



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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It is so lovely to be able to hold face to face parent meetings again and you should have all received your appointments now for either Tuesday or Thursday of next week. If for any reason you are unable to make this appointment, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible so that they can offer you another appointment. We are really aiming to meet with every parent as this is an important time to discuss with your child's class teacher the progress that your child is making and to understand the targets for improvement that we have set for your child so that they will meet the required standard by the end of the year. We will also be running a number of sessions in the classroom to support parents with helping their child at home, please refer to the newsletter for these dates and make every effort to attend.

Monday, 8th November, 9am – Maths lesson in Emerald Class for parents to attend

Wednesday, 10th November 9am – Maths lesson for Year 1 pupils, all Yr.1 parents are welcome to attend

As cases are rising across Enfield, we are mindful of the fact that we have to follow very strict guidelines during Parents' Evenings so that everyone is safe. All parents will be required to wear a mask throughout the meeting and to sanitise before entry to the school. As we have to operate a very strict time keeping schedule, your meeting will be no longer than 10 minutes so that there is time for you to leave and for the next parent to start their meeting. Please ensure that you arrive on time for your meeting and that you have made the necessary childcare arrangements as no child will be allowed to enter the school nor wait outside the school gate whilst their parent is attending their meeting. This also applies to the meetings that take place at 3.10pm - you will be expected to have appropriate childcare in place in order for you to be able to attend the meeting. The main school gate will be shut at 3.05pm and will remain closed throughout the Parents' Evening, Mrs. Flanagan will allow you access once it is time for your meeting. We look forward to seeing all parents at these meetings.

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.3%
Sapphire	95.9%
Diamond	94.5%
Emerald	99.1%
Overall	96.2%

Week Beginning Monday 8 November 2021

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
9am	Maths Lesson for parents Emerald Class
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Netball Club

Tuesday

Parents' Evenings

8am	Breakfast Club
9am	Individual Photo graphs for all pupils
9.30am	Open Day for Prospective Parents
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Football Club

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
9am	Maths Lesson for parents in Year 1
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
2.15pm	Remembrance Service (staff and pupils only)
3.00-4.00pm	Sapphire Class Tennis Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club

Thursday

Parents' Evening

8am	Breakfast Club
9.30am	Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Tennis Club

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
8.00—8.45am	NO Emerald & Diamond Rugby Club
9am	Hearing Test for Reception Class
11.30am	Tag Rugby Tournament



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We would also really appreciate it if you could please complete a Parent questionnaire as this information is invaluable to us as a school - identifying both our strengths and the areas that we need to develop further. These questionnaires will be available at Parents' Evenings – a copy is attached to this newsletter.

Next week we will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents for Reception and Nursery next year. If you know anyone who may be interested in attending please encourage them to phone the office to book a place on this. Our pupils in Emerald Class will be showing prospective parents around the school - Mrs Gatward is working with the pupils to prepare them for this exciting activity.

Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

Forgiveness Certificates

Sapphire Class: Whole Class
Diamond Class: Nathan
Emerald Class: Chenal

Star Writer Certificates

Sapphire Class: Elyse
Diamond Class: Hugo
Emerald Class: Giovanni

Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Nayana, Harper & the whole of the class
Sapphire Class: Leandros & Mrs Hargate's Phonics Group
Diamond Class: Ava-Rose & Harley
Emerald Class: Tristan & Michelle

Vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School. If any parent is interested in applying for this really important role, please free to talk to me about what this role entails. We really value the parents' voice as your contribution is absolutely key when discussing many areas of school life.

This position will be advertised until the 12th November with the closing date being the 19th November.

St. John's School Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for St. John's School and for making us one whole family.

Help us to remember that we are a team and should all work together and care for each other.

Keep our hearts full of love and friendship.

Thank you for our friend Catriona who no longer is with us.

Help us to keep the school's Golden Rules.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our good works and achievements. We ask you to keep us all safe.

Amen



RUBY CLASS

I hope you all had a lovely half term. It was so nice to see all the children back at school on Tuesday ready for a very exciting half term ahead! This week we have completed our writing about the 'Rainbow Fish' and have talked about how we can share with our friends. We have also been celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali which is always a great favourite of the children. We will continue this next week when we will be making rangoli patterns and diya lamps. In maths this week we have been making patterns (making links with Diwali) and looking at different patterns within the environment, if you are out and about over the weekend have a look to see if you can find any patterns too. Today we have talked about firework safety and made some great fire work paintings which will be coming home next week when the paint is a bit drier!

Next week, in preparation for our remembrance service in church on Wednesday we will be talking about how the men and women in the armed forces keep us safe and why we wear poppies at this time of year. Next week is parents evening on Tuesday and Thursday and I am looking forward to seeing you all to discuss your child's progress during the time they have been in Ruby class. Please let me know if you are unable to attend your allotted appointment time and we can rearrange it. Well done to all the children for a great first week and also being so kind and welcoming to a new child in our class.

Have a great weekend everyone

Pat Creed, Elena Dall'Aglio pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS It has been so lovely to see everybody again raring to go after a well-relaxed half-term break. It has been fantastic to see how hard we have all continued to work this week both in our groups and when we have come back together as a class. It is really rewarding to see how much time and effort is taking place at home with homework so thank you to everybody for this. Please read the below very carefully so you are aware of key dates that are coming up before our next main newsletter.

Key dates coming up:

Tuesday 9th/Thursday 11th November – parents' evening. **Please ensure that if you cannot make your appointment for whatever reason, that you inform me ASAP so an alternative appointment can be sent to you.**

Wednesday 10th November – at 9am, **Year 1 parents'** will be invited into school to watch a Maths lesson where we will be showing you a variety of different teaching strategies to support a range of mathematical topics.

Wednesday 17th November – at 9am, **Year 2 parents'** will be invited into school to watch a Maths lesson where we will be showing you a variety of different teaching strategies to support a range of mathematical topics.

Thursday 18th November: for this week only, homework will be handed out on this date due to our Hillyfields Trip on Friday 19th November (see below).

Friday 19th November: at 2pm, Sapphire will be going across to Hillyfields for an activity afternoon. Please ensure all children come to school with warm coats and an extra pair of shoes/wellies on this date.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all a very happy, peaceful weekend.

James Stringer, Lucy Gatward, Tracey Hargate & Isabella Bates

James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

Teams / Online Safety It has been wonderful this week to see everybody again after a restful half-term. I want to take this time to re-share the following link with you: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>. A striking quote from this website is that **1 in 5 internet users in the UK are children**. Therefore, a collective understanding of how to support children in using the internet safely is absolutely paramount and the great thing about this site is that it gives you information and support on a wide range of areas of online safety, including parental controls and how you can start a conversation with your child about online safety. Have a lovely, restful weekend St. John's!!

James Stringer James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond class have had a great start to the new half term and they have already made good progress. The children finished last half term by producing some fantastic creative writing pieces about a magical garden that were very descriptive and well written. This half term, Diamond class have started by looking at information pages and what style of writing is used in non-fiction texts. The new humanities focus for this half term will be on the world and the water cycle and the children have already started increasing their knowledge of the countries of the world. In design and technology the children have been looking at what makes a healthy, balanced diet and we will be creating some savory snacks in the coming weeks. Guided reading has been going very well and the children are thoroughly enjoying their novels and reading groups – keep up the good work in answering the comprehension questions! In PSHE, the children have been looking at COP26 and how the leaders of the world are realising that some drastic action needs to take place in order for us to reduce the damage to our environment. Well done Diamond class and have a fun and safe 5th of November!

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

This week Emerald class have focused on decimals in maths; looking at fraction equivalents, ordering decimals and adding and subtracting decimals. After a slow start the children have really grasped the tricky concepts later in the week and are showing greater confidence. Please remember on Monday morning we have a maths workshop where you will be able to sit in on a lesson with your child and look at some of the different things that we cover, I promise not to put you on the spot!! In English the children have been looking at various aspects of grammar reviewing their tests from last half-term. The children have also started to look at information text and the different components involved in this style of writing. In science we have started our topic on electricity, looking at how electrical devices work and experimenting with different circuits. Please remember next week is parents' evening on Tuesday and Thursday where we will look at your child's progress so far this academic year and also the targets we have set them.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Joe Law and Jack Larkin

SPRING	2022
Starts	Wednesday 5 January
Half-term	Monday 14 February—Friday 18 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 1 April
INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 January

AUTUMN	2021
Starts	Thursday 2 September
Half-term	Monday 25 October—Friday 29 October
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 17 December
INSET DAY	Friday 22 October
INSET DAY	Wednesday 1 September
INSET DAY	Monday 1 November
INSET DAY	Friday 26 November

SUMMER	2022
Starts	Tuesday 19 April
Half-term	Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 22 July
INSET DAY	Friday 1 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May & Monday 30 May

NOTICES

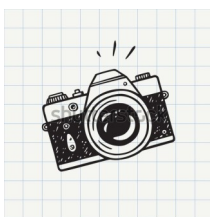


Operation Christmas Child



An email has been sent to parents by ParentPay re: information for Operation Christmas Child, which we support every year. Operation Christmas Child is where we aim for every family in the school to donate a shoebox filled with gifts for a special child to enjoy this Christmas. When you bring your filled shoebox in with the £5 donation, the School Council will be outside school to give you a pre-paid envelope to put the donation in and you will need to fill it in and then either put it in your box or attach it to your box. Please remember that you will need to specify if your gifts are for a girl or a boy. Please bring these in by **Friday 12 November**. For more details visit their website www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

School Photographs



The school photographer is coming into school on Tuesday to take individual photographs.

All photographs will be taken during school time.

Please ensure your child's hair is neat and uniform is correct.

If your child has P.E. on Tuesdays, please come into school in your school uniform.

Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- If you require breakfast for your child, please ensure you are at school by 8.10am
- Breakfast Club account should always be in credit (either weekly, monthly or termly) £3.50 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.

Attendance for the week

EMERALD CLASS will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

Nursery & Reception Admissions

- 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.
- Come to our open morning on Tuesday 9 November at 9.30am

Lateness

Please can you ensure that your child turns up to school on time at 8.45am.

Pupils are missing the start of their lessons.

School Uniform

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 155-157 Lancaster Rd, Enfield EN2 0JN.

If you would like to purchase a school tie or water bottle, this can be purchased from the ParentPay shop, where the link is located on our homepage of the school website or please use the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=783>

St. John's Church Services

The return of the Children's Service at St John's Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9:00am beginning on Sunday 17th October.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we plan to have music, singing, craft and a story.

We welcome parents participation and ideas for future services.

	DATE LIST FOR AUTUMN TERM 2021	
NOVEMBER		
Monday 1	INSET DAY	
Monday 8	Parents' Week – parents to meet with Class Teachers in school	
Monday 8	Maths Lesson for Parents to watch in Emerald Class	9.00am
Tuesday 9	Open morning EYFS	9.30am
Tuesday 9	Individual school photographs for all pupils	
Wednesday 10	Maths Lesson for Year 1 Parents to watch in Sapphire Class	9.00am
Wednesday 10	Remembrance Service (only pupils & staff)	2.15pm
Thursday 11	Flu Immunisations – Reception to Year 6	
Friday 12	Tag Ruby Tournament	11.30am
Monday 15	Maths Lesson for Year 4 Parents to watch in Diamond Class	9.00am
Tuesday 16	Parents invited to watch a Phonics Lesson in Ruby Class	9.00am
Wednesday 17	Maths Lesson for Year 2 Parents to watch in Sapphire Class	9.00am
Friday 19	Hillyfields – Diamond & Emerald Class	
Tuesday 23	Maths Lesson for Year 3 Parents to watch in Diamond Class	9.00am
Friday 26	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 30	Parents invited to watch a Maths Lesson in Ruby Class	9.00am
DECEMBER		
Friday 3	Catriona's Writing Award	
Monday 6	Assessment Week	
Friday 10	Boxercise for all classes	
Wednesday 15	Carol service in St. John's Church	
Thursday 16	Christmas Class Parties and Father Christmas to visit	
Friday 17	Hillyfields – Diamond & Emerald Class	
Friday 17	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1pm

Reminders

Flu Immunisations—Consent—Reception to Year 6

- Please remember to fill in the electronic e-consent form which was sent to you by email on 18 October. Please access the online consent form at the following link:

<https://www.enfieldhealthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The unique code for the school is **ENF102027**

Hearing Tests—Reception Class

- If you do not wish your child to have this hearing test please let us know in writing. A letter was sent to Reception Parents on 1 November.