

St. John's C.E. Primary

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week the Community Group have launched their campaign to reduce the use of plastic in our school. We are focusing on Breakfast Club, snacks and drinks that pupils bring into school and packed lunch. There is a total ban on the use of straws, plastic carrier bags and plastic bottles in the school. Members of the group talked to the pupils about the different measures that they can take to avoid using such plastics. I am delighted to see that the majority of pupils are bringing in reusable water bottles, packed lunches in the correct packed lunch boxes and using containers instead of plastic bags to store both their snack and lunch. In the long term this is already going to make a real difference to our beautiful world that God created for us. Please look at the school website for more information regarding this campaign.



It was lovely to eventually celebrate World Book Day this Thursday with all the pupils dressing up as their favourite book character. Teachers had organised a variety of different activities in class to allow pupils time to really enjoy the pleasure that we can gain from books. Please look at the school website for a variety of photographs that give you a flavour of the day.

We are holding our annual Dress the Egg competition for Easter this year and I would really like to see completed entries arriving into Reception as soon as possible. The cost of entry will be £1 per entry and the closing date will be the 21 March at 3pm with the winners being announced in the final Celebration Assembly on the 23rd March. Thank you to those pupils who have already brought in their fabulous creations.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend creating your Easter egg extravaganza.

Kind regards

Susan Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.9%
Sapphire	96.4%
Diamond	96.0%
Emerald	97.4%
Overall	96.4%

Week Beginning 12 March 2018

Monday

8am Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm Multi Sports
(Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3)

Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club
9.00am Ocean Maths for parents—Diamond Class
3.00-4.00pm NO Football Club
(Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm Science Club (by invitation)

Wednesday

PYJAMA DAY—Whole School

8am Breakfast Club
9.05am Reception Class Assembly
During School Keyboard Club
During School Recorder Club
3.00-4.00pm Netball Club
(Yr 3-6)

Thursday

8am Breakfast Club
1.30pm Swimming Yr 2&3
3.00-4.00pm Dance Club
(Yr 3-6)

Friday

8am Breakfast Club
12.30-1.00pm Running Club
(Yr 3-6) Yr 2 welcome

RUBY CLASS

We have had a very busy week in Ruby class after last week's snow! Yesterday Ruby class was turned into a classroom of book characters to celebrate World Book day which was fantastic! We have been continuing our phonic assessments and I have been really impressed with the children's knowledge, thank you for all your support with using the sound and word detective books at home. In maths the reception children have been focusing on 'taking away'. We have used lots of practical resources (including the children themselves) to understand the concept of taking away and some children have had a try at writing their own number sentences. All the children have also been very busy creating their personalised cards ready for a very special day on Sunday!

Next week - our class assembly for the reception children is on Wednesday at 9 o'clock, I hope you can manage to make it. It is also science week at St John's school next week which is going to be really exciting; we have some great 'WOW' experiments planned for our newly designed Ruby science lab! Have a lovely weekend and a very relaxing Sunday for all our 'Ruby' mums and grandmas! **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

I am really impressed with how the children have conducted themselves this week in terms of their behaviour and attitudes despite last week's snow disruption! Well done everybody. I was particularly impressed with the enthusiasm and excitement of the children during World Book Day. All costumes were fantastic and we all had a very enjoyable day! Before I discuss what we have done this week, can I first of say a big thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Ocean Maths Workshop on Tuesday. I hope you found it useful and beneficial for helping your child(ren) with their maths work at home. If you were unable to attend, or have any additional questions/queries about what was shared on Tuesday, please feel free to come and see me. Over the weekend, please talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands and other basic hygiene things in order to ensure the spread of infections and unwanted illnesses to a minimum. If you have purchased a CPG book (Year 1 and 2), I strongly recommend that your child undertakes practise in an area they feel they need more practice on. Again, if there are any questions/queries regarding these books, including approaches to help your child with their practice, I am more than happy for you to come and see me. This week in Literacy, we continued our diary from the point of view of Beegu who crash landed on a strange planet called Earth. We then made this an entry into our Big Write Books. On Thursday, we linked our writing to our World Book Day by explaining who we dressed up as and why we dressed as that character. In Maths, we completed our addition work before moving onto subtraction. **Please note** that by the end of Year 2, all children are expected to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers where no regrouping is required (ie – $34 + 25$; $54 - 23$) so please continue to practise this with your child every so often! Have a lovely, relaxing weekend, **James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Charlotte Snook.**

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Literacy, Diamond Class have been learning about calligrams and have enjoyed creating their own using WordArt. They also used their creative imaginations to rewrite a piece of descriptive text, replacing particular vocabulary with calligrams. The children's maths focus this week was identifying pairs of parallel and perpendicular lines in 2D shapes and recognising the difference between a right angle, an acute angle and an obtuse angle. They also practised identifying angles in various shapes.

In Science, the class have been investigating how and why different objects reflect different amounts of light. We realised that the shinier the object, the more light it reflected.

As you know, Diamond Class' assembly has been changed to Wednesday 21st March. The children have been asked to read the script and practise their lines while remembering their cues over the weekend, so that we can practise without the script next week.

Have a lovely weekend! **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

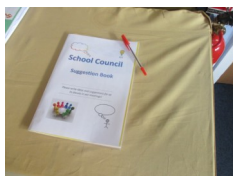
This week in English, the children in Emerald Class have been learning about the features of blurbs. We are planning to write our blurb for the story of Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. During our maths lessons we have been focusing on using the inverse to find missing numbers and solve problems related to this. Our geography topic 'Are we damaging our world' highlighted the fact that there are thousands of living creatures that are endangered. The children created a word document based on an endangered creature and ways in which they can be helped. In science, the children investigated how light travels using torches and mirrors. It was at times tricky to use the mirrors to reflect the light, but through drawing diagrams the children understood that light travels in straight lines. In RE, we are investigating the themes within the Easter Story. We did some drama based on the story and the children recreated scenes where various themes were shown. A busy week! Well done Emerald Class.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

NOTICES

School Council News

Currently we are focussing on fundraising for new playground equipment. Also, we have arranged a system for the children in the school to share suggestions about what we should discuss in our School Council meetings. We've put a suggestion book in the reception area for everyone to add ideas too. Thank you to all the pupils that have offered their suggestions so far.



Spare Clothes required

Ruby class have run out of spare trousers, skirts, socks, tights and knickers for any accidents. If you have any spare or unwanted items, please can you bring them into school.

It would be really appreciated.



Dress the Egg Competition

Closing date has been extended to Wednesday 21 March

Winners to be announced on Friday 23 March.



ParentPay—Email and Mobile

Please can you ensure that you have entered your email address and mobile telephone number on ParentPay as we send out information regarding changes or events coming up and the newsletter.



Nursery Admissions 2018/19

- 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.



Packed Lunch

Please ensure that all packed lunches are collected at the end of the day.



Pyjama Day Wednesday 14 March

Exciting news! We have a date for our Pyjama Day! Next Wednesday, 14th March, we are welcoming all to wear their pyjamas to school in return for a £1.50 donation to raise money for new playground equipment to use at break and lunch times! We've designed and put up posters around the school and school council will be spreading the word in the playground. It will be a fun day for all!



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 Spring Term 2018

MARCH		
Tuesday 13	Ocean Maths for parents—Diamond Class	9.00am
Wednesday 14	Reception Class Assembly	9.05am
Wednesday 14	Pyjama Day—Whole School (£1.50 donation for playground equipment)	
Tuesday 20	Parents' Evening	3.00— 5.30pm
Wednesday 21	Easter Concert for Ruby & Sapphire Class in St. John's Church	2.15pm
Wednesday 21	Diamond Class Assembly	9.05am
Wednesday 21	Dress the Egg Competition closing date	
Thursday 22	Parents' Evening	3.00— 7.00pm
Wednesday 28	Easter Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church	2.00pm
Thursday 29	School closes for Easter Holidays	1.15pm

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIMES TO THE EASTER CONCERTS

Term Dates for 2018/2019

Spring 2018

INSET DAY Friday 5 January
Starts Monday 8 January
Half term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March

Summer 2018

Starts Monday 16 April
Half Term Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 20 July
Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018

Autumn 2018

INSET DAY Monday 3 September
Starts Tuesday 4 September
Half Term Monday 22 October—Friday 26 October
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 21 December
Bank Holiday Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 December

Spring 2019

INSET DAY Monday 7 January
Starts Tuesday 8 January
Half Term Monday 18 February—Friday 22 February
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 5 April

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