# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



#### **World Environment Day 2022**

World Environment Day is celebrated across the world to raise the awareness and celebrate the importance of Mother nature. The World Environment Day is observed every year on the 5<sup>th</sup> June and I was delighted to see that it played a significant part in the Platinum Jubilee concert where Prince William spoke at length about the key role that we all play in looking after our planet.

The theme for this year's World Environment Day is 'Only One Earth' where there is a real focus on the world's togetherness in the direction of creating an atmosphere that is conducive to peace, harmony, prosperity and health by saving the nature and life. This planet is our only home and we need to save it for upcoming generations.

The World Environment Day inspires us to do something about it and improve the environment that we can't live without; to take the appropriate steps and protect the environment without which the life on earth is impossible at all.

Small initiatives by people can make a big impact. These initiatives are as follows:-

- Stop using plastic on a day-today basis; we use reusable containers and water bottles in school
- Do not throw rubbish in the river or the sea; we put all our rubbish in bins in school
- Try to reuse things and clothes; we need to label our clothes so that we have no lost property in school
- Save water as much as you can; in school we use left over water from lunchtime to water the plants
- Be mindful to reuse things and recycle; in school we use packaging for art work and cardboard boxes to store things

We all have our part to play, if you can make a conscious effort to try to adhere to the above initiatives then together we will make a big difference.

It was so encouraging to see so many parents at our PSHE/RSE meeting yesterday where parents had the opportunity to view the resources that are being used in class. If you were unable to attend please see Mrs. Gatward and she will be able to share these resources with you.

Have a relaxing weekend, especially our pupils and staff as they return from Manor Adventure today. Thank you to Mr. Law for leading this trip in as always, a very professional manner but with lots of fun along the way. My sincere gratitude to both Mr Pople and Miss Bates as his two very able assistants who have really enjoyed participating in this for the first time.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	91.0%
Sapphire	93.1%
Diamond	94.0%
Emerald	79.1%
Overall	89.3%

	<u>Wee</u> Monda	ek Beginning ay 13 June 2022
<u>Mon</u>	day	
8am		Breakfast Club
1.15	pm	District Sports for some pupils in KS2
3.00	-4.00pm	Emerald & Dia mond Netball Club
3.00	-4.oopm	Reception & Sap phire Arts & Crafts
Tues	<u>sday</u>	
8am		Breakfast Club
3.00	-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Football Club
3.00	-4.00pm	Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)
Wed	<u>lnesday</u>	
8am		Breakfast Club
Durii	ng school	Keyboard
Durii	ng school	Recorder
3.00	-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Football Club
3.00	-4.00pm	Year 2 Science Club
3.00	-4.00pm	Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club
<u>Thu</u>	<u>rsday</u>	
8am		Breakfast Club
3.00	-4.00pm	Emerald & Dia mond Tennis Club
300	0-4.00pm	Reception & Sap phire Activities
<u>Frid</u>	<u>ay</u>	
8.00	-8.45am	Emerald & Diamond Tag Rugby at Hilly

We are already planning our day trip to France for all pupils in Diamond and Emerald class on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Watch this space! Best wishes, Susan Notley

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# Adventures of the School Journey Manor Adventure, Shropshire

Our Year 6 pupils, Year 5 pupils and a few of our Year 4 pupils went to Manor Adventure, Shropshire with Mr Law, Mr Pople and Miss Bates for their School Journey on Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June.

They all arrived safely and jumped straight into Rifle shooting and Jacobs Ladder. All settled in well.

The next day the activities were the Underground Maze, Archery, a hill walk in the Shropshire hills, camp stills and high ropes in the evening.

On Wednesday a wet day had by all with Kayaking, canoeing in the morning and raft building in the afternoon.

Thursday was jam packed—abseiling, fencing, zip wire, water polo and bike skills, followed in the evening by a Barbeque.

This morning, Friday they have been orienteering and this afternoon a journey home with some very tired, but happy children!



A big thank you to Mr Law, Mr Pople and Miss Bates for leading such a wonderful trip.

#### **RUBY CLASS**

I hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed all the Jubilee celebrations, it doesn't seem possible that we are now in our last half term in Ruby Class; how quickly the year has gone. This half term the children choose their own targets they would like to achieve and this year the targets range from paintings of their families to a varied selection of cakes they would like to make so a few exciting weeks ahead! We have also set up our dentist role play area to support our teaching of healthy eating and dental hygiene and are planning a visit from a dentist to really highlight the importance of looking after our teeth. Thinking ahead to the warmer weather, we will be changing the outdoor role play into a seaside area with a seaside cafe to really consolidate our learning on the different seasons and coin recognition so there is lots going on in Ruby Class. We also have our trip to Paradise Wildlife Park coming up in two weeks which is going to be so exciting, please return your permission slip if you have not already done so as we have to confirm final numbers next week, many thanks.

Have a great weekend.

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

#### **SAPPHIRE CLASS**

This week we have been busy in Sapphire Class! We have come back to flourishing strawberry and pepper plants and are hoping to be able to harvest some crop before the end of the term. All children have come back with a fantastic attitude to learning and have been so enthusiastic about their celebrations for the Jubilee. I loved reading their writing homework and seeing pictures of what they had been up to!

To support our history topic, we are really excited to have our first grandparent visitor next week and have already enjoyed receiving some very cute baby photographs! Thank you for your support with this already.

In maths, we have recapped the important topic of place value where we have partitioned numbers into tens and ones. We have also used the greater than, less than and equal symbol to compare numbers using this vocabulary too.

We have started a new computing unit and are now looking at junior coding. It was lovely to see the children so engaged and working hard to fix the 'bugs' in their code. Some children also spoke about coding clubs outside of school, and had the chance to share their prior knowledge. We are using Scratch Jnr and this is downloadable for free if your child/children wanted to try it at home: ScratchJr - Home

Please remember to return your form for Paradise Wildlife Park if you haven't already, the trip is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of June so fast approaching!

Mrs. Gatward, Mrs. Hargate, Miss. Bates and Miss. Hocyk lucy.gatward@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

#### **DIAMOND CLASS**

Diamond have had a great week of learning this week and they have produced some really excellent pieces of work. In their writing, the children have been experimenting with a small amount of poetry creation and they have also been writing some creative pieces with a focus on the seaside (Diamond's humanities topic for this half term). The children produced some really fantastic pieces of figurative language and they really impressed the adults in school. In maths this week, the children have been focusing on addition and subtraction. They have been solidifying the process of column subtraction and addition as well as using the inverse operation to check answers. They have also been completing word problems that sometimes required them to complete 3 steps in order to solve. Diamond class were also really lucky in that they had another visit from guest artist, Daniel Wallis. The class looked at different ways of making marks and using a wide variety of tools to make marks using just one colour. Everyone was surprised to see how much variety could be made with just one colour and not using a paintbrush as their primary tool. The new topic of 'The Seaside' has also seen the children researching different areas of the UK, trying to identify the main features of seaside tourist spots. It has been a very different week for Diamond with some children out at Manor Adventure, and some guest children from Emerald class but we have been very successful and done a good deal of learning.

Well done Diamond class and have a great weekend.

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

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
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SPRING	2023
Starts	Wednesday 4 January
Half-term	Monday 13 February—Friday 17 Febru-
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 31 March
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3 January

AUTUMN	2022
Starts	Friday 2 September
Half-term	Monday 24 October—Friday 28 October
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 16 December
INSET DAY	Thursday 1 September
INSET DAY	Monday 31 October
INSET DAY	Friday 25 November

SUMMER	2023
Starts	Monday 17 April
Half-term	Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 21 July
INSET DAY	Friday 30 June
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May & Monday 29 May

### **NOTICES**

#### Bench for Mr. Hutchby

Thank you to those parents who have donated on ParentPay to help us get a bench in memory of Mr. Hutchby (our previous Site Manager).

If you haven't already but would like to make a donation, please go to ParentPay and pay on donation to St. John's.

#### Attendance for the week



DIAMOND CLASS have the highest attendance this week but unfortunately as it is not over 96% the non-uniform on Monday does not apply.

#### **Absence**

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.
- If your child has a headache, please give them Calpol and then bring them into school. If we feel they are still unwell as the day progresses we will send them home.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

#### **Nursery Admissions Sept 2022**

- 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.

#### **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

#### **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.

### St. John's Church Services



Children's Service at St John's Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9:00am.

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 Summer Term 2022	
JULY		
Friday 1	INSET Day	
Monday 4	Assessment Week throughout the school	
Wednesday 13	Summer Concert St. John's Church for Ruby and Sapphire Class - Parents are invited and Choir to attend also	2.15pm
Thursday 14	Emerald Class at a science event all day in Enfield County	
Friday 15	Reports to be sent out	
Monday 18	School Sports' Day	1.00pm
Tuesday 19	Music Festival with other schools for Choir and Emerald Class	10.00am
Wednesday 20	Summer Concert in St. John's Church at 2.15pm for Diamond and Emerald Class- parents are invited	2.15pm
Thursday 21	Graduation Concert for Ruby Class in St. John's Church—parents are invited	9.15am
Thursday 21	End of Summer Term for Nursery Class	2.45pm
Friday 22	Leavers' Service for Year 6 pupils at 9.15am at St. John's Church – parents invited	9.15am
Friday 22	End of Summer Term (Reception to Year 6)—School closes at 1pm	1.00pm



#### **BROOMFIELD PARK** ALDERMANS HILL, PALMERS GREEN, N13 4RH

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## Jubilee Art Competition

Before half term, the School Council hosted a Jubilee art competition inspired by the Platinum Jubilee. We were inundated with entries and spent an afternoon deliberating as the standard was so high. The councillors awarded prizes to our winners during our celebration assembly.

Edie - overall winner

Lucy - Emerald

Nicole - Diamond

Bluebelle - Sapphire

Sofia - Ruby

We have chosen a selection of artwork to be displayed in the hall.

A huge well done to all children who entered for their fantastic hard work!

Mrs. Lucy Gatward