



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Anti-Bullying Week: One Kind Word

At St. John's this week we were aiming to raise the awareness of different types of bullying and how everyone in this school can work together to prevent and respond to it. We discussed the importance of kindness in every class and how we can show this both at school and outside of school. The School Council discussed the important role that they play in ensuring that pupils are being kind to each other and what they do if they see or hear something that is unkind. Please take the time to look at the latest news section on the website to see the impressive work that Diamond Class did on anti-bullying!

Next week we will be focusing on our writing competition in memory of Catriona Fathers and our special assembly will be taking place on the 3rd December where we will present the book tokens provided by Mr. and Mrs Fathers to the winners in every year group.

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who brought in their Christmas boxes to support Operation Christmas Child. We were delighted to receive 25 boxes and these have now been collected by Mr. Young and delivered to the distribution centre.

Thank you to so many parents for completing the Parent Questionnaire, to date we have received 50 questionnaires and would really like to have feedback from all parents as this information is invaluable to us. If you haven't managed to complete this yet, please take a questionnaire from outside the school gate and post it in the box provided once completed. I will be giving feedback in the next newsletter about the information that we have collated from these completed questionnaires.

We really appreciate the time that parents have spent with us this week looking at how we teach both maths and phonics. The final two sessions will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday, 23rd November, 9am – Maths lesson for parents of Year 3 pupils to attend

Tuesday, 30th November 9am – Maths lesson for parents of Reception pupils to attend

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	93.3%
Sapphire	92.1%
Diamond	95.2%
Emerald	93.9%
Overall	93.6%

Week Beginning Monday 22 November 2021

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Netball Club

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
2pm	Maths Lesson for Year 3 parents to watch
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Football Club

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Sapphire Class Tennis Club
3.00-4.00pm	Science Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Tennis Club

Friday

INSET DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley
Headteacher



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

Respect Certificates

Ruby Class: Elodie
Sapphire Class: Mariella
Diamond Class: Lael
Emerald Class: May

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Michael
Sapphire Class: Adrian, Ayla
Diamond Class: Isobel
Emerald Class: Lola, Tristan

Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Mateo
Sapphire Class: Ela & Mr Stringer's Year 1 Maths group
Diamond Class: Elliott, Ellie-Rose
Emerald Class: Lola, Dineth

Vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School. If any parent is interested in applying for this really important role, please free to talk to me about what this role entails. We really value the parents' voice as your contribution is absolutely vital when discussing many areas of school life. The closing date for this vacancy is the 19th November.

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 he 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

We have had a busy couple of weeks in Ruby Class; last week we completed our celebration of Diwali by making Rangoli patterns and diva lamps. When the children brought the diva lamps home on Friday I hope they were able to tell you the story of Rama and Sita and how important the diva lamps were in lighting their way home safely. We also made poppies and had our Remembrance service in the Church. All the children did so well to stand so quietly and respectfully for the two minute silence. (2 minutes can be a very long time when you are only four or five!) This week we have set up the listening station which the children have really enjoyed using and it has encouraged them to explore different stories which is great. The children have been so excited about our trip out today to buy the fish; we will all have a chance to choose a name for the new fish next week. Thank you all for your really kind donations to buy the fish. Also a thank you for all the parents who were able to make the 'phonic lesson' on Tuesday, I hope you found it useful. As we move into a busy time of year please keep checking the website and newsletter for upcoming dates. As the weather is turning colder please can you encourage your child to put their coats on independently and have a try at doing zips and other fasteners up. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend everyone **Pat Creed, Elena Dall'Aglio** pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS Thank you to all parents for such a positive and constructive Parents' Evening meetings last week where we were able to discuss your child's progress and next steps. Please continue to work with your child on the Maths, Reading/Writing and Phonic targets that were set. Thank you also to both Year 1 and Year 2 parents for attending the recent Maths workshops. It was lovely to welcome you back into the classroom and to demonstrate a wide range of areas within the Maths curriculum. We hope you managed to get a lot from these workshops, including what the (very high) expectations are for Maths in Key Stage 1 and how this can be supported at home. Please do email me at James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk if you wish to discuss anything that was delivered here. It was also a real privilege to take Sapphire to Hillyfields today – they were extremely well behaved and we all had a great time 'letting off some steam'.

Homework: As next Friday (26th November) is an INSET day, homework, reading books/records will work the same way as this week. All homework, reading books and reading records are to all be returned completed and signed on **Wednesday 24th November**. New books and homework will then be distributed on **Thursday 25th November**.

Appeal – by **Thursday 2nd December**, all children need to have brought in a named, cardboard cereal box. Please make sure the **cereal box** is a **large one** like the one in the picture below. As part of our History topic on the Great Fire of London, we will be using these cereal boxes to create our very own house in our Design and Technology. This always proves to be a very popular topic but will only work if the children bring their own large, named cereal box by the date mentioned above.



We wish you a very happy weekend – it is scary to think the next paragraph will be in December! **James Stringer, Lucy Gatward, Tracey Hargate & Isabella Bates**

Teams / Online Safety I hope everybody is well. This week, I want to share with you the following link: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>. This link will direct you to the Internet Matters website which is fantastic as it is very much aimed at supporting parents in ensuring you are aware of what your child is doing on the Internet and ways you can ensure they are being as safe as possible when online. It gives advice by age, videos and information on a wide range of areas, including screen time, recognising 'fake news' and supporting your child if they come across any inappropriate content. As you may be aware, it is anti-bullying week this week, and Internet Matters has a specific section on this very important event (<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/anti-bullying-week-2021-one-kind-word/>). Please do take a look at this as we have been talking a lot in school this week about this.

Have a lovely weekend St. John's and please continue to take care everybody.

James Stringer James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond class have had a fantastic week and produced lots of excellent work. The children showed great enthusiasm and care in our focus on anti-bullying week and some excellent posters have been produced to encourage everyone to be more considerate and kind. In mathematics, the children have been studying time and have really risen to the challenge of such a tricky and challenging topic – well done! In writing, Diamond class have been producing some great pieces of creative writing on bush fires, as we were looking at the many issues that the world now faces in the current climate crisis. In design and technology, the children tried their hand at cooking for the first time this year. This had varying levels of success, but we will persevere and iron out the kinks with our recipe next week. In PE, the children have been doing really well with practicing net and ball games, with a focus on tennis. They have been working on back-hand and forehand in previous weeks and are now combining these skills into a match winning recipe. The trip to Hilly Fields was a resounding success and we look forward to the next. Well done on all your hard work this week Diamond class and have a great weekend.

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

This week in Emerald class we have been focusing on measurement in both weight and capacity. The children have really enjoyed the practical sessions weighing a range of objects and also the rather wet morning yesterday when we were measuring the capacity of a variety of containers. One thing that has really pleased me is the way they have been able to convert between kilograms and grams and litres and millilitres which is often a difficult concept for children to grasp. In science we have continued with our electricity theme focusing on conductors and insulators and what types of materials fit into each category. In English this week the children have been focused on creative writing about ecological disasters. This morning we had a great time at Hillyfields setting tracks for each other to follow and then find us. There are some great hiding spots in Hillyfields!! One other area that I am really pleased with is the children's homework; they are all completing their mental maths, my maths activities and all the reading activities. We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

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



Sports News



The tag rugby team played in their first matches in a borough tag rugby tournament at Enfield Ignatian's rugby club. Even though at least half of the children were playing their first competitive games of rugby they performed admirably throughout the afternoon winning 4 games, drawing 1 and losing 3, a great achievement considering the circumstances. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported. The player of the tournament was Chenal as he had never even seen a rugby ball two months ago so his progress throughout the term has been outstanding. We have our next matches on Wednesday afternoon so watch this space for our latest results.

Eco-Committee News

The Eco-Committee will be meeting next week to discuss how we reduce the large amount of lost property in the school. Please ensure that you have labelled all your pupils' clothes by Monday as this really helps to minimise the amount of lost property.

Following COP26, we as a school have been looking at how we are playing our part in looking after our planet. We are focusing on reducing waste in the dining hall and also looking at alternatives to plastic and cling film in our kitchen. We will be meeting with our cook next week to discuss this.

We would really encourage you to talk to your child about how you can work together at home in looking after our planet.

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

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

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.
- Come to our open morning on Tuesday 9 November at 9.30am

Lateness

Please can you ensure that your child turns up to school on time at 8.45am.

Pupils are missing the start of their lessons.

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

The return of the Children's Service at St John's Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9:00am beginning on Sunday 17th October.

Everyone is welcome to attend and we plan to have music, singing, craft and a story.

We welcome parents participation and ideas for future services.

DATE LIST FOR AUTUMN TERM 2021		
NOVEMBER		
Monday 15	Maths Lesson for Year 4 Parents to watch in Diamond Class	9.00am
Tuesday 16	Parents invited to watch a Phonics Lesson in Ruby Class	9.00am
Wednesday 17	Maths Lesson for Year 2 Parents to watch in Sapphire Class	9.00am
Friday 19	Hillyfields – Diamond & Emerald Class	9.00am
Friday 19	Hillyfields – Sapphire Class (to be collected from Hillyfields at 3pm)	2.00pm
Tuesday 23	Maths Lesson for Year 3 Parents to watch in Diamond Class	9.00am
Friday 26	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 30	Parents invited to watch a Maths Lesson in Ruby Class	9.00am
DECEMBER		
Friday 3	Catriona's Writing Award	
Monday 6	Assessment Week	
Wednesday 8	Choir to perform to their parents	3.40pm
Friday 10	Boxercise for all classes	
Wednesday 15	Carol service in St. John's Church	
Thursday 16	Christmas Class Parties and Father Christmas to visit	
Friday 17	Church Services for Pupils and Staff in St. John's Church	9.15am
Friday 17	Hillyfields – Diamond & Emerald Class	
Friday 17	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1pm

Reminders

- Please refrain from 3 point turns outside school. It not only holds up the traffic but is extremely dangerous. Some cars can actually mount the kerb where our pupils are walking.
- If you need to turn around, please enter Head Start Nursery and drive out of the exit. No hassle, not dangerous and very quick and easy to do.