

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



Your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

When looking at the beautiful photographs and videos that Miss Bates sent through this week, I can't help but think about the biblical quote from St. Matthew that we are using to support our vision statement. Miss Bates is certainly demonstrating this through the amazing work that she is doing in really helping all the children in the orphanage to flourish. Throughout this week she has been involved in various different craft activities, reading stories, listening to children, being entertained by their wonderful music and games. She has also brought gifts of clothes, toys and games which of course is just a real treat for these children who have very little. Miss Bates will also be taking two children on a safari this week - these children have waited patiently for several years until their turn has come to go on this special trip!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and pupils for the huge sum of money that we raised in order to make this trip viable and for Miss Bates to have a real impact on the lives of so many children. We will be holding a presentation for parents on Miss Bates' return and discussing with the pupils the next project that we will be embarking on. Exciting times and so rewarding to see what a small school like St. John's can achieve when we work together as a united team! Well done to everyone for a major achievement in the success that we have had so far with our global initiatives!

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

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day for pupils and meeting for parents at 2.15pm, please bring along your children's devices and you will be supported in adding the parental controls

Tuesday 27th February – debating team from Emerald Class to compete against other ETSP schools at 4pm

Monday 4th March at 9am Pathways assembly – Easter, Jesus rising from the dead

Friday 8th March Mother's Day Afternoon Tea for Ruby Class Mothers at 2pm

Monday 11th March – Parents Week, appointment times to be sent out (please ensure that you make arrangements for childcare)

Tuesday 12th March – Reception & Sapphire Class to attend the Easter Experience

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN INSET DAY FROM THE 28TH JUNE TO 1ST JULY

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend and a lovely half-term from the end of next weekend.

Best Wishes Mrs. Notley



Week Beginning Monday 5 February 2024

Monday

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

Tuesday

Safer Internet Day

8.00am Breakfast Club
 9.15am Workshop for Yr. 3/4
 11.00am Workshop for Yr. 5/6
 2.15pm **Safer Internet meeting for parents**
 3.00-4.00pm Football Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)
 3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

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)

Thursday

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

Friday

Miss Bates return from Uganda

8.00am Breakfast Club
 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

Roman Day for Yr 3/4

HALF TERM 12—16 FEBRUARY

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 5 February in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.



<u>This Week's Attendance</u>	
<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	100%
Sapphire	96.6%
Diamond	93.3%
Emerald	99.2%
Overall	97.3%



Sport's News

On Tuesday afternoon St. John's tag rugby team played in a friendly tournament against a number of other schools. We played 6 matches in total and won 5 games and drew 1. Our biggest success of the afternoon was defeating Raglan who had previously defeated us in the final of the borough tournament. A huge well done to everybody involved, we played with determination, skill and great sportsmanship. A special well done to Olivia who played in her first competitive matches. I cannot decide who the player of the afternoon is so I have asked the children to decide. Thank you also for all the wonderful support, even Mira's dad on the drum!!!!

Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- Please ring the Breakfast Club bell
- 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.

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>

RUBY CLASS

In Ruby class this week we have been learning all about 'People who help us'. Our home corner is now a doctor's surgery and we have been poked and prodded with blood pressure charts and various pieces of equipment by our trainee doctors. It has been lovely to see the children engaging with each other so well.

Last week, we were learning about Chinese New Year and this week, some lovely homework has been returned all about their Lunar year. We also had a chance to try noodles with chopsticks, eat Pandan cake (provided by Isaac – thank you!) and find out our fortune with fortune cookies.

I cannot believe that next week is our final week, it has been a busy half term, with fantastic progress being made across all subject areas, especially reading. Please keep up the hard work at home, some of the homework coming in has been amazing.

Please note that we will be holding our special annual event to mark Mother's Day. This will take place on Friday 8 March at 2pm. We look forward to seeing all mothers and another significant female adult in your child's life e.g. auntie, grandmother attending this event.

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

We are having such a productive and fun half term; the children have made a remarkable progress. Keep up the home support please, it makes such a difference.

English – We have completed another fantastic piece of writing. The focus was on writing a setting description based on the famous story 'The Great Race' by Christopher Corr. The children have been learning how to use noun phrases and expanded noun phrases to bring the story to life.

Maths – The children have enjoyed learning about statistics and the different ways of interpreting data into various charts and diagrams (data table, tally chart, block diagram, bar charts and pictograms).

Science – The children are exploring the properties and characteristics of different materials, identifying and testing different types of material to identify the correct purposes of use.

Religious Education – This half term, we are learning all about the Promises Christians make before God through understanding the meaning of church community, the meaning of Baptism, Christian marriage and exploring the concept of 'promise'. We will be visiting the church to explore this further with Mother Mitzi on the 9th February.

In **PSHE**, we are learning all about being healthy, ways and choices. **History**: The focus this half term is on Change over time, understanding the concept of history. How people, building and ways of life change over time.

NOTICE: Dear parents, grandparents and carers, we would appreciate any old toys from the past to use this week please as we will be looking at differences between toys in the past and toys in the present. We promise that we will look after them ☐

Ms Chebbi, Mrs Hargate, Mrs Hocyk and Miss Moore are very proud of you ☐

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

It is crazy to think we are nearly at half-term already! We have been working hard in Diamond Class as always and it is lovely to see such happy, smiling faces coming into school every day. We have been looking at writing a narrative about a jaguar hunting a capybara over the past couple of weeks in English and the children have produced some detailed, descriptive storylines to narrate some pictures we collated. We are really focusing on the basics when it comes to writing, ensuring that the children have the fundamentals in place.

In Maths, we have enjoyed looking at 3D shapes and creating some nets and then looking at co-ordinates this week. We've had another fun week in Science where the children were looking at how the Earth is made up of different layers of rock and soil and even created their own 'Dirt Pudding' to demonstrate their understanding – which they thoroughly enjoyed eating it as well! Swimming continues to be a big success and I am so proud of the progress they have made in only just 3 lessons.

I have sent the children home with a letter regarding our History day next Friday, please can I reiterate that costumes do not need to be bought and can be made from things you already have at home. It should be a fun and exciting day full of various Roman activities which I know the children will enjoy.

Please keep up the excellent work you are doing at home with spellings and times tables, these really have an impact in all areas of learning for the children and help them be more productive and independent in the classroom.

As always please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any concerns and I will address them as soon as possible.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and an enjoyable half-term,

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

EMERALD CLASS

Another week has flashed by and the children in Emerald class have been working extremely hard across a number of subjects.

On Tuesdays over the last few weeks we have been participating in workshops run by a financial company called MyBnk. They have been teaching the children all about different aspects of finance, including interest rates, taxes, disposable income, bills and how to save. They have really enjoyed the interactive sessions and I believe it is so important that they have an understanding of money before they enter the big wide world.

In history we have been looking into World War II; over the last couple of weeks we looked at the story of an evacuee and also rationing and how it worked.

In art the children have been creating some excellent pieces of work based all around William Morris. Some children realised that they have actually got examples of the famous artist in their homes and somebody even had a water bottle that used his designs.

In maths we have been focused on finding factors and multiples of specific numbers and also looked at prime numbers. Towards the end of the week we focused on long multiplication and long division.

I am generally really pleased with the children's home learning; they are handing in their work on time and usually it is of a pleasing quality. Keep it up. Have a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

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

Date List for Spring Term 2024

FEBRUARY		
6	Safer Internet Day supported by Mr. Nath, followed by support workshop for parents in ensuring that their children's devices have parental controls installed	2.15pm
9	Miss Bates returns from Uganda	
12 – 16	HALF-TERM	
19	School closed for INSET Day	
20	Hearing Tests for Reception pupils	
21	Ash Wednesday Service at St. John's Church for all classes except Nursery	2.00pm
27– 29	Debating Competition for Yr.5/6	
MARCH		
4	Pathways assembly	
7	World Book Day, dress up as favourite character and virtual Usborne Book Shop	
8	Mother's Day afternoon tea for Ruby Class mothers	2.00pm
11 – 15	Parents' Meetings week with teachers	
12	Reception & Sapphire Class to attend the Easter Experience	
14	Diamond & Emerald Class to attend the Easter Experience	
20	Easter Concert for Ruby Class and Sapphire Class in St. John's Church	2.00pm
25	No Clubs this week	
25	Meeting for parents explaining the Relationships and Sex Education Programme being run in the Summer Term	2.15pm
27	Easter Service for Diamond Class and Emerald Class	
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

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 And See**

Miss Bates' trip to Uganda

