 November**. For more details visit their website

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



School Photographs

The school photographer is coming into school on Tuesday to take individual and sibling photographs (only siblings who attend St. John's). All photographs will be taken during school time.

Please ensure your child's hair and uniform is correct.

Happy School Bags Scheme

If you would like any more bags, please ask in the school office.

HSB offers the opportunity to raise additional funds for St. John's and at the same time help our environment by recycling unwanted, quality clothes, paired shoes and trainers, handbags, belts, bed linen, towels and soft toys. The collection day is **Tuesday 22 November**, so please bring your bags to the office on Monday 21 November

Primary Admissions—Sept 17

Open Day

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.stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk



Poppies are on sale in school



Nursery Admissions 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
available

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

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 8	Individual School Photographs	
Wednesday 9	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Thursday 10	Maths meeting—Reception and Sapphire parents	2.30pm
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Open morning for prospective parents Operation Christmas Child—Shoebboxes Collection	9.10am
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 22 November	Happy School Bags Collection	11am
Friday 25	Christmas Fete	
Tuesday 29	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 6	Infants Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 13	Junior Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday 14	Carol Service in St. John's Church	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

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

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

The Friends' of St. John's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SCHOOL DISCO

Tuesday 6 December at 3.15pm– 4.15pm Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Tuesday 13 December at 3.15pm– 4.15pm
Year 3,4,5 & 6



CHRISTMAS FETE

Friday 25 November
St. John's Church

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates etc. for the tombola and raffle prizes for the Christmas Fete, please bring them into the school office.

Many thanks