

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



“You have two hands. One to help yourself, the second to help others.”

This week in our assemblies we were discussing together the next project that St. John's School will embark on as part of our long-term commitment to the Bridge of Hope Charity. When Miss Bates was in Rukungiri, they were asked by the people there if they could fund the development of a protected spring so that everyone could have access to clean water. The Bridge of Hope agreed and gave them £1,400 to complete the project as they were so touched by the hardship that this community was facing on a daily basis. On our behalf, Miss Bates agreed that this would be our next project, so here we are with our next challenge of raising £1,400 as soon as we can. We would appreciate all donations via the donate button on the website and we will be holding an Easter raffle along with a cake sale on the 22nd March. Let's see how quickly we can raise this money for an extremely worthy cause.

We have organised a talk led by Miss Bates and members of the Bridge of Hope charity, for pupils and parents on Friday 15th March at 2.15pm in the school hall. Together as a school we can see the real challenges that this charity experienced on this trip and the more importantly the real difference that they are making to the lives of so many children and families in Rukungiri.

We are trying to start a Parents' Support Group so that there is an opportunity for parents to meet and chat over a cup of coffee about the real challenge that parenting can present from time to time. The first meeting took place yesterday and feedback was very positive from all parents. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 25th April from 1.30pm – 3pm. Please feel free to come along and join this very supportive group.

The following meetings and events will be taking place this half-term:

Monday 11th March – Parents' Week, appointment times to be sent out (please ensure that you make arrangements for childcare, Parent Questionnaire to be completed at the meeting)

Tuesday 12th March – Reception & Sapphire Class to attend the Easter Experience, Football match and debating at Chace Community School

Thursday 14th March – Diamond & Emerald Class to attend the Easter Experience

Friday 15th March—Talk led by Miss Bates, Bridge of Hope Charity for pupils and parents

Wednesday 20th March at 2pm - Easter Concert for Ruby and Sapphire Class in St. John's Church

Monday 25th March at 2.15pm – Meeting for parents explaining the Relationships and Sex Education Programme being run in the Summer Term

Wednesday 27th March at 2pm - Easter Service for Diamond and Emerald Class in St. John's Church

Thursday 28th March at 1pm – School closed for the Easter Holidays

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley



Week Beginning Monday 11 March 2024

Monday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

Parents' meetings with teachers

Tuesday

Reception & Sapphire Class to attend the Easter Experience

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Football Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)
 3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

Football match and debating at Chace Community School

Wednesday

Swimming for Diamond Class

8.00am Breakfast Club
 During school Keyboard
 During school Recorder
 3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)

Parents' meetings with teachers

Thursday

Diamond & Emerald Class to attend the Easter Experience

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Tennis Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)

Friday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

SPRING 2024

Starts Monday 8 January
 Half-term Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February
 Ends (1.00pm) Thursday 28 March
 INSET DAY Monday 19 February

SUMMER 2024

Starts Monday 15 April
 Half-term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May
 Ends (1.00pm) Wednesday 24 July
 INSET DAY Friday 28 June CANCELLED
 INSET DAY Monday 1 July
 Bank Hols Monday 6 May

AUTUMN 2024

Starts Tuesday 3 September
 Half-term Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November
 Ends (1.00pm) Friday 20 December
 INSET DAY Monday 2 September
 INSET DAY Monday 4 November
 INSET DAY Friday 29 November

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

NOTICES



Attendance for the week

RUBY CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 11 March in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.5%
Sapphire	93.8%
Diamond	89.3%
Emerald	92.3%
Overall	93.2%

Usborne Books

St John's Virtual Book Fair.

The virtual fair will be running all this week - **Monday 4th March 8am until Sunday 10th 8pm.** All books will be delivered to St John's ready for you to take home and enjoy.

What exactly is a virtual book fair?
It's just like a normal book fair ... but better!

Instead of browsing a few books on a stall, you get to browse every Usborne book available - and there's over 3000 of them!
You get to do all of this from the comfort of your own home, over 7 days!
As well as amazing books, Usborne also do matching games, dominoes, snap, wipe clean activity books, activity books.....and lots more!

You can also shop, knowing that a % of orders made will go back to St John's in free books!

Attached below is a shopping link generated for you which means you'll be able to browse and shop online, adding to St John's account. Please ensure to shop through Sadie and then all books bought, count towards free books for St. Johns.

<https://usborne.com/gb/uevent?event=0d5f1c16a76d3b489bf7ce3d17bfd8f5>

Absent Procedures

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 is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

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>



Thank you to parents who have already purchased books so that St. John's benefits from receiving free books for your children at school.

RUBY CLASS

This week we have been busy preparing for our Mother's day tea party. We have been baking biscuits and delicious chocolate cakes all whilst talking about what makes our mums so special. Ruby class have told me how their mums care for them and help them when they need it. A special thank you to all those who attended on Friday and those who couldn't, we wish you a happy Mother's Day for Sunday.

In RE, we are learning all about the Easter story and are so looking forward to our experience next Tuesday. Please remember to provide a packed lunch and ideally if it can be disposed off there that would be great. Thank you to the parent helpers who have volunteered to help make this trip happen.

Next week we also have a visit to the library on Friday morning and we will be looking at the amazing books that they have there. We look forward to telling you all about it.

Next week is Parents' Evening, if you are unsure of your time please check with me as soon as possible. It is adults only so please make arrangements for your children.

Mrs Gatward, Ms Dall'Aglio, Mrs Dall'Aglio & Ms Shivarova lucy.gatward@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Another busy and productive week. Please do keep up the home support, phonics, reading, handwriting, maths; it makes such a difference to your child's confidence and self-esteem.

English – This week the children have enjoyed writing their special Mother's Day poems showing love and gratitude. So, expect a lovely surprise to cherish this weekend dear mothers and carers.

Maths – Maths learning is based around understanding multiplication and division facts: repeated addition, grouping, odd and even numbers and family number facts.

Science – The children are exploring the properties and characteristics of plants, identify and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. Please have a look around as the trees are blossoming and the spring plants are blooming, see which ones have survived the winter and which were deciduous.

Religious Education – We are learning about Saints, what they are and what good things they do to become Saints; discussing the qualities that make someone a Saint, applying the idea of being Saints to our own life and the lives of those around us. The children will be taking part in an educational trip next week to learn all about Easter story.

In **PSHE**, we are learning about goals, achievements and what we need to fulfil them. Working in unity and harmony.

Geography: We have been exploring the sources of our food – provenance, the different types of farming: arable - pastoral farming and what they produce.

**Happy Mother's Day to every loving and caring heart!
We also would like to wish our Muslim community a very blessed Ramadhan
Ramadhan Mubarak.**

Ms Chebbi, Mrs Hargate, Mrs Hocyk are very proud of you

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk
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DIAMOND CLASS

Another successful week in Diamond Class. I am happy that we are making significant progress in all areas of the curriculum. We are in our last push for the Spring term ahead of our assessments before the Easter Holidays.

In maths, the children have been looking at fractions and have grasped the concepts well. Times tables is really important here and continued practice on this is vital and I am noticing that this the homework set is not regularly completed by a significant number of children in the class. Thank you for working hard on spellings at home, I have noticed a big improvement in their attitude and results from this, could I please ask that this same level of effort is put into times tables as well.

In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed looking at Pompeii and the volcanic eruption from 79CE from Mount Vesuvius, this links brilliantly to our Roman topic from before half term and our current Geography topic of Earthquakes and Volcanoes. The children have been looking at famous volcanoes from across the world this week in our Geography lesson. Please allow your children to research about these volcanoes and their location to support and extend their understanding.

I sent out a letter regarding our RE trip next Thursday, this trip is really important for the children to gain an insight into the Easter story, please can the permission slip be brought back as soon as possible. As mentioned in the letter children are to wear school uniform but can wear trainers for the walk.

Please remember that it is parent's evening next Monday and Wednesday, if you cannot make your time, please email me and I will do my best to accommodate you or arrange an alternative date to meet with you.

Have a lovely and relaxing weekend,

Miss Anderson, Miss Bates & Miss Ozgen lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

Another extremely busy fortnight in Emerald class where our feet have hardly touched the ground. Our debating teams performed superbly last Tuesday evening and the year 6 team is preparing for their final on Tuesday evening based around banning single use plastics, good luck. I really appreciate the commitment a number of children are putting in at the moment, some children have had four 8 o'clock starts this week which shows they are fully committed to their studies which is great.

In English the children have been looking at the Shakespeare play Macbeth and have produced some great monologues, I think they like all the blood and gore!!

In maths we have been looking at number sequences, place value and Roman Numerals. The children really seem to have grasped the concept of how Roman Numerals work and have produced some pleasing work.

In geography we looked at pollution in both our rivers and oceans and ways in which we can fight against this. The children have created some excellent poster full of facts, quotes and ideas about how we can help.

I am looking forward to speaking face-to face with everybody over the next week at our parents' evenings on Monday and Wednesday. Have a great weekend and let's hope somehow England beat Ireland in the rugby on Saturday.

Mr Law, Mr Pople & Miss Alagee joe.law@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk

Date List for Spring Term 2024

MARCH		
11	Parents' Meetings with teachers	
12	Reception & Sapphire Class to attend the Easter Experience	
12	Football match and debating at Chace Community School	
13	Parents' Meetings with teachers	
14	Diamond & Emerald Class to attend the Easter Experience	
15	Miss Bates Uganda talk for parents and pupils in KS2	2.15pm
20	Easter Concert for Ruby Class and Sapphire Class in St. John's Church	2.00pm
22	Cake Sale to raise money for the Protected Spring in Uganda	
25	No Clubs this week—finished for the Spring Term	
25	Meeting for parents explaining the Relationships and Sex Education Programme being run in the Summer Term	2.15pm
26	Parents of Reception and Sapphire Class invited in to be part of the Class Collective Worship	9.00am
27	Parents of Diamond Class invited in to be part of the Class Collective Worship	9.00am
27	Easter Service for Diamond Class and Emerald Class	2.00pm
28	Parents of Emerald Class invited in to be part of the Class Collective Worship	9.00am
28	School closes for the Easter Holidays	1.00pm



At
St John's Church
 Strayfield Road
 9:00am
 Every 2nd Sunday of the Month

**Come
 And See**



At
St Luke's Church
 10:00am
 Every **First Sunday** of the
 Month

**Come
 And See**

Book now for lessons in the Summer term!



MUSIC CAN HELP US:

- Build confidence
- Enhance memory
- Express ourselves
- Be creative

EMS lessons start from around £7 per week

Visit the Music Store now to book:
<https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>

Closing date: 10th March 2024



SPRING BRINGS HOPE FOR '24

Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

Invite you to their Coffee Morning and Spring Fayre

Saturday 13TH April 10.30^{AM} to 12.30^{PM}

Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield Town EN2 6TG

Bring family and friends

Enjoy coffee and delicious cakes, browse our stalls of new gifts, items crafted in Uganda, preserves and hand knitted toys

Contact Lynn Murphy 01992 622727 or Joan Young 01707 872857



If you have any new items, cakes or preserves you would like to donate please bring them on the morning

CARING FOR CHILDREN IN JESUS' NAME

Unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags etc

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 2024

If you have any of the following items:

GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN SECOND-HAND OR NEW LADIES' AND MENS' CLOTHING, ALL CHILDRENS' CLOTHING - BABIES to TEENAGERS, SOFT TOYS, SHOES, BELTS AND HANDBAGS, BED SHEETS

and you are happy to donate them to raise funds for

Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

Please put them in strong plastic bags and take them to the Scout Hut in the car park of Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road EN2 6TG between 10:30am-12:30.

We select items that are suitable for us to take to Uganda while other articles will be sold to raise funds.

All proceeds will go direct to our charity to support orphaned & abandoned children in Uganda.

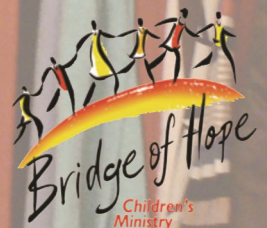
Please do **NOT** include:

- Torn clothing
- Mats or carpets
- Pillows, blankets, duvets or curtains
- Single shoes
- Offcuts of material

For more information please speak to

Monica Wood: 0208 363 4555

Geoff & Barbara Skerratt: 01992 712427
info@bohcm.org



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Charity Registration No. 1126408

CARING FOR CHILDREN IN JESUS' NAME

St. John's Protected Spring in Uganda

Starting work on developing the protected spring in Uganda.

The school has agreed to raise £1,400 to cover the costs of this.

If you would like to make a donation, please go to ParentPay where there is a donation account set up— Protected spring Uganda. We will be holding fundraising days.



"Bridge Of Hope Children's Ministry" supporting orphans in Uganda.

To find out more go to www.bohcm.org.

Scout Groups in Enfield

Age range:

Beavers 6 to 8 years

Cubs 8 to 10.5 years

Scouts: 10.5 to 14 years

2nd Enfield.

Trinity Church Enfield Town.

Contact: Martin Lambert. contact 07972 212479.

4th Enfield.

Gordon Road Enfield.

Contact: Tina Plews 07932 783103.

John Robertson 07788 747104

10th Enfield.

Baptiste Church. Enfield Town.

Contact: Andy Gill 07770 733587.

12th Enfield Stratton Avenue.

Contact: Giles Floyd. 07968 702662

19th Enfield. Slades hill. Opposite Hop Poles.

Contact: Jim Bailey. 07736 395568.

20th Enfield. Gordon Road Enfield.

Graham Brae. Contact 07724 672447

29th Enfield. Halifax Road

Peter Deblaso Contact. 07958 345805.