

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

8 January 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

On behalf of the staff at St. John's School, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year. It was lovely to see all the pupils returning to school looking refreshed and ready for a great start to 2016.

In assembly we have discussed the importance of allowing ourselves time for reflection, thinking about what we achieved last year and more importantly what we really need to improve on this year. Please take a little time to discuss this with your child and really try and support them in trying to achieve it. Perhaps they can help you in achieving your new year's resolution!

On a personal note, I would really like to thank both the parents and pupils for your extremely generous gifts and cards. I am still working my way through the delicious boxes of chocolates and eagerly awaiting the good weather so that we can start running club again!

Our overall attendance for last term was 95.1% which was due to some illness and where one child is ill in a family and the other sibling does not attend school, but the main reasons are pupils taking holidays during term time. I can't stress enough the importance of ensuring that pupils are in school every day, so much happens in one day here that it is virtually impossible for pupils to catch up on what they have missed out on. It is really important now that we make every effort to try to achieve 97% in attendance by the end of this term. In order to try to avoid any illness, can I please stress to everyone that we also need to ensure that all pupils are wrapped up well and a few early nights are beneficial at this time of year.

We have now published the dates for the next school year so that many parents can book their holidays well in advance and hopefully get a good deal! Your co-operation in this matter is really appreciated and will be extremely beneficial to your child.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Susan Notley
Head Teacher

This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	93.3%
Sapphire	94.6%
Diamond	94.5%
Emerald	93.9%

Overall 94.2%

Week Beginning

11 January 2016

Monday

Netball Club—Resuming after February half-term

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

Spanish Club during school (Year 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

Football Club—Resuming after February half-term

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

Friday

8am Breakfast Club

Ruby Memories

It was great to welcome the children back yesterday, who were full of their Christmas festivities. In fact Christmas continued in Ruby class this week as the children ate up all the remaining party food alongside the fruit at the snack table. As well as engaging in some interesting conversations about the holidays, we have been assessing the children's number skills and knowledge and it is obvious that some of the chil-

dren have been counting their mince pies and Christmas tree baubles during the holidays! All that remains is for us to thank all of you for the generous gifts and lovely cards that we received before Christmas.

Enjoy the weekend.

Janet McPartland and Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

Welcome back to Sapphire Class and a Happy New Year to you all! Thank you all for your kindness and generosity, it is very much appreciated. It was lovely to hear all about the Christmas celebrations which took place over the holiday. Well done to all the children who managed to keep up with their reading too! Have a super weekend.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

Happy New Year! The children have been very excited to tell me all about what they did over the Christmas break! It was great to see them looking refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. In numeracy, we have been ordering numbers using greater than and less than symbols. In literacy, as part of our poetry unit, we have been creating calligrams for different words. The children were really crea-

tive and I was impressed with their work. I have spoken to the children about their homework files, as children have been coming in with no homework sheets in their files. It is important that the sheets stay in their folders as evidence that they have completed the work.

Have a super weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

Happy New Year and I hope everybody had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. We have hit the ground running and in maths we have been focusing on the properties of numbers including factors, multiples, square numbers, prime and cube numbers. In literacy we have been looking at using a range of conjunctions in our writing to avoid repetition. Well done to everybody who completed their home-

work task, I was very impressed. Have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law

Christmas Jumper Day

We raised £81.50 for Save the Children.



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.



Enfield Music Service

Saturday morning 23rd January, at Houndsfield Primary School, Park Suite, Houndsfield Road, Edmonton N9 7RA. A great opportunity for children to 'try and instrument' 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.

In addition pupils and parents can observe and **join in our activity sessions** - Music Club, Keyboard Club, Saturday Singers, Steel Pans.

A new activity we are starting this term - **UKULELE CLUB** - open to children from aged 7 upwards (and their parents too). Absolute beginners welcome, instruments will be provided at the Open Day for pupils and parents to try.

For more information contact Enfield Music Service, 020 8807 8881

www.enfield.gov.uk/music

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.

Reception Admissions—Sept 2016

- Apply online for your child's school place.
www.eadmissions.org.uk
- 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. **CLOSING DATE 15 JANUARY 2016**

Date List for Autumn Term 2015



JANUARY		
Wednesday 6	INSET DAY	
Thursday 7	School opens for Spring Term	8.50am
Tuesday 19	Numicon Training for all parents in the school hall (supporting your child with maths)	2.30pm
FEBRUARY		
Wednesday 10	Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church	2.45pm
Monday 15—Friday 19	HALF TERM	
Monday 22	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 4 & 5	11.30am
Friday 26	Swimming commencing at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3	1.30pm
MARCH		
Thursday 3	World Book Day	
Tuesday 15	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 16	Cuffley Camp—Emerald Class	
Thursday 17	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert at St. John's Church—Whole School	2.15pm
Friday 25	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.