



# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I am delighted to report that the response from both parents and pupils towards eliminating our lost property has been superb. Since Monday morning there have only been a few items in lost property and all of these have had names on them. Well done! It is really important that we keep this up ensuring that parents and carers instil in their children the importance of looking after their belongings and checking that they have everything at the end of the day – pupils must be encouraged to do this at a very early age as it is an important life skill to learn. Please ensure that any new item of clothing is always labelled to help us in our campaign of eliminating waste at St. John's School. Our next project is looking at how we can raise the awareness about the amount of litter outside our school and how this can be recycled or reused. Emerald Class and members of the Eco-Committee from Diamond Class participated in a litter pick on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and we were very pleasantly surprised at the small amount of litter that we collected both outside our school and in Hillyfields. After half-term we will be analysing our litter and discussing how much of this could have been reused, recycled or indeed avoided e.g.. the plastic straws that we found. I was so impressed with the pupils' maturity and how concerned they were about the amount of plastic that we collected.

I was absolutely thrilled with the very positive response to the parent workshop for both Emerald and Reception parents – it was so encouraging to work with such supportive and enthusiastic parents. We will be running a variety of different workshops for parents next half-term with the focus being maths and the details of these are as follows:

**Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> November at 9am Maths in KS1**

**Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> November at 9am Maths in Yr.3/4**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9am Maths in Reception Class**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9am Maths in Emerald Class**

## This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.5%
Sapphire	95.5%
Diamond	97.4%
Emerald	99.1%
Overall	97.4%

## Week Beginning Monday 28 October 2019

### Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Art Club (Invitation only)
3.00-4.00pm	Multi Skills (Rec, Yr 1,2 & 3)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Booster Class Yr6

### Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	School Choir
3.00-4.00pm	NO Booster Class Yr6

### Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.00am	<b>Class Assembly</b>
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Science Club (by invitation after half-term)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Booster Class Yr5

### Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Tennis Club (Yr 2-Yr6)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Booster Class Yr5

### Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
11.45-12.10	Running Club (Yr1-6)
2.45pm	Pop Up Shop

I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these meetings as you will find them very useful.

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Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the PTA meeting this morning so that we can organise the different activities that will take place in school throughout the festive season. It is important that parents really support us with these initiatives as budgets are getting tighter and it is becoming really challenging for schools to continue to resource all the areas that we have in the past. Please make every effort to support the following events:

Pop up shop on Friday from 2.45pm

Wednesday 27 November—Non Uniform Day, unwanted gifts and items for the raffle and the Secret Santa Shop, please bring them in

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 9.20 am decorating the hall for Christmas and displaying raffle items in the Reception Area for school Christmas raffle. The raffle will be drawn on the 13<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December special Christmas pop up shop every Friday

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December drawing the special raffle for Ruby Class' Nativity

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December after Celebration assembly Secret Santa Shop for all pupils to attend—£2 per present. Parent Class Representatives to collect money prior to event

## Class Representatives

### Ruby Class

Ewa Franke  
Claire Gentle  
Natalie Dean

### Sapphire Class

Janice Chapman-Preedy  
Jackie Godbold  
Shudi Misir

### Diamond Class

Maria Karakassis  
Rachel Charalambous

### Emerald Class

Claire Gentle  
Sarah Venn  
Valeria Williams

If you have any ideas for fund-raising etc. or would like to help, please contact your PTA representatives.

## After School Clubs

There are still places available on the After School Clubs.

If you would like your child to attend, please pay on ParentPay.

Monday	Art Club	By invitation (only if your child receives a letter)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Ms Bullen - £26
Monday	Multi Skills	Reception, Year 1-3	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £26
Tuesday	Football Club	Key Stage 2, Years 3-6	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £26
Tuesday	Choir Club	Year 2 - 6	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mrs Anderson - £26
Wednesday	Netball Club	Key Stage 2 Years 3-6	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £26
Wednesday	Science Club	By invitation (only if your child receives a letter) starts after half term	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mrs Creed - £26
Thursday	Tennis Club	Year 2-6	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £26



## RUBY CLASS

This week we have focused our activities around the story of 'The Owl Babies.' The children have made their own owls using different collage materials and have been looking at the beginning, middle and end of the story. The reception children have also been using speech bubbles to write short captions of what the owls might be saying. They all had a really good try at independent writing using some of the letters linked to the sounds we have been learning. In maths we have been looking at numbers within the environment and have become 'number detectives' to look for numbers all around the school. Thank you to all our parents and carers who were able to make the phonics meeting yesterday, I hope you found it useful and it gave you a few ideas you may be able to use at home to support your child. Please keep practising initial sounds by playing 'I Spy' over the holiday.

I would also like to say well done to all our Ruby Class children who have worked hard and settled into school so well over their first half term. Have a lovely half term and a good rest!

**Pat Creed**

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

First of all, I really cannot believe it is the end of the first half term of this academic year. I must say that Year 1 children have risen to the challenge of the expectations of Sapphire Class exceptionally well and have made so much progress this half term. Likewise, I am so impressed with how the Year 2 children have risen to the demands of Year 2 given how much of a jump it is from Year 1 and I have been impressed with the progress that they have made across the board too! They have been fantastic role-models for the Year 1 children and all children in both year groups need to be extremely proud of all they've achieved in these seven weeks. I have really enjoyed working with all Year 2 parents' again whilst also enjoying getting to know and work with the new Year 1 parents. We hope you have found the parent workshops vital and please watch this space next half term for more sessions. Whilst it is important that all homework and reading is completed as normal over half term, I really cannot stress how vital it is that your child returns to school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October as refreshed and re-energised as possible as next half term is 8 weeks and will get extremely busy as we start the approach to Christmas.

I wish everyone a lovely, relaxing weekend and a well-rested half term! I look forward to working with everybody again next half term!

James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.

## DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Literacy, once the children had completed their Catriona's Writing entries, they practised extracting information from a text during comprehension tasks related to popular rivers in the world, and Sikhism linking with the topics they are currently learning about.

In Maths, the focus was to consolidate the children's learning of the methods used for the four operations by solving various word problems. The acronym RUCSAC really helped the children to successfully solve their questions, as it reminded them to read the question carefully, underline key information, circle key numbers, select the correct operation ( $\times \div + -$ ), answer the question and finally check their answer.

The children wrote informative reports about water disasters in their Geography lesson, whilst using their planning that they produced for their previous homework task. They reflected on various water disasters around the world, the causes of these disasters and the impact they can have on humans and the environment.

Great work this half term Diamond class! Have a wonderful break!

Sabrina Anderson

## EMERALD CLASS

This week, the children in Emerald Class have been finishing off their Catriona's Writing Competition stories. The creativity of the children has really shone through, with great ideas and a developing control of phrases and sentences to make their writing interesting for the reading. It will be a close competition, with so many excellent ideas. Well done to all! In maths the children have been completing work based around decimals; they have been ordering, converting and calculating a variety of questions and have gradually become more confident throughout the week. We have had an excellent half-term in Emerald Class both in our learning and also in our attendance. We have achieved 6 out of 7 stars for our attendance which must be a record so we are hoping we can keep it up. Have a relaxing half-term, the children just have their science projects to complete for homework.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

# NOTICES

## Attendance for the week

**EMERALD CLASS** have received the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on **MONDAY 28 OCTOBER** in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week



As per our school policy, please remember that medical evidence is required if your child has been ill for more than 3 days or if attendance has dropped below 90%.

## Sports News

Our next Cross Country at Forty Hall will take place on 31 October. Letters have been sent out today to members of Emerald Class.

Please see Ellie-Jo's Netball report. On Tuesday 15 October St. John's Netball team played two matches. The first was against St. Michael's, sadly we lost 3-2 and our second was against Chase Side Primary, we won 7-0. All the girls played very well even though it was most of the netball teams first match. In conclusion the player of the match is Angel.



## ALDI STICKERS

From September, **Aldi Shoppers Can Receive Team**

**GB Stickers** To Send Into Primary Schools! Our School Could Win One Of Twenty £20,000 Cash Prizes To Kick-Start A Health Legacy. Types: Special-buys, Pet Accessories, Kitchen, Garden Shop, DIY. Please bring them into school.



## Follow St. John's on Twitter

We have now opened a twitter account for St. John's. Follow us and see all the exciting activities that are taking place at our school. If you go onto the School's website you will be able to access Twitter.

## Uniform Sales and Resources

1. Go to our website [www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)
2. On the homepage scroll down
3. Click on School Shop
4. Choose and buy your items



## Lost Property

If you would like to look in the Lost Property box, it is situated outside the school office.



## School Council & Eco-Committee

Please make sure all items of uniform are labelled to help our campaign to eliminate waste at St. John's.

Please bring in shoeboxes for the Christmas Child Appeal.

On 13 November at 9am Emerald Class and the Eco-Committee will be presenting in assembly on how we are looking after our world at St. John's School. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Operation Christmas Child

At St. John's we support Operation Christmas Child every year.

We aim for every family in the school to donate a shoebox filled with gifts and a donation of £5, for a special child to enjoy this Christmas.



This year, due to regulations, no toothpaste or sweets can be included in the boxes.

For more details on how to pack your shoebox please visit their website [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

We will be giving out the Gift Forms to put with the boxes after half-term.

## Nursery 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.
- We still have places available for 2019.

## Worship

On the second Sunday of each month, Nicola Bugliari and Emily Lawlor run the Sunday school at 9:00. On the third Sunday at 9:30 there is a music Sunday school run by fr Peter. St. John's Church, Strayfield Road, Sunday at 9am

St. Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane: Sundays at 10.30am





## **Breakfast Club Reminder**

- 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)
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please inform the school office or leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.

### **Term Dates for 2019/2020/2021**

<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>2019</b>
INSET DAY	Monday 2 September
Starts	Tuesday 3 September
Half Term	Monday 21 October—Friday 25 October
Inset Day	Friday 29 November
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 19 December
Bank Holiday	Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 December

<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>2020</b>
INSET DAY	Thursday 3 September
Starts	Friday 4 September
Half Term	Monday 26 October—Friday 30 October
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 18 December
Bank Holiday	Friday 25 & Monday 28 December

<b>SPRING</b>	<b>2020</b>
INSET DAY	Monday 6 January
Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half Term	Monday 17 Feb -Friday 21 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 3 April

<b>SPRING</b>	<b>2021</b>
INSET DAY	Monday 4 January
Starts	Tuesday 5 January
Half Term	Monday 15 Feb -Friday 19 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 1 April

<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>2020</b>
Starts	Monday 20 April
Half Term	Monday 25 May—Friday 29 May
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 17 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 May & Monday 25 May

<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>2021</b>
Starts	Monday 19 April
Half Term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June
Ends (1.30pm)	Wednesday 21 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May
INSET DAYs	Friday 25 June & Thursday 22 & Friday 23 July

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER**

**8am, St John's**

A said service of Holy Communion – a beautiful way to start your day.

**9.30am, St John's**

Our monthly Children's Service, which is always creative and fun!

**10.30am, St Luke's**

A sung service of Holy Communion.

At our services of Holy Communion, we will hear Jesus assure His friends that God desires justice, and cares deeply for our concerns.

**6.30pm, Lancaster Road  
United Reformed Church**

We join with our brothers and sisters at Lancaster Road URC.

## INFORMATION



St. John's Church Hall is open on Wednesdays after school for teas, coffees and biscuits!

CLAY HILL LIVE

ST JOHN & ST LUKE  
CLAY HILL



## Three Valleys Male Voice Choir

**A Musical Celebration**

A two-hour concert of popular songs from shows, sea shanties, and popular opera

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm

St Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane, EN2 0HL

Tickets £10 payable at the door,  
including a glass of wine or juice  
Children under 12 attend free

Proceeds in aid of St John's Lych Gate Fund  
More info available on 020 8482 2936

## Clay Hill Parish Children's Service



**This Sunday  
20<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am**

A fun service where children  
and adults can think about  
the things we want to do  
to look after our beautiful world

**St John's Church, 9.30 - 10am**



## Date List for Autumn Term 2019

<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Monday 21—Friday 25	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	<b>Individual Pupil Photographs</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	<b>Maths workshop for parents in KS1</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Wednesday 6	Class Assembly—Diamond Class	9.00am
Tuesday 12	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.30am
<b>Tuesday 12</b>	<b>Maths workshop for parents in Diamond Class</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Wednesday 13</b>	<b>Class Assembly—Emerald Class</b>	9.00am
Wednesday 13	Remembrance Service—St. John's Church	2.20pm
<b>Thursday 14</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes deadline</b>	
<b>Tuesday 19</b>	<b>Maths workshop for parents in Reception Class</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
Wednesday 20	Class Assembly—Sapphire Class	9.00am
<b>Tuesday 26</b>	<b>Maths workshop for parents in Emerald Class</b>	9.00am
Friday 29	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
<b>Monday 2</b>	<b>Decorating the school hall for Christmas (all help welcome)</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
<b>Friday 6</b>	<b>Special Christmas Pop Up Shop every Friday</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
Thursday 12	Nativity for Ruby Class	
Friday 13	Christmas Jumper Day (£1.50 donation) & Christmas School Dinner	
<b>Friday 13</b>	<b>Secret Santa Shop for all pupils—£2 per present</b>	
Monday 16	Christmas Class Parties	
Tuesday 17	Pantomime at Millfield Theatre	10.00am
Wednesday 18	Carol Service—St. John's Church	2.00pm
Thursday 19	<b>END OF TERM</b>	1.15PM

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