

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

9 September 2016



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Welcome back to St. John's School after a wonderful summer holiday where pupils and parents have enjoyed special time together before the hectic regime of school begins again. It is so lovely to see all our pupils returning looking so refreshed and so smart in their school uniform. We look forward to an even more successful year at St. John's School in particular in the area of attendance which improved slightly to 95.13%.

I would like to welcome Mrs. Hargate who has replaced Miss Martinez as the Teaching Assistant in Sapphire Class. We have also got Ultra Sport working in our school on Monday and Thursday afternoons taking some classes for Physical Education. Sapphire Class has also started French lessons on Wednesday afternoon with Madame Sylvie.

Next week we will be holding our Parents' Meetings for every class, outlining the expectations for the year. I can't stress enough the importance of attending these meetings so that you are very clear about how the classroom will run and what will be expected of your child.

These are as follows:

Thursday 22nd September at 9am - Reception Parents  
Tuesday 13th September at 2.30pm - Sapphire Class  
Thursday 15th September at 2.30pm - Diamond Class  
Friday 16th September at 2.30pm - Emerald Class

I look forward to meeting you at these meetings next week.

Please make sure that you take the time to look at the information regarding the after school clubs accompanying this newsletter. If your child would like to participate in any of these clubs, please make sure that you have signed the necessary forms and attached the payment if it is for an Ultra Sport club. All clubs except for Art Club & Science Club will start on the 19th September.

It is important that you also look at the dates list on this newsletter so that you are aware of the different events that will be taking place throughout this term.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley  
Headteacher

## ST JOHN'S C.E. PRIMARY

### Week Beginning 12 September 2016

#### Monday

8am Breakfast Club  
8.55am Reception Pupils start

#### Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club  
2.30 Parents' meeting—  
Sapphire Class

#### Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club  
8.15-1.15 Reception pupils 1/2 day  
Keyboard Club—school  
time  
Recorder Club—school  
time

#### Thursday

8am Breakfast Club  
Reception pupils all day  
Parents' meeting—  
Diamond Class

#### Friday

8am Breakfast Club  
Parents' meeting—  
Emerald Class

## Sapphire Tales

We've all had a super week settling into class after the holidays. The Year 1 children have been amazing considering how much they have been expected to remember and the Year 2s have been excellent role models for them. We've had a lot of fun listening to all the holiday stories and finding out about the exciting adventures from the summer. Well done to everyone who completed their diaries to such a high standard with so much to see! Reading books have been given out along with spellings and homework. This needs to be given in by Wednesday with spellings tested on a Friday. Please remember

our welcome meeting on Tuesday at 2.30pm where lots of information will be given.

Have a lovely weekend.

Maria Piscitelli

## Diamond Delights

A warm welcome back to all the children in Diamond Class as well as our new Year 3 children! All of the children have settled in really well and they have been impressing both myself and Ms Kings with all of their hard work and positive attitudes. The class have also been really excited to share what they have been doing over the Summer break. They especially enjoyed showing off their Summer holiday diaries where we heard some very interesting and excit-

ing tales! Please remember the meeting on Thursday for all parents at 2:30pm to explain the new year in Diamond Class.

I look forward to seeing you.

Miss Gallagher

Hannah Gallagher

## Emerald Echoes

We have had a great week in Emerald class this week as the children have settled down really well to all of their work. In maths we have been focusing on addition and subtraction and using the inverse to calculate missing numbers. In literacy we are reading the War Horse and completing a range of work based around this. Spellings will now be given out on a Wednesday and the children will be tested on the following Wednesday. Please ensure that your child is reading each evening and completing their read-

ing record with a signature from an adult. I have also given out homework that needs to be completed and handed in no later than Wednesday.

We do have a parents' information meeting next Friday afternoon at 2.30pm where we will go through things in greater detail.

Have a great weekend.

Joe Law & Miss Hill

## Sports News

A letter has gone home today with your child about the after school clubs which are available.

Please ensure all slips are returned by Thursday 15 September, if your child would like to attend.

If numbers are too high, we may have to put some children on a waiting list.

After School Clubs will be commencing from Monday 19 September.

Joe Law



### 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.

Nursery  
places still  
available



## Date List for Autumn Term 2016

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Friday 2	INSET DAY	
Monday 5	School starts	8.55am
Tuesday 6	Home visits for the EYFS	
Monday 12	Reception pupils start	8.55am
Tuesday 13	Parents' meeting—Sapphire Class	2.30pm
Wednesday 14	Reception pupils - half day	8.55-1.15pm
Thursday 15	Reception pupils—all day Parents' meeting—Diamond Class	8.55-3.15pm 2.30pm
Friday 16	Parents' meeting - Emerald Class	2.30pm
Monday 19	After School Clubs to begin Cuffley Camp—Diamond Class	
Tuesday 20	Cuffley Camp—Emerald Class	
Thursday 22	Parents' meeting—Reception Class	9.00am
Friday 23	Jeans for Genes Day (Come to school in denim clothing & bring in £1.00 donation)	
Tuesday 27	E-Safety workshop for all parents in the school hall	2.30pm
Wednesday 28	Harvest Festival Service in St. John's Church Cake Sale	2.45pm
Thursday 29	Cake Sale	
Friday 30	Macmillan Coffee Morning in memory of Mr. Perry	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Wednesday 19	Open morning for prospective parents (please ring the office if you would like to attend)	9.10am
Monday 24—Friday 28	HALF TERM	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
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

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

## cont. Date List for Autumn Term 2016

<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

## 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	Friday 21 July (1.30pm)

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