

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

7 October 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week throughout our assemblies we have been discussing the importance of friendship and the qualities that we are looking for in a very good friend. We talked about the importance of loyalty, trust, kindness, forgiveness and thoughtfulness. The children were able to give many different examples of these special traits that make up true friendship.

We are delighted to report that a total of £420.41 was raised for the Macmillan Appeal in memory of Mr. Perry. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy charity. After half-term we will be running our Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition with the special assembly being on the 2nd December.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our highly committed and hard-working governing body. If any parent is interested in this role, please make an appointment to meet with me.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Reading Meeting this Tuesday and for the very positive feedback that was received. If any parent was unable to make this meeting and would welcome support in this area, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to meet with me. Please note the following meetings:

Thursday 13th October at 2.30pm - Maths workshop for parents—Nursery to Yr.6  
Tuesday 19th October at 7pm - E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School

I look forward to meeting you at these meetings where we will give you a range of ideas to help you to support your child and make their learning fun.

Due to popular demand, both our Multi-skills and Dance Club, are continuing to run them after half-term. If you would like your child to join or continue to attend this club, please make sure that you have completed the form and enclosed a cheque for £14 as each club will run for 7 weeks starting on the first week back.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### DANGEROUS PARKING

I have been made aware that parents are parking dangerously by the school.

Car Registration **YB02 XBG**

Was reported to be parked on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school.

Please note that the zig zag lines are not for parking on and they clearly say 'school keep clear'.

### This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	99.1%
Sapphire	97.4%
Diamond	95.0%
Emerald	99.2%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>97.60%</b>

### Week Beginning

**10 October 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)

#### 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
3.15-4.10pm	Dance Club (Yr 3-6)
2.30pm	Maths Workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 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

This week it has been lovely to see how welcoming the children have been to Amilia and Zahra who have joined us in Ruby class; we would also like to welcome their families to St. John's School. In maths this week the butterflies have been investigating 2D shapes and looking at their different properties. They have made shapes with lolly sticks, painted shapes, played shape games and been on a shape hunt around the school which was very exciting as the children spot-

ted lots of 2 D shapes and made a tally chart. They found lots of rectangles but not so many triangles! The children have also become budding authors; making their own rhyming books based on 'Shark in the Park' by Nick Sharratt. The Nursery children continue to settle in very well and are getting used to the 'Ruby' routines. I hope you enjoyed sharing the little books they made with the photographs of their first week in the nursery. Have a lovely weekend. **Pat Creed**

## Sapphire Tales

We started off the week experimenting with preparing different vegetables. After careful chopping, slicing, grating and peeling we sorted our vegetables and took photos. In maths we have added coins together and found change. We also practised reading the time to the nearest hour and half hour, so please practise this at home too!

Please remember PE kits for Mondays and Thursdays and homework must be handed in by Wednesday.

**Maria Piscitelli**

## Diamond Delights

The children have been fantastic historians in Diamond Class this week! Our topic this half term is the Ancient Egyptians and in literacy, the class have been researching the famous pharaoh, Tutankhamun, using books and the Ipads. After that, the children created an information report using their research notes. The class have also been creating an Egyptian dance in role of the different people you would have found in Ancient Egypt. They really enjoyed themselves and their

dances were excellent! In numeracy, we have been multiplying numbers using the grid method and the expanded column method. Some children had a go at the compact column method too. The sandwich making lesson will now be next Tuesday instead of Monday. The children should be aware of the ingredients they need to make one sandwich. I also sent a letter out earlier in the week stating what the children need to bring in.

Have a lovely weekend **Hannah Gallagher**

## Emerald Echoes

In literacy we have been looking at recounts with the children acting a sequel to the story Hurricane. During maths lessons we have focused on percentages; the children have been really impressive calculating a range of percentages including 50%, 25%, 10%, 20% and 40%. In science we have completed our topic on plants with the children answering a range of ques-

tions based on dispersal, germination, reproduction and adaptations. During our history lesson we tried different foods that originated from the Mayan civilisation including avocados, tortillas, potatoes and tomatoes! We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

**Joe Law & Claire Hill**

## Sports

This week our netball team played their first matches at Enfield County. With a few girls playing their first match, there was plenty of nervous energy but they rose to the occasion and convincingly beat Worcesters 6-0. In the second match against Forty Hill the girls continued to play with confidence and eventually came out winners 7-1, a great start to the season.

Well done to all of the girls who played but the player of the matches was Kaela Grant-Ntabagara. Many thanks also to all of the parents who came and supported your children.

**Joe Law**

## Friends' of St. John's—Dates for the Diary

### School Disco

\* TO BE CONFIRMED

### Halloween night

\* Friday 4th November 7pm @ the cricket club



## ParentPay

ParentPay has enabled schools to save time, but unfortunately a lot of administration time is taken up chasing parents for late contributions.

Please can you check ParentPay and ensure all trips/services are up to date and in credit where necessary.



## Primary Admissions—Sept 2017

### Open Days

Wednesday 19 October at 9.10am

Wednesday 16 November 9.10am

(please telephone the school office—020 8363 4709)

Apply online—[www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

### St. John's Supplementary Forms

Available on our website [www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

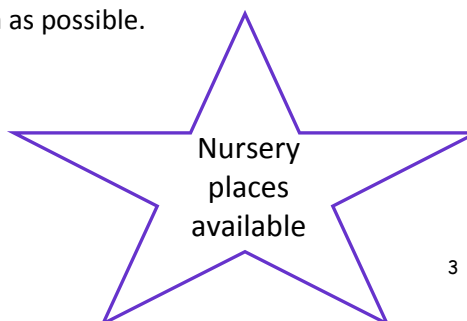
On Wednesday 12 October we will be holding a second hand uniform sale after school.

Please make a donation to the school of £2.00 or more per item.



## 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.



## 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

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Thursday 13	Maths Workshop for parents from Nursery to Year 6	2.30pm
Wednesday 19	Open morning for prospective parents (please ring the office if you would like to attend) E-Safety meeting at St. Michael's School	9.10am 7pm
Monday 24—Friday 28	HALF TERM	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Friday 4	Halloween Night at the Enfield North Cricket Club	7pm
Tuesday 8	Individual School Photographs	
Wednesday 9	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 29	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre—Reception to Year 6	10.00am

<b>DECEMBER</b>		
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
<b>JANUARY 2017</b>		
Thursday 5	INSET DAY	
Friday 6	School starts	8.55am

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

## 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

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