



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Happy New Year to all members of our school community!

Welcome back to a new term and of course a new year, I really hope that you all managed to enjoy the festive season despite the many challenges that the pandemic set for us. On behalf of all the staff at St. John's School, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many generous and thoughtful gifts that we received at the end of last term – all staff are really humbled at the immense appreciation that you have shown for their commitment and hard work throughout the year.

Thankfully our staff absence is minimal (2 members of staff are currently isolating) allowing us to operate the school as normal. This half-term we welcome Ms Burke who will be taking the place of Ms Chebbi which is part of their training requirements for the course that they are currently completing. Ms Chebbi will be returning to us again after half-term.

Having completed all our assessments last term, all staff are very clear about the teaching and learning that needs to take place this term. The Spring Term is always a very exciting time as this is the term where we really see pupils making great progress. It is really important that parents are supporting their children's learning by listening to them read, practising times tables, ensuring that you check your child's homework, practise their spellings etc. If this is completed consistently, it is so rewarding to see the impact that this will have on your child's learning throughout the term. We will be holding our Parents' Evenings before Half-Term (8 Feb & 10 Feb) so that we can update you on where your child is half way through the school year. Please take a moment to look at the dates for this term as we have organised many events to take place. At this present moment in time, I haven't booked any class lessons for parents to attend as it really isn't safe to do so, however, once we feel that this risk has reduced significantly then we will return to our extensive programme that we ran last term. Please don't hesitate to talk to talk to your child's teacher if you require any support here.

Please note that all clubs will start again on the 10th January. We have additional clubs for Ruby and Sapphire Class this term, please email the school office to check that there is still availability in the club that you wish to book your child into. Our aim is that every club is full throughout this term so that all pupils are maximising the benefits of the excellent range of clubs that are on offer for all pupils across the school.

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	83.3%
Sapphire	92.0%
Diamond	94.3%
Emerald	95.7%
Overall	91.3%

Week Beginning Monday 10 January 2022

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Netball Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Arts & Crafts

Tuesday

Chair Yoga for Ruby Class

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Yoga Club (Nursery to Year 6)

Wednesday

Swimming Year 3&4

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 3 Science Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Tennis Club
3.-00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Construction Activities & Board Games

Friday

8.00-8.45am	Emerald & Diamond Tag Rugby
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Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

Endurance Certificates

Ruby Class: Michael
Sapphire Class: Bluebelle
Diamond Class: Neo
Emerald Class: Phoenix

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Sofia
Sapphire Class: Oludamisi
Diamond Class: Ellie-Rose
Emerald Class: Yomi

Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Whole of Ruby Class
Sapphire Class: Whole of Sapphire Class
Diamond Class: Shivana & Harley
Emerald Class: William & Natasha

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 vital when discussing many areas of school life. The closing date for this vacancy is 28 January 2022 .

Introduction from our new Chair of Governors, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dean It's a huge privilege to be a member of the Governing Body of St. John's, alongside a great group of committed and passionate governors, who are working to support and encourage the incredible work being done by Mrs. Notley and the wonderful staff team. As I take on the task of chairing the Governing Body, I want to pay tribute to the tireless efforts of Roy Tungatt, and to thank him for his wisdom, cheerful commitment to a sometimes complex task, and his calm leadership through a period of real challenge, especially in the last two years. We are grateful that he is remaining on the team, even as he steps down as Chair. I'm the Local Authority Governor, and have been a member of the team since 2020. It's been a real joy to discover St. John's and its warm, vibrant and inclusive community since moving to Enfield in 2019. I'm a Methodist minister, but rather than looking after a congregation, I currently work for the Methodist Church's central team in London, responsible for our work in learning and education. I've been involved in schools and education all my life in different ways, and am excited about taking on this task, and sharing in our work of helping our children to discover their own potential, and the joy of a life lived to the full. In brief, my interests include running (short distances!), walking, reading and writing, discovering music, cooking and eating good food, and continuing to support my beloved Norwich City F.C., even as that produces more heart-break than joy! I hope to have the chance to meet and get to know more of you in the weeks and months ahead. For now, though, my very good wishes for a peaceful, fulfilling and healthy new year. Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dean

Parent Governor, Mrs Jacqueline Godbold I am delighted to be appointed as a Parent Governor at St John's C.E Primary School. Having moved my children to the school two years ago, I very much appreciate the unique and nurturing environment of St John's and would like to contribute to upholding and strengthening its core values. I believe I can offer a useful parent's perspective on many aspects of school life, whether that is reviewing homework policy to ensure it is manageable for children and parents alike, or helping to deliver on feedback from the yearly parents' questionnaire. I would like to use both my voice as a parent and my professional experience to support, and where necessary challenge, the leadership team to build on the high standards of learning at St John's, alongside the focus on the social development and emotional wellbeing of its students. I feel that the pastoral element of the school experience is particularly important at this time with many children and families affected by the pandemic. I would work together with staff, parents and governors to help make sure the St John's community ultimately emerges stronger from this very difficult period. Jacqueline Godbold *Parent to Isobel, Year 3.*



RUBY CLASS

Happy new year, I hope you all had a good Christmas holiday. On behalf of Ms Dall'Aglio and myself can we take this opportunity to thank you for your lovely gifts, cards and good wishes at Christmas, it was very kind of you.

It was lovely to have the children back in Ruby Class on Wednesday sharing all their exciting news about Christmas with their friends. We have lots of exciting things planned for Ruby Class this half term beginning with our artic outside role play area which we will be setting up over the next few days. This will support our topics on the polar regions and winter so all we will need now is some snow.....!! This week in maths we are adding two groups of objects together and are beginning to have a try at recording this as a number sentence. We have also been writing thank you letters to Father Christmas where we have included some describing words. In phonics we have completed the first set of speed sounds so this half term we will be focusing on developing the skills of blending and segmenting which will really support the children as emerging readers.

As the weather is getting colder we are encouraging the children to become more independent in putting on their coats and zipping them up, if you could also practise this at home it would really support their independence. Also..... please can you label hats and gloves, many thanks.

Have a great weekend, stay warm!

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Happy New Year to you all! On behalf of all members of staff in Sapphire Class, I just want to take this opportunity to say a real big thank you for all your kind, generous gifts – they are all very much appreciated! We hope you all managed to have a wonderful Christmas. It has been so lovely this week to be back and I must say the children certainly have returned to school raring to go for this half-term. Spring Term is when we really do notice children making real progress in their academic and personal learning. It has been great to see pupils being punctual in the morning – as soon as they enter the classroom, they have an Early Morning Work task to do before heading into Reading Groups at 9am, so it is absolutely crucial that this continues. Today, new homework has been sent home and thus we are back to 'normal timetable' with homework due on Wednesday 12th January and books to be returned next Friday (14th January).

Have a lovely, peaceful, safe weekend everybody.

James Stringer, Lucy Gatward, Tracey Hargate, Isabella Bates & Sylwia Hocyk

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Teams / Online Safety

Happy New Year St. John's! I hope you all managed to have a lovely Christmas. This week I wish to draw your attention again to the following link which clearly outlines the importance of Privacy Settings when using technology <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/a-parents-guide-to-privacy-settings/>. It is so important that all children are able to use the Internet safely and be aware of the different kinds of information that is out there and may be shared – not all of this is unfortunately safe and secure so it is vital children are equipped with the skills and knowledge of knowing when to not share/click on information. Feel free to email me if you have any questions regarding this. Have a lovely, safe weekend St. John's!

James Stringer James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond Class have had a fantastic start to the new year and have already produced some great work. In their written work, the children have been dealing with subordinate clauses and main clause and the difference between the two parts of a sentences. In mathematics, the children have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 for their first few sessions. The children of Diamond Class tried their hand at sketching the Colosseum in their first art lesson this term and performed very well. In history, the children started their topic on the Romans and they have dived into it with great enthusiasm. We are also very happy to welcome our new student teacher (Ms Burke) to Diamond Class and look forward to having her as part of the team for the next few weeks. Great start to the new year and keep up the hard work Diamond Class. Please remember that Diamond Class will be starting their Swimming sessions next Wednesday.

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

Happy New Year to everybody involved with Emerald Class and hopefully your festivities were not hindered too much!! It was fantastic to see virtually all of the children back in Emerald Class this week, only a three-day week but we have worked exceptionally hard. In maths I have been extremely pleased with how the children have coped using protractors to measure different types of angles. They are now able to accurately measure angles within shapes and predict beforehand what they think the value of the angle may be. In science we have looked at variation within living things and how different species have evolved over a long period of time. All of the guided reading groups have questions to complete for next week and also reading to do; it is crucial they are completed on time and they keep up-to-date with all of their reading. Booster classes for year 6 start again next week with Mrs Gatward, Exactly the same arrangement as before on the Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8am. I hope you have a relaxing weekend and that any New Year's resolutions are still in tact, I know I have already broken mine.

Take care and have a great 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



Natasha's Law

Birthday Treats

Due to the introduction of Natasha's Law (The UK Food Information Amendment) coming into force on the 1st of October 2021, we have had to implement certain requirements for bringing in cakes/sweets for the children's birthdays.

Any birthday cakes or sweets brought in for a child's birthday must be a shop bought cake or sweets with the following information attached:

The food's name

A full list of ingredients, emphasising any allergenic ingredients (for example in bold, italics or a different colour).

Home made cakes, unfortunately, will no longer be allowed to be brought in for birthdays.

After School Clubs

Please ensure that you pay for your child's After School Club that has been confirmed. If payment has not been made before the Club day, then the place will be cancelled.

Swimming Year 3 & 4

A letter has gone home with your child today detailing the swimming which is starting on Wednesday 12 January. Please bring back the signed form on Monday 10 January.



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

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.

Reception Admissions Sept 2022

- Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk
- 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>

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 Spring Term 2022		
JANUARY		
Monday 10	After School Clubs Start	
Tuesday 11	Chair Yoga for Ruby Class	
Wednesday 12	Swimming starts for 10 weeks Year 3 & 4	
Wednesday 19	Chair Yoga for Sapphire Class	
Wednesday 26	Chair Yoga for Diamond Class	
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 1	Life in Roman Britain for Diamond Class	All Day
Wednesday 2	Chair Yoga for Emerald Class	
Tuesday 8	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 10	Parents' Evening	
Friday 11	Church Service	9.15am
Monday 14 to Friday 18	HALF-TERM	
MARCH		
Wednesday 2	Ash Wednesday Service at St John's Church	2pm
Thursday 3	World Book Day (make your own costume)	
Friday 4	Fundraising activity for Catriona Fathers' Charity	
Friday 11	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Emerald Class	
Monday 14	Science Week	
Friday 18	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Diamond Class	
Monday 21	Easter Bonnets	
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert in St John's Church - Reception and KS1	
Friday 25	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Sapphire Class & Reception	
Tuesday 29	Florence Nightingale Visit KS1	
Wednesday 30	Easter Concert in St John's Church – KS2	
APRIL		
Friday 1	Church Service in St John's Church – Whole School	
Friday 1	END OF SPRING TERM	1.00pm