

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

6 May 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Ascension Day Service in St. John's Church where we celebrated the time that Jesus rose into heaven. The balloons that we released into the sky symbolised what happened to Jesus's ascension into heaven.

'This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven.' Acts 1 v11

We will be starting Running Club next Tuesday and Friday, please ensure that your child comes into school with a bottle of water as there will not be time for them to get a drink at the end of the club.

Next Thursday at 2.30pm we will be holding a meeting for parents who have children who are under five years of age. A representative from the Children's Centre at DeBohun Primary School will talk about the variety of resources and activities that they are offering at this centre which we are entitled to avail of as we are linked directly to this Children Centre. Such activities include toddler group sessions, support with developing your child's speech and language and much more.

Now that the summer seems to have arrived, it is really important that all pupils are coming into school with a bottle of water, sun cream applied and a hat. There is a poster regarding 'Stay safe in the sun!' on the noticeboard outside the school gate. Please take a moment to read it.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully time to continue to enjoy the sunshine.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	94.6%
Sapphire	95.5%
Diamond	90.7%
Emerald	95.0%

Overall 93.8%

Week Beginning

9 May 2016

Monday

8am Breakfast Club

SATS WEEK for Year 6

Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5

Netball Club (Yr 3-6) - 3.15-4.10pm

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)

Art Club (KS2 by invitation) - 3.15-4.10pm

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Yr 2)

Keyboard Club—school time

Recorder Club—school time

Cricket Club (Yr 4-6) 3.15-4.10pm

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Running Club during school (Yr 2-6)

Rounders Club (Yr 5-6) 3.15-4.00pm

(Please note the finishing time)

Ruby Memories

This week we have continued our investigations into growing and changing and have been busy planting runner beans. We are eagerly waiting to see if any of them turn into a magic bean as in the story of Jack and the Beanstalk! The reception children have also begun to keep a diary to observe how the bean changes as it grows. In Maths we have been looking at halving, we have been using lots of examples of how we can use halving of fruit, vegetables, pizza or

cake, this will really help their understanding of this concept. The nursery children are learning to hear and recognise their first phonic sounds and were very excited to meet Jess (our phonic puppet) this week. Thank you to all the reception children for continuing to produce some lovely writing homework and a big thank you to all your adults who have been helping you. Have a lovely sunny weekend.

[Janet McPartland and Pat Creed](#)

Sapphire Tales

This week we have packed so much learning into such a short week! We started off with our fantastic trip to the Museum of Childhood on Tuesday. The children were all so very well-behaved and really made us grown-ups super proud! We all had such an enjoyable morning playing with toys from different eras and the children were very good at identifying whether their parents or grandparents might have played with them. After our speedy lunch we had some time to look at the interesting array of toys displayed in the galleries. In literacy this week, we have started to read a range of superhero stories as a basis for our unit on fantasy stories. The chil-

dren are allowed to bring in any such stories to share with the class if they wish. In maths we have recapped our work on fractions, practising how to find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes and then at how to calculate given fractions of quantities too. During our circle-time this week we identified ways in which we might be different to other people and the children talked about how we should treat everybody fairly and with respect, so please do continue these conversations with your child at home. Please remember that swimming is back on next week so kits need to be brought into school. Have a lovely weekend

[Maria Piscitelli](#)

Diamond Delights

We have had a busy four day week in Diamond Class. The children have been learning about the Roman Army as part of our history topic. The class have made some great miniature Roman soldiers using dolly pegs and various materials. In literacy, the children have been planning and writing their stories set in imaginary worlds. We have had some creative, exciting, and dare I say wacky ideas for these

stories!! I look forward to reading them all. In numeracy, we have been finding missing numbers by completing the inverse. Some children also had a go at completing worded addition and subtraction problems. Additionally, we have started solving division questions using the numicon resource and by repeatedly subtracting on number lines. Have a relaxing weekend

[Hannah Gallagher](#)

Emerald Echoes

Our new classroom is coming along really well and we are hoping to be in there by the end of June which we are really looking forward to. Next week year 6 have their SATS tests so it is crucial they have ample sleep and are in a positive frame of mind. They have all been working exceptionally hard over the last few weeks and I know they will give it their best. In maths

we have been looking at adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying fractions and everything that goes with this. In literacy the children have started to create their own African tale. Please note the letter regarding Manor Adventure and the proposed meeting before half term. I hope you have a relaxing weekend and enjoy the sun.

[Joe Law](#)

Sports News

Last night the school football team played in the quarter-finals of the small schools' cup against Hadley Wood. In a very close game we found ourselves 2-1 down at half-time after Shai had scored an equaliser in the first-half. In the second half the team really upped their game and especially their defending and after Damian scored from the penalty spot it was left for Shai to score the winner to leave the scoreline 3-2 to a very

happy St. John's. Well done to Shai who was named player of the match. Next up is Capel Manor in the quarter-finals.

Joe Law



Remember

- Sun Cream
- Hats
- Water Bottles



ParentPay

Please can parents check their ParentPay and that all trips/services are up to date.



Manor Adventure Reminder

Year 5 & 6 Parents

Please ensure that payments for Manor Adventure are fully paid by the middle of May.

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 Summer Term 2016



MAY

Monday 9	SATS Week	
Friday 20	Transition meeting for Yr5/6 parents in the church hall	1.15pm
Wednesday 25	Queenswood Trip—Yr 5/6	2-4pm
Thursday 26	Meeting for Manor Adventure—Yr 5/6	2.45pm
Monday 30—3 June	HALF TERM	

JUNE

Monday 6—10	Manor Adventure—Emerald Class	
Wednesday 15	St. Paul's Cathedral—Yr 5/6	
Friday 24	Fun Run & Fair	2.00pm
Monday 27	Science Week	

JULY

Friday 1	Poetry Performance at Kingsmead School (selected pupil from Diamond Class)	
Monday 11	Bikeability—Yr 5/6 all week	
Tuesday 12	Disco—Reception, Year 1/2	3.15pm
Wednesday 13	Summer Concert—KS1 & KS2	2.30pm
Thursday 14	Disco—Yr 3/4/5/6	3.15pm
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	Reserve Sports' Day	1pm
Wednesday 20	Leavers' Service	9.10am
	END OF SUMMER TERM	1.30pm

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

Friends' Notice

Sponsorship for the school

We are very happy to announce that Foxtons Enfield Estate Agents have agreed to sponsor St. John's. We need a minimum of 40 boards to be put up in return for which Foxtons will sponsor St. John's to the amount of £600. If we meet this target then Foxtons will sponsor us again this year.

Please could you let The Friends' of St. John's know if you would be happy to have a board outside your property.

REMINDER

Friends' Meetings

In the school hall.

8 June All welcome.

6 July

MANY THANKS

THE FRIENDS' OF ST. JOHN'S

Term Dates for 2016/2017

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

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