

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



How are you shining your light so that others can see the good things that you are doing?

How am I going to make a positive impact on someone this week?

This week in our assemblies we were discussing together the real meaning of sharing and exploring the importance of sharing our time, our compassion, our kindness so that others may benefit from this. We talked about how God is there to guide and support us when we are finding something difficult and recognising the importance of sharing with others, what God has given us.

As we are now in the season of Lent, it is a time of reflection, preparation and penance that leads up to Easter, which commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent invites us to conversion, to change our mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as giving. This time lends itself to us as a school thinking about how we are now going to continue to support the work of the Bridge of Hope charity in Rukungiri, in Uganda. Miss Bates has returned from her trip very inspired and enthusiastic to want to embark on our next project. **We have organised a talk led by Miss Bates and members of the Bridge of Hope charity, for pupils and parents on the 5th March at 2.15pm in the school hall.** Together as a school we can see the real challenges that this charity experienced on their recent trip and the more importantly the real difference that they are making to the lives of so many children and families in Rukungiri.

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

Tuesday 27 February at 2.30pm—Phonics meeting for Sapphire Class Parents

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

Thursday 7th March—World Book Day—dress up as your favourite character. It is really important that we think about recycling our costumes or making our own costumes out of what we have at home. Please try to avoid buying anything, we want to be sustainable and look after our Earth!

Monday 11th March & Wednesday 13th March– Parents' Evenings , appointment times to be sent out (please ensure that you make arrangements for childcare)

Tuesday 12th March – Reception (11am) & Sapphire (1pm) Class to attend the Easter Experience

Thursday 14th March – Diamond (9.30am) & Emerald (1pm) 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

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes Mrs. Notley



Week Beginning Monday 26 February 2024

Monday

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

Tuesday

Debating Competition starts

8.00am Breakfast Club
2.30pm Phonics/Reading Sapphire Class 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

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 26 February in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.3%
Sapphire	96.9%
Diamond	91.3%
Emerald	96.2%
Overall	95.2%

Thank you from Miss Bates

Thank you to all parents who donated towards my trip to Uganda to support the work Bridge of Hope Charity do. It was an amazing time - I will treasure this experience for many years to come. Please come along to my talk on the 5th March at 2.15pm.



Early Help News

Early Help Directory - Enfield Services to support children, families and community members.

Please find attached for your information the link to the new early help directory.

<https://enfelddirectory4all.co.uk>

This directory brings together local and national services to support children, families, community members and practitioners.

Punctuality is key

Please make sure that your child arrives to school at 8.45am daily. Too many pupils are arriving after this time and thus missing their precious learning time.

Sport's News

On Tuesday evening St. John's embarked on their next round of football matches at Enfield Grammar. Facing a very tough St. Andrew's, who we have never beaten before, the team showed great resilience and stamina to sneak through with a 1-0 thanks to a goal from Emmanuel and some rugged defending by Nathan and Elliott. In the second match against Worcesters the whole team continued their excellent performance and came out winners 2 -1 Emmanuel scoring both of the goals. In the final match against Chase Side the team really gelled together and came out comprehensive winners with goals from Emmanuel, who capped off a successful evening with 4 goals, Lefteris scoring a debut goal and also Conor. Well done to the whole team for 3 wins on the evening and also to Neo for only conceding one goal. The player of the match was awarded to Elliott for great defending, excellent communication and strong leadership.



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

It has been so lovely welcoming the children back to a newly-refurbished Ruby Class. We have been learning all about the changing seasons and are looking forward to the warm spring weather.

As of next Tuesday, we are asking the children to come in in their PE kits so that we can maximize learning time in the morning. Our timetable has moved onto both daily phonics and reading sessions. I am so impressed with their reading skills and how they are developing, we are learning more and more red tricky words and some groups are starting RWI books and other groups are looking at ditties.

In maths, we are developing our breadth of knowledge looking at length and height. We are looking specifically at mathematical vocabulary and using it in different contexts in the classroom.

Next week, we are learning all about The Hungry Caterpillar and we will be exploring healthy eating.

Next Tuesday at 2.15pm, Miss Bates will be talking to the class about her experience in Uganda and the next project that we are going to embark on.

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

A happy and successful week of the second half term. 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 – We have started a new piece of writing based on our enjoyable walk to Hilly Fields. The children are using their writing skills to produce a recount of this experience including descriptive language and interesting vocabulary.

Maths – The focus, once more in Maths, is on place value. Understanding numbers through partitioning as the value is represented by a digit on the basis of its position in a number.

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 and applying the idea of being Saints to our own life and the life of those around us.

In **PSHE**, we are learning about goals, achievements and we need to fulfil them.

Geography: The focus is on Uganda, The Bridge of Hope Charity, the country's characteristics; human and physical geography and how this charity helps people in Uganda. Next Tuesday at 2.15pm, Miss Bates will be talking to the class about her experience in Uganda and the next project that we are going to embark on.

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

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DIAMOND CLASS

A lovely start to the second half the Spring term. We are officially over half-way through the school year now which is exciting! Thank you so much to all parents who provided the children with costumes for our Roman Day, the children thoroughly enjoyed it, and it helped them with their understanding of concepts that happened thousands of years ago.

I am delighted with how the children have come back into school with the best, positive attitude to learning. This attitude has meant we are able to hit the ground running with all the amazing things we are learning about.

In English, we have been delving deeper into our Roman topic from last half term looking at trying to persuade Mrs Notley to become a gladiator. The children have enjoyed learning the skills of persuasion so you may find that they start trying to persuade you to do something with the knowledge they have learnt. We have been revisiting addition in Maths with a key focus on word problems to help them with their reasoning paper. Children have been applying their knowledge of the column method to answer these complex problems.

In Science we have begun to look at plants and what requirements they need to be successful, in the next coming weeks we will be looking at growing our own plants which I am sure the children will enjoy. In RE, the children are starting to look at the Ten Commandments and the Easter story through our value of compassion.

As always, please ensure you are reading at home with your children to increase their stamina and fluency. It is also pertinent that any homework in their orange book is completed to a high standard as we are holding children accountable for their presentation, and they will be asked to redo this if it is not appropriate. My Maths and Times Tables homework has been set for this week and I am really pushing to have 100% completion of both this half-term. Spellings are really important and this is something we are having a big push on this half term. Please ensure these are practised daily at home.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the weather is not too miserable!

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

EMERALD CLASS

What a busy week we have had after a lovely, relaxing half-term break. The year 5 and year 6 team are busily preparing for the debating competition next week at Chace Community School and participated in a very successful debating workshop led by the Chicken Shed theatre company. It was also great to have some visitors from St. Michael's Primary school joining us for the workshop and also sharing our ideas for the competition next week.

I am also really pleased with the commitment of the year 6 children to the booster sessions at 8am on a Wednesday morning. We only have a few weeks left until SATS and we would like every child to be as confident as possible in achieving their best.

In maths this week we have been working on the 'dreaded' topic of fractions. Our understanding has really developed over the week and hopefully will be reinforced by the MyMaths activity for homework.

In English, the children have focused on MacBeth. They have been looking at the opening scene where MacBeth and Banquo meet the witches for the first time and hear their prophecies.

In science, we looked at Carl Linnaeus and his idea of classification-taxonomy. The children were extremely interested in researching the different Latin names for a variety of animals. Did you know a dog's official scientific name is *Canis lupus familiaris*!

I hope you have a relaxing weekend and look out for your parents' evening slips which will be given out next week.

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

Date List for Spring Term 2024

FEBRUARY		
27	Phonics/Reading Sapphire Class meeting for parents	2.30pm
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	Parents' Meetings with teachers	
12	Reception & Sapphire Class to attend the Easter Experience	
13	Parents' Meetings with teachers	
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—finished for the Spring Term	
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	2.00pm
28	School closes for the Easter Holidays	1.00pm



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Strayfield Road
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Month

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When: Tue 12/03/2024 - Tue 16/07/2024
How Long: 15 sessions
Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm
Reference: Q00012909
Cost: Free

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