



# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

**'Learn to do good. Be fair to other people.' Isaiah 1.17**

Our value for this half-term is **JUSTICE** where we are thinking about how we are treating everybody fairly to support our biblical quote that we have in school to help us to remember why justice for everyone is so important to us at St. John's School.

This morning in Celebration Assembly we were thinking about the British Value of **Individual Liberty** where we all have rights and freedoms and we can choose how we speak, think and act. However, whilst this freedom is very positive indeed, we must, be mindful, to remember that we must take responsibility for our choices and the consequences they may have. Therefore, remembering the importance of being fair to everyone. We really focused on how our words can be incredibly powerful, they can bring great joy or sadness to those around us; they even have the power to change the world. We must always think about how our words impact others.

I am delighted to inform you that the textile bank (clothes and shoes) arriving is now located in the entrance area - another initiative to support St. John's School in reducing our carbon foot print. Parents are most welcome to deposit their unwanted clothes and shoes here and help us to look after our planet. In addition to this, the school will get paid for every kilo of textiles that we collect!

**Meeting for parents of Year 1 pupils next Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2.20pm** so that we can explain the phonic test that your child will be completing between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022. We will explain what this test entails and how you can support your child in preparing them for this. I have been talking to many of the Year 1 pupils about practising their phonics daily using the phonic cards that we talked about at the beginning of the year and during the reading sessions that we invited you into. It is really important that you are doing phonic practice for 5 – 10minutes ( using the phonic cards) alongside the reading as this is essential in supporting your child's reading. If you need to purchase these phonic cards, they are available from the school shop on the website, once you pay for them you can then collect them from us at school.

We were delighted to have such a high number of parents attending our meeting on the new PSHE/RSE programme. In the light of this we have decided to run another follow up meeting so that parents can have time to look at the resources on our website and then come back and ask any further questions that you may have.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm – all parents are invited to a follow up session about the new curriculum that we are delivering to support pupils' personal, social and health education (PSHE) along with the relationships and sex education (RSE). This is a really important subject area and many changes have taken place here, it is essential that all parents are aware of these changes and how we are addressing these at school. Please take the time to look at the resources on our website before this meeting and you will fully understand the curriculum that is being delivered to your child.**

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	78%
Sapphire	92.4%
Diamond	94.5%
Emerald	96.5%
Overall	90.4%

### Week Beginning Monday 9 May 2022

#### Monday

##### SATS for Yr6

8am	Optional Booster Session for Yr 6
8am	Breakfast Club
2.20pm	Phonics Meeting for Year 1 parents
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Netball Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Arts & Crafts

#### Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

#### Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 2 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
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Activities

#### Friday

8.00-8.45am	Emerald & Diamond Tag Rugby at Hilly fields
11.45pm	Running Club for KS2



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

### Justice Certificates

Ruby Class: Kevin  
Sapphire Class: Theo  
Diamond Class: Rocco & Amelia  
Emerald Class: Alexia

### Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Mateusz  
Sapphire Class: Mrs Creed's Writing Group & Adrian  
Diamond Class: Emily  
Emerald Class: William

### Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Sofia  
Sapphire Class: Alice & Elyse  
Diamond Class: Nevaeh, Ralph & Thushanth  
Emerald Class: Lucia

### HEAD START NURSERY COMPLAINT

Please may we remind St. John's parents/carers that you are not allowed to park in Head Start Nursery next door to us. Head Start Nursery are not insured for St. John's parents and carers.

Unfortunately, some parents have been parking in Head Start Nursery and then allowing their children to run around the car park. This is not acceptable.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### CAMHS Parents views needed

Enfield  
Children & Adolescent  
Mental Health  
Services (CAMHS)

Barnet, Enfield and Haringey NHS  
Mental Health NHS Trust



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short survey

- Are you a parent of a young person attending CAMHS aged between 11– 18 years old?
- Do you want to improve mental health services with other parents?
- We need your voice to help develop community-led mental health services!

Join our 1.5 hour online forum hosted by Meera Kapadia, CAMHS Transformation and Co-production Project Lead

- **When:** TBC
- **Where:** Online (a Zoom link will be sent)
- **How do I sign up:** Please contact [meera.kapadia@nhs.net](mailto:meera.kapadia@nhs.net)

## RUBY CLASS

In Ruby class this week we have been looking at God's wonderful world and how we can look after it. The children made their own collages to illustrate this whilst explaining how important it was that rubbish was not thrown into the sea or onto the ground. We have also been reading traditional stories and this week our focus story has been 'Jack and the Beanstalk' which leads us into planting a runner bean today linking it into our understanding of the world work on growing and change.

We have changed the role play area into a space ship and have been very busy paint mixing in order to paint planets, stars and aliens! In maths next week we will be introducing money and recognition of coins: initially looking at 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p. If you could show your child these coins over the weekend that would be really helpful. We have also been talking about our favourite books and the children are encouraged to bring a favourite book from home and put into our book basket ready to share altogether. We have had a variety of books come into the basket including a range of books from the 'famous people collection' and a lovely information book all about space. We have also been reading the traditional tales of 3 bears, 3 pigs and Billy Goat Gruff which all the children have really enjoyed. My favourite author is Nick Sharrot who writes funny rhyming books such as 'Shark in the Park', 'Don't put your finger in the jelly, Nellie' and 'Never ever use a knife and fork!' (sorry mums and dads!). We look forward to seeing more favourite books soon!

Please could you also sent in any boxes or containers for the children to use in the design and make area as we are in need of a constant supply for our class of budding engineers!

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Pat Creed, Elena Dall'Aglio [pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

What a lovely sunny end to a fantastic week in Sapphire Class! As always, we have been busy working hard in all areas of our learning.

Last week, the Year 2s were researching Rainforest Animals and did so well with their writing that we continued it this week too. Hopefully they can tell you lots of interesting facts about gorillas, poison dart frogs and even a kinkajou. They worked on developing their research techniques and then forming their bullet points into sentences. We continued to look for aspirational word choices and used phrases such as 'on rare occasions'. Year 1 have also wowed Mrs. Creed with their speech bubble writing and she awarded them all a certificate this week for their fantastic efforts – well done!

In maths, year 2 have been reviewing the four operations and myself and Mrs. Hargate have been really impressed with the progress they have made. Year 1 have been learning all about time and have looked to embed o'clock and half past. Time can be a very difficult subject area, so any chance you get at home please draw attention to the clock especially on the hour and half past.

This week we had the pleasure of an artist visit from the Enfield Town Partnership. Daniel worked with the class to consider perspective and line drawings using acetate. The children really enjoyed this experience and we will be posting pictures on Picture News.

A reminder for Year 1 parents we have our phonics meeting on Monday to discuss the upcoming phonics screener.

And to all parents/carers, we thank you for your continued support with homework and reading.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs. Gatward, Mrs. Hargate, Miss. Bates and Miss. Hocyk [lucy.gatward@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:lucy.gatward@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## **DIAMOND CLASS**

Diamond have had a very productive week and produced some fantastic work. In their English lessons they have writing a detailed setting description of the city of London. They have also been practising their creation of powerful similes and metaphors to enhance their description. In mathematics, the children have diving into the formal method addition and subtraction in relation to money. They have been dealing with complication calculations and worded problems to deepen their understanding of these main mathematical operations. The children have also been looking at different forces in their science lessons, in particular, the force of magnetism. They used a variety of different materials to see how they interacted with a variety of different magnets. The children have also been continuing their topic on Buddhism and the life of Siddhartha and the challenges he faced. In PE, the children have been enjoying lots of athletics and rounders games. Well done on your hard work their week and have a great weekend.

**Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi**

## **EMERALD CLASS**

Year 6 are well and truly ready for next week's SATs. I have discussed with them the importance of having a relaxed weekend and a reasonably early night on Sunday evening so they are ready for the challenges ahead. Even if you haven't responded yet, it would be great to see everybody attending the final boosters sessions at 8am on Monday and Wednesday morning as even a little bit of last-minute revision can earn a few extra marks. In class, we have focusing on co-ordinates and shape and looking at missing co-ordinates in a variety of problems. The children have a much better understanding of this difficult concept now. In science we focused on invertebrates and had a fun time in the sun searching, finding and identifying a range of different minibeasts as well as conducting a survey on how many different species we found. Hopefully it will be a lovely weekend, so I wish you a peaceful and fun-filled time.

**Joe Law and Jack Larkin**

<b>SUMMER 2022</b>	
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

<b>SPRING 2023</b>	
Starts	Wednesday 4 January
Half-term	Monday 13 February—Friday 17 Febru-
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 31 March
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3 January

<b>AUTUMN 2022</b>	
Starts	Friday 2 September
Half-term	Monday 24 October—Friday 28 October
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 16 December
INSET DAY	Thursday 1 September
INSET DAY	Monday 31 October
INSET DAY	Friday 25 November

<b>SUMMER 2023</b>	
Starts	Monday 17 April
Half-term	Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 21 July
INSET DAY	Friday 30 June
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May & Monday 29 May

# NOTICES



## Late Collection

Please see our Late Policy rules on page 7 of the newsletter.

We are having quite a few parents turning up late to collect their children after school and when the After School Clubs have finished.

Please can you make every effort to collect your children at the correct time or the Late Collection Policy will apply.

## Absence

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 has a headache, please give them Calpol and then bring them into school. If we feel they are still unwell as the day progresses we will send them home.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

## 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

EMERALD CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 9 May in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

## Tissues for the classroom

We would really appreciate it if you could donate some tissues for the classrooms.



## Nursery Admissions Sept 2022

- 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.

## 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

Children's Service at St John's Church on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9:00am.

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.

<b>Date List for Summer Term 2022</b>		
<b>MAY</b>		
Monday 9	SATS for Year 6 pupils	
Monday 9	Meeting for Year 1 parents re: phonics test	2.20pm
Monday 23	Meeting about our School Journey to Manor Adventure for parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 25	Ascension Service at St. John's Church	2.15pm
Friday 27	Platinum Jubilee Celebration for the whole school	
Monday 30—FRIDAY 3 June	HALF-TERM	
<b>JUNE</b>		
Monday 6—Friday 10	Manor Adventure residential for pupils in Yr.4 – Yr.6	
Thursday 9	Parents' Meeting PSHE/RSE	2.30pm
Friday 10	Artist working with pupils in Sapphire and Diamond Class	
<b>JULY</b>		
Friday 1	INSET Day	
Monday 4	Assessment Week throughout the school	
Wednesday 13	Summer Concert St. John's Church for Ruby and Sapphire Class - Parents are invited	2.15pm
Thursday 14	Emerald Class at a science event all day in Enfield County	
Friday 15	Reports to be sent out	
Monday 18	School Sports' Day	1.00pm
Tuesday 19	Music Festival with other schools for Choir and Emerald Class	10.00am
Wednesday 20	Summer Concert in St. John's Church at 2.15pm for Diamond and Emerald Class- parents are invited	2.15pm
Thursday 21	Graduation Concert for Ruby Class in St. John's Church—parents are invited	9.15am
Thursday 21	End of Summer Term for Nursery Class	2.45pm
Friday 22	Leavers' Service for Year 6 pupils at 9.15am at St. John's Church – parents invited	9.15am
Friday 22	End of Summer Term (Reception to Year 6)—School closes at 1pm	1.00pm

# Late Collection Policy

## Policy aim:

To enable staff to attend training, meetings and carry out essential marking and lesson preparation after school by ensuring timely collection of children.

From **April 2016** the Governors have imposed a late collection charge for children who are not collected from school on time.

**The late collection policy will operate to the following timetable from the end of the school day:**

- School finishes at 3.00pm
- Teachers will remain in the classroom until 3.05pm
- At 3.05pm children will be taken to the office by the class teacher for collection and supervised by a member of the office staff or the Head teacher if they are not available
- At 3.15pm teacher training sessions and meetings begin
- From 3.10pm a charge will be payable for each child remaining in the office.

Whenever a child is collected late there will always be at least two members of staff on site.

## Costings:

- On the first occasion when a child is not collected by 3.10pm, you will be charged a one-off payment of £3 per child.
- For every subsequent time when a child is not collected by 3.10pm, you will be charged £3.00 per 10 minutes, per child. For example, if you pick up your child at 3.50pm, you are 40 minutes late and this will cost you £12.00 per child.
- For After School Clubs which finish at 4.00pm, if a child is not collected by 4.10pm, you will be charged £3.00 per 10 minutes, per child. For example, if you pick up your child at 4.20pm, you are 10 minutes late and this will cost you £3.00 per child.
- The office clock will be used to determine the cost.

There will also be a charge if parents phone the school to say they are running late but children are still not collected by 3.10pm.