

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

8 July 2016



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone for making Ms. Aylott's Remembrance Day a truly special occasion as we celebrated her life and the pleasure of knowing such a remarkable lady. It makes me so proud being the Headteacher of St. John's when I see the amazing support that all members of our school community have given to this family. I am delighted to report that a total of £517 has been raised so far for the family and we will have our last cake sale today. This will be presented to the family in our assembly for them to have a special treat over the summer holidays. Thank you so much for the Friends of St. John's for making all the special button holes that were available to purchase in memory of Ms Aylott.

Thank you also to everyone for being so understanding with the new entrance arrangements that have been put in place until the end of term. Emerald Class are really enjoying being in their new classroom and it was lovely for Diamond Class to be able to be in there on Wednesday whilst the YR.6 pupils were out at Forty Hall for their outdoor activity day.

It is usually at this time of the year that we have to say farewell to some members of staff which is always so sad for us here at St. John's School. Unfortunately, Miss Martinez has decided the time is right for her to return to Spain and to pursue her teaching career there. It has been such a pleasure working with Miss Martinez for the two years that she has been with us. She has always been so professional, supportive, helpful and absolutely passionate about the children's learning and well-being. Miss Martinez will be a real loss to us here but we wish her well in her new adventure. Mrs Hargate has been appointed to fill this vacancy in September. Mr. Ellis will also be retiring from his role as Site Manager but I am delighted to report that he will continue to work for one day a week hearing times tables and also supporting with the continued development of the school website. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Mr. Ellis who has always been so committed, professional and supportive of the school. I don't think I have ever discussed the issues around the toilets so much and indeed Mr. Ellis will certainly be relieved that he can leave this behind him. Throughout the years, Mr. Ellis has been instrumental in assisting me with the various building projects that we have been engaged in. This I am truly grateful for and he leaves behind a legacy that we can all enjoy for many years to come. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr. Ellis a very happy and relaxing retirement and we look forward to seeing him in September. Mr Hutchby has been appointed as the new Site Manager and he took up the post last Friday. Finally, Miss Kelly has been appointed as a playleader for lunchtime and she started this Monday so I am sure your child will be able to tell you all about her.

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This Weeks Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	92.1%
Sapphire	95.0%
Diamond	96.8%
Emerald	91.9%

Overall 94.2%

Week Beginning

11 July 2016

Monday

8am Breakfast Club
11.30 **Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Year 4/5**
Bikeability—Yr 5/6 all week

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club
Running Club during school (Yr 3-6)
3.15-4.10 NO Art Club (KS2 by invitation)

Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club
Spanish Club— school time (Yr 2)
Keyboard Club—school time
Recorder Club—school time
2.15pm **Summer Concert—KS1 & KS2**
3.15-4.10 NO Cricket Club (Yr 4 & 6)

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club
1.30 **Swimming at Southbury Leisure Centre—Years 2 & 3**
3.15-4.10 NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)

Friday

8am Breakfast Club
Running Club during school (Yr2-6)
9.30am **Graduation Concert — Reception Class**
9-11.45am Nursery to attend school for the morning session
3.15-4.00 NO Rounders Club (Yr 5-6)
(Please note the finishing time)

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS cont.

Please remember that next Wednesday at 2.15pm it will be the Summer Concert for KS1 and 2 in St. John's Church. All pupils will be dismissed from the church at 3.15pm. This will be followed by the Graduation Concert for Ruby Class on Friday at 9.30am. Please remember that Nursery come in at 8.55am and they will leave at 11.45am.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,



Susan Notley
Head Teacher

Ruby Memories

This week in Ruby class we have been busy practising our songs for our graduation ceremony for next Friday 15 July. Two more of the children's targets have been completed; Leya has painted a very special picture of her family and Diyala has made a super puppet. On Thursday the reception children had the opportunity to work with an ICT teacher to explore some of the different programs available on the Ipads, completing their lesson by taking photographs of each other. The reception children have been completing one of their final pieces of wiring—

what they have enjoyed doing in Ruby class we had some really interesting answers including making lots of friends, playing on the computer and learning phonics! Next week we shall begin to collect in all the reading books and book bags in preparation for the new school year. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Graduation Concert on Friday. (Nursery to attend in the morning ready to take part in our concert and party!)

Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed

Sapphire Tales

This week we've had so much fun getting all creative! In literacy we started off the week reading and following instructions for making an ice-cream cone. Later in the week we all enjoyed making jam/cheese sandwiches and then eating them! The purpose of course was to write our own instructions afterwards. In topic we have turned out some map work, finding all the coun-

tries that we have visited and labelling them. In ICT we used the Ipads and created our own algorithms for different characters watching them moving and making sounds in different settings due to instructions we have devised.

Have a lovely weekend.

Maria Piscitelli

Diamond Delights

This week in Diamond Class, the children have been working really hard, completing their end of term assessments. As a break from the assessments, the class had a lovely afternoon learning about Roman Gods and Goddesses. The children completed some research on the Ipads and created top trump cards for the Gods. They then enjoyed playing a game or two with their friends! In literacy, the children have been planning and writing a story with a dilemma involved. We have been concentrating

on different ways to open our sentences. In numeracy, the children have been finding fractions of numbers, simplifying fractions to find equivalents and adding fractions together.

Have a lovely weekend

Hannah Gallagher

Emerald Echoes

Finally, we have moved into our new classroom although there are still a few things to finish, including our new amazing whiteboard. In class we have been looking at the famous Shakespeare play Romeo and Juliet and the children have created storyboards to show the tragic sequence of events. On Wednesday year 6 had a very enjoyable day at Forty Hall completing an Outdoor Learning Challenge. Activities included whittling, bug hunting, boat building, shelter building, sculpturing and sketching. Next week Emerald class have Bikeability, it is essential that your child's bike is in school on Monday morning

as they have to undergo a safety check to deem them road worthy. The children will also be tested during the day on Monday to see whether or not they are proficient enough to go out on the roads. It is the instructors' decision so unfortunately there may be some children who will not be able to go out on the roads for the rest of the week. I have also asked the children to check at home to see if they have any guided reading books, please could you look under beds and behind cupboards as we seem to have quite a few missing. I hope you have a relaxing week.

Joe Law

Sports News

On Monday evening we have our football final at Forty Hill school against St. James'. Your support is more than welcome as we know we

are in for a tough match. Watch this space next week for the result.

Joe Law



Year 6—ParentPay/Library books

We are fast approaching the end of the academic year, where Year 6 will be starting their new schools.

Please can you ensure that all services/trips on ParentPay are up to date and that all library books have been returned before the last week of the summer term.

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

JULY		
Monday 11	Bikeability—Yr 5/6 all week	
Wednesday 13	Summer Concert—KS1 & KS2	2.15pm
Friday 15	Graduation Concert—Reception Class	9.30am
	Nursery to attend school for the morning session	9.00-11.45
Monday 18	Sports' Day	1pm
Tuesday 19	Celebration Assembly—all parents welcome	9.10am
	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

REMINDER—Friends' Meetings

In the school hall, 6 July, All welcome.

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 Friday 2 September
Starts Monday 5 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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