

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

5 May 2017



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week in assembly we have been discussing the feedback from the pupil questionnaires that were completed just before the Easter holidays. The School Council will be looking closely at this feedback and talking to the school about their foci for this term.

With the summer term racing by, I thought it would be a good idea to share with you the staffing changes that will be taking place throughout this term and in September. We are very fortunate to have appointed high calibre staff to join us at St. John's School and alongside this to be able to implement a comprehensive induction programme for all new members of staff.

We have appointed an experienced Assistant Headteacher, Mr. Ezel to join us in this role from September, working for three days a week, job sharing with Mr. Law in Emerald Class. He will have the overall responsibility for the curriculum development across the school and be a mentor for one of our new members of staff. As part of his induction, he will teach in Emerald Class, every Tuesday from after half-term.

Mrs. Piscitelli will be taking up a new post in another school from after half-term and this vacancy will be filled by Mr. Stringer whom the pupils have already met, as he spent the entire day with us when he was being interviewed. Mr. Stringer will be visiting us on Monday so that he can get to know the pupils better in Sapphire Class and be able to work alongside Mrs. Piscitelli to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils.

Unfortunately, Miss Gallagher is finding her journey extremely demanding and she has been offered a post nearer to her home. From September, Mrs Anderson will be the new teacher in Diamond Class. As part of her induction, she will be working alongside Miss Gallagher from after half-term.

The staffing structure for September will be as follows:

Emerald Class: Mr Law and Mr. Ezel will job share with both Mrs. Ramadan and Mrs Baskal as the Teaching Assistants (Mr. Ezel will teach in Emerald Class on a Tuesday from June as part of his induction for September)

Diamond Class: Mrs. Anderson with Miss Kings and Miss Kelly (Mrs Anderson will be commencing her induction from June)

Sapphire Class: Mr. Stringer with Mrs. Hargate and Miss Snook for the morning sessions (Mr. Stringer will start on the 5th June)

Ruby Class: Mrs. Creed with Miss Gibbs and Miss Snook for the afternoon sessions (Miss Kelly will also support different groups)

Miss Nelson will continue to work on a Monday as the SENCO, supporting children with special educational needs, EAL pupils and Looked After Children across the school.

Next week is an extremely important week for our Year 6 pupils who will be sitting their SATs tests in the hall. We wish them all the very best as they all deserve to do very well, having worked diligently all year with many pupils coming in early to work with Mrs. Ramadan on different aspects of Literacy.

It has been drawn to my attention that some pupils are just being dropped off for Breakfast Club and parents or carers are not accompanying them to the school gate and waiting with them until the gate is opened. This is an extremely serious as we have not got responsibility for the pupils and they are being put in an extremely vulnerable position. I have spoken to all pupils regarding this and I will be monitoring this very closely for the next few weeks. It is also really important that parents are following the same procedure when dropping their children off at 8.45am.

Thank you to everyone for making a conscious effort to really try to improve our attendance for this term so that we can aim to reach our target of 97% by the 21st July. Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.9%
Sapphire	96.7%
Diamond	97.9%
Emerald	94.8%
Overall	96.8%

Week Beginning 8 May 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.15-4.10pm	Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
	Cuffley Camp— Diamond Class
3.15-4.10pm	Science Club (by invitation)
3.15-4.10pm	Art Club (by invitation)

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
2.30-3.00pm	Swimming Yr 2 & 3
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr3-6)

Friday

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

Ruby Memories

This week in Ruby class we have been reading a selection of fairy tales, looking at the beginning, middle and end of the stories. The role play area has also been turned into the 'Three Bears Cottage' where the children have been acting out the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' with some great expressive language being used! They have also been very busy making and decorating gingerbread men and cakes for our 'pop up' shop this afternoon. The children will be applying their knowledge of coin recognition when they buy their cakes and biscuits for 5p each, which I am sure you

will enjoy eating. There was also lots of excitement when the caterpillars arrived! Over the next few weeks we will be observing the caterpillars going through the stages of its life cycle until finally emerging as beautiful butterflies.

Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week was really exciting because we finally got around to starting our nature collages during art! We still have a way to go so we will be continuing next week. In topic, we learnt about what it is like to live in a rain forest and compared the lives of people living in the Amazon Basin to our lives. In maths, we have been finding fractions of shapes (which the children were fantastic at), as well as fractions of amounts. We will continue to work on this next week. In literacy, we finalised our ad-

venture stories and polished them ready to be read aloud!

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

In Diamond class this week, we have been planning a story based on John Marsden's 'The Rabbits'. Our main grammar focus has been on spelling; using prefixes and suffixes correctly to add to root words. In numeracy, the children have been measuring each other in cm and m. We have also been measuring the capacity of water. Inspired by the Roald Dahl story, George's Marvellous Medicine, the children had to measure different disgusting ingredients and measure the total capacity! In geography, the children have been

writing newspaper reports about a terrible monsoon that has hit India. They all tried hard to add drama and tension through their choices of vocabulary!

Also don't forget that Diamond class are at Cuffley camp on Tuesday!

Have a super weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

This week in Emerald class we have been looking at moving shapes through rotation, reflection and translation. The children have completed the tasks well and I am confident they have made significant improvements. In literacy they have finished off creating and writing their chronological report based on Usain Bolt winning the Olympic 200 metres; there are definitely some budding reporters in class. Next week sees the year 6 children completing their SATS tests from Monday to Friday. Please make sure your child is on time and ready to do their best as these can be quite

pressurised times if they are running late. Also could you please make sure you complete the permission slip for the Enfield Town Park event next Friday, where we will be completing a day of sporting activities, please note the 2:30pm pick-up time. I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law

NOTICES

Enfield Music Service Open Day

Saturday 6th May, 9.15am-12.30pm

Houndsfield Primary School, Park Suite, Houndsfield Road, Edmonton N9 7RA.

This is great opportunity for children to 'try out some instruments' under the guidance of professional musicians and tutors, and for parents and pupils to find out about music lessons and music activities provided by Enfield Music Service, both in and out of school time.

Cuffley Camp—Diamond Class

If you haven't already, please pay for Cuffley Camp as the trip is on Tuesday 9 May 2017.

Run a stall at St. Luke's Church Fayre



If you would like to run a stall at St. Luke's Church Fayre on Saturday 20 May 12 till 4pm please contact Elaine (Churchwarden) on 07905 469 236.

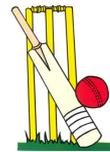
School Dinners / Packed Lunch

May we remind parents that if your child decides to change from either school dinners or packed lunch, that half a terms notice needs to be given.



Sports News

No sporting news this week although all of the clubs are running successfully. This term we will be competing in a cricket and rounders league and also competing in the District Sports Athletics Event at Lee Valley stadium.



Happy Bags

Wednesday 17 May

To raise funds for St. John's.

Please donate clean, unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen and towels.



To find out more information please go to www.happyschoolbag.co.uk.

Please bring in your Happy Bags before Wednesday 17 May.

Thank you.

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.





Date List for Summer Term 2017

MAY		
Tuesday 9	Cuffley Camp—Diamond Class	
Wednesday 17	Happy Bags collection (collection of unwanted clothes etc) to raise	11am
Thursday 25	Ascension Service in St. John' Church	2.45pm
Monday 29—2 June	Half Term	
JUNE		
Thursday 22	French Trip—Diamond & Emerald Class	
Friday 23	INSET DAY	
JULY		
Wednesday 5	Outdoor Learning at Forty Hall—Year 6	9.30am
Thursday 6	Art Exhibition in the Dugdale Centre—Diamond Class	
Tuesday 11	Cuffley Camp—Sapphire Class	
Wednesday 19	School Concert in St. John's Church—KS1 & KS2	
Friday 21	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church	
Friday 21	End of Summer Term	1.30pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Summer Term 2017		Spring 2018	
Starts	Tuesday 18 April	INSET DAY	Friday 5 January
Bank holiday	Monday 1 May	Starts	Monday 8 January
Half term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June	Half term	Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
INSET DAY	FRIDAY 23 June	Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 29 March
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 21 July		
Autumn Term 2017			
INSET DAY	Monday 4 September		
INSET DAY	Tuesday 5 September		
Starts	Wednesday 6 September		
Half term	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October		
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 21 December		

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