



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



Christmas seems to be approaching rapidly as we are rehearsing for both the Nativity and the Carol Service which we will be recording for all parents and the extended family to watch at your leisure.

As this will be the final newsletter before we break up for our Christmas holidays next week, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a very happy and safe Christmas,

we really hope that we can end the term without any positive cases so that everybody can enjoy Christmas.

Please note that this was the final week of clubs, clubs will start again on the 10th January. We are sending out the new list of clubs for next term and I am delighted to report that we have additional clubs for Ruby and Sapphire Class next term. Please book these early as we now have waiting lists for clubs and we don't want anybody disappointed.

Unfortunately, we will be losing our very skilful and dedicated SENCO, Ms. Nelson who has had to resign from her position due to personal reasons. Ms. Nelson has worked with the pupils, staff, governors and parents at St. John's School for many years now and I am extremely grateful for how well the SEND provision and support has been developed at this school. Many pupils and parents have really benefitted from the excellent support and external provision that she has managed to secure not only in school but also outside of school in particular during lockdown. I have a very hard act to follow as I take over the role of SENCO but am very grateful for how well organised the systems are so that I will be in an excellent position to take this on, working with pupils, parents, staff and governors.

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley
Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	89.4%
Sapphire	94.5%
Diamond	89.1%
Emerald	82%
Overall	88.8%

Week Beginning Monday 13 December 2021

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Emerald & Diamond Netball Club

Tuesday

Hillyfields for Diamond & Emerald

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Emerald & Diamond Football Club

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
2pm	Carol Service in St. John's Church (pupils and staff only)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Sapphire Class Tennis Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Science Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club

Thursday

Christmas Dinner & Class Parties

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Emerald & Diamond Tennis Club

Friday

Christmas Jumper Day

8-8.45am	NO Tag Rugby
9.15am	Church Service for Pupils and Staff in St. John's Church

1PM END OF AUTUMN TERM



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Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

Respect Certificates

Ruby Class: Zara
Sapphire Class: Denzil
Diamond Class: Georgina
Emerald Class: Lola

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Elodie
Sapphire Class: Mila
Diamond Class: Emily
Emerald Class: George

Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Ivy
Sapphire Class: Petar
Diamond Class: Zeni & Eliza
Emerald Class: Cristiano & Dineth

St. John's School Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for St. John's School and for making us one whole family.

Help us to remember that we are a team and should all work together and care for each other.

Keep our hearts full of love and friendship.

Thank you for our friend Catriona who no longer is with us.

Help us to keep the school's Golden Rules.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our good works and achievements. We ask you to keep us all safe.

Amen



RUBY CLASS

Christmas has arrived in Ruby class! Father Christmas's workshop has been set up and the Ruby class elves have been busy wrapping presents, writing present labels and Christmas cards and decorating the Christmas tree. We have also been talking about the importance of Advent in the Christian calendar and have begun to light the candles on our Advent wreath. In maths the children have been consolidating the different strands of maths which we have learned this year, this also includes revisiting 3D shapes which links in nicely with the 3D shapes being wrapped up in our workshop! In literacy we have been writing our special letters to Father Christmas which Mr Law will be delivering for us; we shall expect our replies very soon. The children have also been busy rehearsing for the Nativity play which will be filmed on 'Teams' on Tuesday 14th December; they are very excited! (If you are new to 'Teams' please check you are able to log in before Tuesday - contact Mr Stringer for support if required.) Another important date next week are the class parties on Thursday afternoon - children may wear party clothes to school. We are asking each child to bring their own small snack to have during the party as they will not be able to share food this year. This will be the last day for the nursery children.

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas on behalf of the Early Years team I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas. We look forward to working with you all in 2022!

Have a lovely weekend.

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

It really is hard to believe I am writing the last newsletter of this term and of this calendar year! We have all been so amazed at just how successful a term we have all had in class – we have all been absolute superstars. On Thursday next week is our class party in the afternoon – please do ensure any food your child brings in is clearly named and labelled in line with the new Natasha's Law that we must adhere to. Please may I also remind you that we are a nut-free school, so any food/snacks that contain nuts must not be brought into school. With us nearing the end of term, I want to inform you of how we are going to be managing books and homework:

Homework: the homework sent out today must be returned on Wednesday as per normal. However, no homework will be sent out next week to allow everybody to have a real good break and really enjoy the festivities!

Books: Today, we have sent out books for next week and over Christmas. Therefore, no books should be returned next week, nor will new books be distributed.

Finally, on behalf of everybody in Sapphire Class, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year! We hope you all have a wonderful time and receive lots of great gifts!!

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

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Teams / Online Safety

This week I wish to draw your attention to the importance of Privacy Settings when using technology. Lots of us will continue to rely on technology over the Christmas break, for entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family. However, it is important we do this in a safe way! <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/a-parents-guide-to-privacy-settings/> has lots of great tips and suggestions that are aimed at parents to highlight some of the things you can do to your child's device so they are using technology in a safe way. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a great new year! Have a good one!!

James Stringer James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond class have been fantastic in the last two weeks with lots of hard work and great results in their assessments. In their writing, the children have completed some more creative writing and their fantastic letters to Boris Johnson, which we will be sending off to Downing Street before the Christmas break. In geography, the children have been looking at the journey of a river and the names of all of the different parts on the waters route from source to sea. In mathematics, the children have worked really hard completing their assessments and they have also started looking at and naming all the different types of 2D shapes. In RE, diamond class have been looking at pilgrimage and what this special religious practice entails. In PSHE, Diamond class had a great discussion and debate about the pro's and con's of virtual reality and what it would be like to spend life inside a virtual world. The main event of diamond class's week was the creation of Christmas cookies. The children really enjoyed themselves and created a wide range of scrumptious cookies and there will be gingerbread men to follow next week!

Have a great weekend and enjoy the Christmas break starting next week!

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

This week in Emerald class we have been completing our end of term assessments. The children have worked really well throughout the week on these and the results are very promising. We have also completed our topic on electricity by having a big practical afternoon where the children completed the different circuits they have learned and investigated even further. In maths, towards the end of the week, the children have been working on co-ordinates where they have both read and plotted points finishing off with created a giant picture of Olaf from Frozen. Next Monday, the year 6 children will be making and eating their booster lunch so they will not need a packed lunch or school dinner. Tuesday morning we will be heading down to Hillyfields, so please make sure that your child is wrapped up nice and warm ready for the any weather!! I hope you have a relaxing, healthy and fun Christmas and I wish you all the best for the New Year.

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

After School Clubs have finished now for Autumn Term.

We will be sending out the new clubs list for Spring Term 2022 next week and if you would like your child to attend one of the clubs, please email the school office.

Nursery & Reception Admissions

- 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.

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



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

Christmas School Dinner



We are having our Christmas School Dinner on Thursday 16 December. If your child has packed lunch but they would like to have a school dinner, please pay £2.50 on your school dinner account and email the school office, office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk so that the kitchen can order the correct amount of food.

Pupils already having school dinners will automatically receive one.

Christmas Jumper Day



Wear your Christmas Jumpers on Friday 17 December.

Please donate £1.50 on ParentPay and donations will go to Save The Children.

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



Sunday 19 December at 9.00am

The monthly children's service, which comprises singing and craft activities, will be held at St John's Church.

Please come along.

	DATE LIST FOR AUTUMN TERM 2021	
DECEMBER		
Friday 17	Hillyfields – Diamond & Emerald Class	
Wednesday 15	Carol service in St. John's Church	
Thursday 16	Christmas Class Parties and Father Christmas to visit (Party clothes to be worn)	
Friday 17	Christmas Jumper Day (donation of £1.50 on ParentPay for Save The Children)	
Friday 17	Church Services for Pupils and Staff in St. John's Church	9.15am
Friday 17	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1pm

	Date List for Spring Term 2022	
JANUARY		
Tuesday 4	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 5	START OF SPRING TERM 2022 FOR PUPILS	
Tuesday 11	Chair Yoga for Ruby Class	
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 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