

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



Thank you so much to all the parents who attended our reading sessions this week, it was so encouraging to have such a fantastic turn out at both events. At St. John's we aim for all our children to become confident fluent readers with a real love of books. Children, who read regularly and are read to regularly are given the opportunity to open the doors to so many different worlds. Reading will give your child the tools to become independent lifelong learners. We can achieve this by encouraging children to develop a love of books by reading to them daily, at home and at school and giving the children access to a wide range of books at school and at home. If you were unable to attend, please speak to me at the gate and I can organise a time for you to come in and watch your child in their reading group.

Following our 'Make Believe' workshop this morning, we will be holding class workshops for all classes on the 20th October in preparation for their individual performances on the 10th November. Please encourage your child to participate in this exciting event. Your child will go home tonight with an information leaflet regarding Make Believe.

I would like to remind you of key activities and meetings that will be taking place this half-term. These are taking place on the following dates:

Monday 2nd October at 9am Pathways assembly

Wednesday 4th October at 8.50am brief meeting on attendance, followed by a phonic session in Ruby Class so that all parents are able to see how we teach phonics and how you are able to support your child at home

Friday 6th October, Mother Mitzi to lead the Collective Worship at the end of our Celebration Assembly

Friday 6th October at 1pm, Cross Country for selected pupils from KS2 at Forty Hall

Wednesday 11th October at 9am phonic and spelling sessions for parents of Sapphire pupils

Wednesday 11th October at 2pm – Harvest Service for pupils in Sapphire, Diamond and Emerald classes

Friday 13th October – Dress in the Ugandan Flag colours and donate £2 to support Miss Bates' trip to Uganda to help the Bridge of Hope Charity with their work on supporting vulnerable children and families. Paul Lyalls to lead our Poetry Day across the school.

Tuesday 17th October at 9.30am Open Morning for Prospective parents

Friday 20th October – Make Believe workshops for all classes in preparation for their individual performances on the 10th November

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to the above events and of course our Harvest Service on the 11th October in St. John's Church.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley

Headteacher



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**

AUTUMN	2023
Starts	Monday 4 September
Half-term	Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
Ends (1.00pm)	Wednesday 20 December
INSET DAY	Friday 1 September
INSET DAY	Monday 30 October
INSET DAY	Friday 24 November

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
Bank Hols	Monday 6 May

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

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

NOTICES

Jeans for Genes Day

We raised £127.00.

33% of our parents donated to this worthy cause.

A BIG thank you to parents who did donate and who donated more than £2.



Harvest Festival

Please donate the following for Enfield Foodbank for our Harvest Festival

If you can bring them into school in the morning on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October, it would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations in a reusable box or bag.

TINNED FRUIT

PASTA SAUCE

TINNED FISH

LONG LIFE MILK

HOT CHOCOLATE/ COFFEE

MIXED BEANS (KIDNEY BEANS, CHICKPEAS ETC)

SWEET AND SAVOURY SNACKS

TINNED SOUP

SQUASH/ LONG LIFE JUICE

TOILETRIES: SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/
SHOWER GEL/TOOTHPASTE/DEODORANT/
TOILET ROLL/WASHING POWDER

BABY ITEMS: NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND 6/ BABY
FOOD/ BABY WIPES

Attendance for the week

DIAMOND CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 2 October in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.



This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.8%
Sapphire	97.2%
Diamond	99.3%
Emerald	99.0%
Overall	98.6%

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>

Nursery & Reception Admissions 2024

- If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you will be applying for them to start a primary school in September 2024. Reception admissions—complete online www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Complete our supplementary form, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary form to the school office as soon as possible.
- The closing date for on-time applications is 15 January 2024.

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.

RUBY CLASS

What a lovely second week this has been in Ruby Class. Thank you to all the parents who came to our meeting on Monday, if you could not make it please look out for all the information going out in book bags this Friday.

We are so proud of how the children have settled. We are already 6 letters into our phonics learning and we are moving our focus to letter formation. This will be sent home weekly on a Friday and will need to be returned the following Wednesday. We cannot wait to see all the hard work our Reception Class get up to. We will also be sending home books this week too.

In maths we are working on comparing numbers and matching and sorting objects to notice similarities and differences.

This weekend you could go on a nature walk with your family and count as many conkers or natural objects as you can. They can be brought in to show their friends or you can send any pictures to my email address.

Next week on Wednesday we are visiting the Church with Mother Mitzi for a tour of the church and grounds, we will post some photographs on latest news on the website.

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Another great week in Sapphire Class. Thank you to all the parents / carers who have attended our Guided Reading sessions this week.

English – We have thoroughly enjoyed writing about the Little Red Hen in our narrative this week. The children's writing stamina is without a doubt improving day by day. Please continue to support your child with their handwriting and presentation, it will help them a great deal.

Maths – Fraction of shapes, quantities and amounts have been the focus of learning this week. We will be revisiting this unit throughout the year to consolidate our learning. Please help your child discover fractions around them (food, money, numbers...)

Science – Using our senses is the unit for this half term: Identifying, naming, drawing and labelling the basic parts of the human body and saying which part of the body is associated with each sense. You would find many interesting books in our local library to encourage your child's inquisitiveness.

Religious Education – We have partially completed our unit about Jewish celebrations which we will be revisiting throughout the year to discover more about Hanukah in December and Purim in March.

In **PSHE**, we are celebrating differences and how we all fit together. **History**: We are learning about The Great Fire of London exploring similarities and differences between now and then. Again, the local library will have a wealth of intriguing information on this subject.

Thank you for sharing your beautiful family photos with us. There is always time for a special 'show & tell' in our class.

Very proud of you Sapphire 😊

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

Another successful couple of weeks in Diamond Class. I am beginning to see a lot of progress in all children which is great to see. We have been focusing on our rights and responsibilities in school which have influenced our attitude to learning and each other.

Our Guided Reading sessions have been incredibly productive this week in all groups, and it was lovely to see so many of you on Tuesday. I would like to just reiterate how important it is that you read with your children at home and make sure they understand what they are reading as well.

In Science, we have been enjoying learning about our skeleton and the names of the bones there's even a catchy song to go along with it which all the children have enjoyed. We are even beginning to investigate how our bones support us and the function they have.

Our History topic has fed into our English lessons this week and the children have been writing articles on how Skara Brae was discovered which has been fascinating. Similarly in Art, we have been recreating lots of different cave paintings using various techniques, we even got to draw on brown paper under the tables as if we were in caves!

Please could you ensure your child is completing their MyMaths every week, this is a consolidation of the topic we have been studying in the classroom and it is good practise for them. Additionally, we have been practising our times tables on a Friday, the children have seen the importance of knowing their multiplication facts this week during our short multiplication unit. It is encouraging that you support their learning at home by regularly practising times tables together.

Have a lovely and enjoyable weekend,

Miss Anderson, Miss Bates & Mrs Dall'Aglio lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

An extremely busy week again in Emerald Class. Many thanks to all of the parents who attended the guided reading session; firstly I hope you enjoyed it and secondly it gave you a clear insight on what we do during the sessions at school and what you can do to assist in helping them develop their reading further. In English we have been creating our emotive letters through the eyes of Helen of Troy and the unforeseen chaos she caused while under the hypnosis of Aphrodite. The children have created some excellent letters, stating their anger and frustration at being put into this.

In maths we have been focused on division, again the children have worked well on a very tricky concept and I am now confident that the majority of children could complete long division calculations accurately. In our art work this week the children created coil pots in preparation for their final piece-'An Ancient Greek pot', they will be bringing them home as a little memento.

I was really pleased with the amount of children who put themselves forward for either the School Council or Eco-Committee, the speeches were very believable and persuasive and it was an extremely close vote for the nominations. The badges for this will be handed out in celebration assembly next Friday.

A final reminder to make sure your child is keeping on top of all the home learning mainly their guided reading, MyMaths and mental maths activities.

Have a relaxing weekend and hopefully an enjoyable one.

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

Week Beginning Monday 2 October 2023

Monday

8.00am Breakfast Club

9.00am Pathways Assembly all welcome

During School Enfield Music Violin Lessons start for pupils who have enrolled

3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)

3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

Tuesday

8.00am Breakfast Club

3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)

3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

Wednesday

8.00am Breakfast Club

8.50am Ruby Class brief meeting on attendance, followed by a phonic session in Ruby Class so that all parents are able to see how we teach phonics and how you are able to support your child at home

During school Keyboard

During school Recorder

3.00-4.00pm Football Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)

3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)

3.00-4.00pm Pathways (KS2)

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)

8.45am Celebration Assembly—Mother Mitzi to lead the Collective Worship at the end

**1.00pm Cross Country for selected pupils from
KS2 at Forty Hall**

Date List for Autumn Term 2023		
OCT		
2/10	Pathways assembly	9.00am
4/10	Ruby Class brief meeting on attendance, followed by a phonic session in Ruby Class so that all parents are able to see how we teach phonics and how you are able to support your child at home	8.50am
6/10	Mother Mitzi to lead the Collective Worship at the end of our Celebration Assembly	8.50pm
6/10	Cross Country for selected pupils from KS2 at Forty Hall	1.00pm
11/10	Harvest Service at St Johns Church	2.00pm
11/10	Phonic and spelling sessions for parents of Sapphire pupils	9.00am
13/10	Final fundraising day for Miss Bates' trip to Uganda (dress in the colours of the Ugandan flag) donation of £2 on ParentPay	
13/10	Poetry Day—Paul Lyalls, Poet visiting St John's	
16/10	Assessment Week	
17/10	Open morning for prospective parents	9.00am
20/10	Make Believe Workshops across the school	
23/10— 27/10	HALF-TERM	
30/10	INSET DAY	
31/10	Spelling Bee for all classes	
NOV		
10/11	Class Act—pupils show perform their acts, three pupils chosen to attend the Millfield Theatre	
13/11	Parents' Week	
15/11	Remembrance Service at St John's Church—parents welcome	2.00pm
20/11	Catriona Fathers' writing competition to begin	
21/11	Open morning for prospective parents	9.00am
24/11	Mental Health Day for all staff and pupils—School Closed	CLOSE D
30/11	Pathways Christmas Experience	
DEC		
1/12	Catriona Fathers' Writing Award	
1/12	After School Clubs finish for the term	
4/12	Assessment Week	
13/12	Carol Service at St John's Church for KS1 & KS2	2.00pm
14/12	Ruby Class' Nativity at St John's Church	9.00am
18/12	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	
19/12	Class parties and Father Christmas to visit	
19/12	Nursery end of Autumn Term 2023	
20/12	End of term Church Service at St. John's Church	8.45am
20/12	End of Autumn Term	1.00pm