

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

5 February 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

As you can see the builders are in full swing and it is all happening at St. John's this week - very exciting indeed! Thank you to the pupils, staff and parents who have been so understanding and co-operative with all the different changes that have had to take place, sometimes at very short notice. All going well, we should have a magnificent new classroom by June and our Library reinstated.

Unfortunately, we are awaiting a part for our photocopier which means that teachers have been unable to print pupils' homework - much to the pupils' delight! We will be sending this homework home on Monday night and teachers will inform you when it needs to be returned.

Next Wednesday the 10th February we will be having our Ash Wednesday service in St. John's church at 2.45pm. Reception Class will be joining us as well and we would very much like to see as many parents as possible joining us for this special service. All pupils will be dismissed from the church so if you can't make the service, then please make sure that you collect your child from the church at 3.15pm.

Thank you to the Friends of St. John's for organising our Valentine's Discos next week; Reception and KS1 on Tuesday until 4.10pm and KS2 on Thursday until 4.10pm. Please ensure that your child has purchased a ticket prior to the event.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Susan Notley
Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Week</u> |
|--------------|-------------|
| Ruby | 95.7% |
| Sapphire | 94.3% |
| Diamond | 94.3% |
| Emerald | 93.3% |

Overall 94.2%

Week Beginning

8 February 2016

Monday

Netball Club—resuming after February
Dance Club—commencing after February half-term

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club
Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)
Running Club- resuming after February half-term
3.15-4.10pm—Valentine's Disco
Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2

Science Club (Yr2 by invitation) - resuming after February half-term

Art Club—resuming after February half-term

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club
Keyboard Club—school time
Recorder Club—school time
2.45pm—Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church
Football Club—Resuming after February half-term

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm— Valentine's Disco
Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Ruby Memories

Our explorer theme has continued this week and the children are now equipped with back packs to explore the arctic region. This has linked well to literacy with the children writing lists of things that would be useful on an expedition. Writing the word binoculars proved to be the challenge but required the children to use their phonic skills in a meaningful way. In numeracy Crispin the puppet has been hiding numbers everyday and has required the children

to order numbers and identify number patterns which has led to counting in two's and ten's. The nursery children have been playing board games and as well as supporting literacy and numeracy skills, the biggest impact has been on personal and social skills.

We hope that the explorers arrive home safely so that you can enjoy the weekend together. Have a good weekend.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

This week the children have really enjoyed looking more closely at the order of the letters of the alphabet and using this knowledge to use a dictionary. How impressive! Many of the children have said they do own a dictionary but if not, I do recommend a first picture dictionary. In maths we have continued to learn division strategies, found halves of shapes and double numbers very successfully! Please remember

that our P.E. Day is now Thursday and that books are being changed on Fridays. Please also ensure that book bags do not come in overloaded with key rings and toys as this is beginning to be a distraction when children are getting ready for prayer at the end of the day. The children can of course bring in special items for 'Show and Tell'. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, we have been reading Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo, as part of our topic on 'Quest Myths' in literacy. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story and have since created mythical creatures for their own quest myth story. We also had a go at describing a setting for our creatures, using a range of different openers to start our sentences. Next week, the children will plan and write their own quest myth. In maths, we have been focusing

on fractions. The children have been recognising and shading fractions within shapes, as well as finding fractions within numbers. I would just like to bring to all parents' attention, that the recent weekly spelling scores have been rather low. This is becoming an increasing concern and in order for the children to reach higher scores, it is important that the children find time to practise their spellings each evening.

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

Well Emerald's old classroom is well and truly destroyed and over the coming weeks it will be rather exciting watching the new one taking shape. The children have adapted very well to our new classroom and the work they have produced this week has been very pleasing. In literacy we are working towards writing a horror story called 'The Classroom' and the children have written some fabulous character and setting

descriptions. In maths we have been looking at percentages and the various calculations based around this. Many thanks for bringing in all of the old photos, it was really interesting looking at everybody when they were a lot younger and maybe sweeter!

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#)

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.

Absence Notes & Evidence

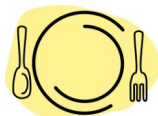


If your child is off sick, please notify the office in the morning. When your child returns to school, please give in a written explanation with the reason why your child was absent from school. Any medical absences or long term sickness will require either a medical card or a doctors letter.

Reminders

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.
- Children's names need to be on the register to attend, otherwise we cannot accept them.

Friends' Notice

Friends' Meetings

2 March

13 April

4 May

8 June

6 July

In the school hall at 2.45pm.
All welcome.

Valentines Disco

Come to our Valentines Disco.
Please pay at the office or to your class reps.

Tuesday 9 February 3.15-4.10pm
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Thursday 11 February 3.15-4.10pm
Year 3,4,5 & 6





Date List for Spring Term 2016

| FEBRUARY | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| Tuesday 9 | Valentines Disco—Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 | 3.15-4.10pm |
| Wednesday 10 | Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church | 2.45pm |
| Thursday 11 | Valentines Disco—Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 | 3.15-4.10pm |
| Monday 15—Friday 19 | HALF TERM | |
| Monday 29 | Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5 | 11.30am |
| MARCH | | |
| Thursday 3 | Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3 World Book Day | 1.30pm |
| 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.