

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	92.5%
Sapphire	95.7%
Diamond	99.1%
Emerald	95.5%
Overall	95.7%

Welcome back! It was so lovely to see the pupils arriving back to school glowing from the wonderful weather that we had over Easter. I am really looking forward to seeing the children participating in the many trips, events and projects that we have lined up for this term. Please refer to the dates list so that you can note when these activities will be taking place. One of the highlights for this half-term will be an artist working with pupils on developing their painting skills in both Sapphire and Diamond Class – we look forward to seeing their amazing paintings displayed around the school!

Next week all clubs will start, if you still haven't signed up for clubs please email the office as we still have some places available in some clubs. It has been so encouraging to see so many pupils taking up a variety of different activities this term as these experiences are so beneficial to all pupils.

I am delighted to inform you that we will have a textile bank arriving in the entrance area next Monday - 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!

We are continuing with our parent meetings this term, with two meetings taking place next week. These are as follows:

Tuesday 26th April at 9am – Diamond Class parents – the importance of learning your times tables – in June the Yr.4 pupils have to sit a timed test in times tables and it is essential that parents are aware of what is required of their children.

Thursday 28th April at 2.30pm – all parents are invited to learn 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.

This term we are continuing to promote the importance of outdoor learning for all members of our school community. Not only are we thinking about the educational benefits of this but also how it really supports our mental health and well-being. We are so fortunate to be on the door step of both Hillyfields and Forty Hall and by organising trips to these places we are trying to really promote the significant role that this plays in all children's development. Hopefully the weather continues to be as pleasant as it has been all week and you get to avail of our extensive countryside throughout the summer term.

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes, Susan Notley

Week Beginning Monday 25 April 2022

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Netball Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Arts & Crafts

Tuesday

Class & Sports Teams Photographs

8am	Breakfast Club
9.00am	Parents in Diamond Class meeting re: Times Table
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
2.30pm	Meeting for all parents on the new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum and the Personal, Social and Health curriculum
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Tennis Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Activities

Friday

8.00-8.45am	Emerald & Diamond Tag Rugby
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Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

Justice Certificates

Ruby Class: Lily
 Sapphire Class: Mishka
 Diamond Class: Alicia
 Emerald Class: Crissy

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Ariana
 Sapphire Class: Mila & Bluebelle
 Diamond Class: Elliot
 Emerald Class: Giovanni

Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Kevin
 Sapphire Class: Mariella & Rishon
 Diamond Class: Ellie-Rose & Nika
 Emerald Class: Lola & Edie

New Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School

St. John's Church of England School is an amazing school and I would like to help the school continue to improve and develop.

My eldest daughter, Nayana Nair, is in the Ruby Class. My background is in Software Engineering and I currently work at a company that builds automation software for the Life Sciences Research and Development Industry. I am a certified Agile Project manager. My work experience and skills will transfer well to the work of school governance.

After my experience of teaching the classes computer science, I am very interested in helping the school with the curriculum for STEM subjects. As someone who is neurodivergent, I am also keen to ensure excellent safeguarding for all children and that they can fulfil their full potential whatever their background, special educational needs or disabilities.

I am someone who is not shy and I am comfortable asking difficult questions, if necessary, on behalf of all the children the school serves. I am very keen to help the school and the staff, whose dedication and hard work keep the school running smoothly.

I have very little experience as a parent governor. However, my skills as an engineer and an Engineering manager can help with the curriculum so that children fall in love with STEM subjects.

Surendra Nath

SUMMER TERM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If you have had an email from the school office confirming the After School Club place for your child which you requested, then please ensure that you pay on ParentPay before the day of the club.

Places will be given out to pupils if payments haven't been made as we have many on the waiting list.

Please also remember to look at the letter you were sent about After School Clubs as it has all the information you need on it.

RUBY CLASS

It was so lovely to see all the children coming back into school on Tuesday and from what they have told us it sounds as if you all had a very busy Easter holiday! The children have been writing about their holiday and I have been so impressed with how they are all having a try at sounding out words and writing independently which is a great place to be as we begin our last term in Ruby Class. In maths we have been working on subsidising numbers which is encouraging the children to look at a group of objects and recognise how many there are without having to count each one. A way that you could support this at home is to play number dominoes or play board games which use a dice. We have also been reading information and story books about space ready for next week when we turn the role play into a spaceship! On that note could I please ask you to send in any used cartons and boxes ready for some rocket making next week, many thanks.

A reminder about wearing P.E. Kits in reception: our P.E. day is Tuesday - please send your child into school with their P.E. Kit in a bag ready for them to change into as it is part of the Early Years curriculum that the children are able to manage their own personal needs and this includes being able to dress themselves independently. If your child is taking part in an after school sports club they are allowed to come into school wearing their kit for that day and on Friday as is traditional, the children may also wear their P.E. Tracksuits/joggers to school. Please email me if you have any queries about this.

Have a great weekend everyone and happy St. George's Day for tomorrow.

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

What a fantastic first week back we have had! They have all come back refreshed and ready to learn.

In maths this week we have been learning all about 2D shapes. The children have confidently been able to name a range of shapes, now we are focussing on 4 sided shapes and above as they can be trickier. Alongside this we have also managed to produce some beautiful 2D shape artwork too, using shapes as stencils. Here we have really focussed on the vocabulary of sides and corners, which will link into our learning next week all about 3D shapes.

In writing, Year 1 have been focussing on using past and present text correctly. Mrs. Creed brought though a sample of some work and it is fantastic to see how independent they are! I even saw use of an exclamation mark which is brilliant.

In Year 2, we have been writing about African animals and wrote 'Who am I?' riddles. We are really thinking about up-leveilling our vocabulary choices, so instead of saying eat using words like 'devour'. They have worked incredibly hard.

In the foundation subjects, we are now learning about the world around us in Geography and in our lesson we used atlases to find and locate the seven continents. We also learnt a catchy song to help us remember.

In RE, we are exploring Christianity. This week, we looked at the parable of the Good Samaritan. We will continue to read and discuss these parables and think about what we can learn from them.

Before Easter, we thoroughly enjoyed our Florence Nightingale workshop, so a special thank you to the parents who helped on that day too. We really appreciate it.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gatward, Mrs. Hargate, Miss. Bates and Miss. Hocyk lucy.gatward@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

Book Recommendations from Sapphire Class

Elyse—Charles Dickens, Christmas Carol

Conor—Julia Donaldson, Stick Man

Ella—Roger Hargreaves, Little Miss Birthday Friends

Ayla—Judith Kerr, The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Dimo—Tom Fletcher, The Christmasaurus and Winter Witch

Isaac—Julia Donaldson, The Gruffalo

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond Class have had an eventful first week back at school. The children have started looking at diary writing and they dissected a pre-made piece and planned a piece of their own writing that they will be completing early next week. In mathematics, the children have been studying Roman numerals and they have been making great progress in this area. The children's next artistic focus this half term will see them trying to improve their pencil, painting and sculpting skills. They have already made some excellent pencil line observational drawings of views and objects around the school, which they then copied using water colours. Diamond Class are also very lucky because an artist will be visiting in the next few weeks to help them develop these skills further. The children will also be looking at British history in the coming weeks and they will be starting a small research project on a major event that has occurred in the last 70 years. Great start to the summer term and keep up the good work.

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

This week seems to have flown by!!! There are only two more weeks until Year 6 have their SATS week so it is crucial that everybody is in school and focused ready to do as well as they possibly can. I also sent out a letter about Manor Adventure; could you please return the dietary and medical forms as soon as possible as we need to forward them to Shropshire. In the classroom the children have been writing diary extracts as a character from their guided reading book with an emphasis on using emotive language and also interesting fronted adverbials. Overall, these have been excellent and you can really see the positive progression that the children have made during the year. In maths we have been looking at missing numbers and digits in calculations and have been completing a 15-minute general revision task every morning, first thing. In science we started looking at classifying living things; the children have used classification keys and created their own on a range of topics including countries, football teams, flowers and types of cookies! Please could you ensure that your child is keeping on top of their homework: mental maths book, guided reading and MyMaths as this really supports the learning in the classroom. I hope you have a relaxing and peaceful weekend.

Joe Law and Jack Larkin

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

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

AUTUMN	2022
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

SUMMER	2023
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

School Photographs

On Tuesday 26 April Class and Sports photographs are being taken.



Please come to school in your school uniform and bring your P.E. kit with you if you attend After School Clubs or if you have P.E. on this day.

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



DIAMOND CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 25 April 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.

	Date List for Summer Term 2022	
APRIL		
Tuesday 26	Class & Sports Teams Photographs	All day
Tuesday 26	Parents to see a times tables lesson in Diamond Class	9.00am
Thursday 28	Meeting for all parents on the new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum and the Personal, Social and Health curriculum	2.30pm
MAY		
Friday 6	Artist working with pupils in Sapphire Class and Diamond Class	
Monday 9	SATS for Year 6 pupils	
Friday 13	Learning Walk for the Governors focus on the History and Geography curriculum	
Wednesday 25	Ascension Service at St. John's Church	2.15pm
Friday 27	Platinum Jubilee Celebration for the whole school	
JUNE		
Monday 6—Friday 10	Manor Adventure residential for pupils in Yr.4 – Yr.6	
Friday 10	Artist working with pupils in Sapphire and Diamond Class	
JULY		
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	Music Festival with other schools for Choir and Emerald Class	
Tuesday 19	School Sports' Day	
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
Friday 22	Leavers' Service for Year 6 pupils at 9.15am at St. John's Church – parents invited	9.15am
Friday 22	School closes at 1pm for the summer holidays	1.00pm