



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This week we were extremely privileged to watch the Nativity being performed by Ruby Class and being reminded again about the true meaning of Christmas. With the onset of Advent our heads are turned again to the characters playing a role in this epic annual drama. To Mary the angel gave her a gift that was subtly wrapped – the truth that she had found favour in the eyes of God. We are encouraged to spend some time thinking about baby Jesus, the Son of the Most High and appreciate how much God really loves us. Reminding us again of the importance of the power of God's love and how we have recognised this in our school's vision statement:

At St. John's we want everyone to grow and flourish. Our small school is a nurturing community where we can develop our gifts and broaden our horizons. We seek to do all this within the knowledge and love of God, where the values of His Kingdom guide and inspire us.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.' Ephesians 3.16-18

'Thriving and learning as we build God's Kingdom'

As we approach the end of an extremely busy term, it is good to reflect on what each one of us has achieved and what we feel we need to work harder on next term. As a school, we have much to celebrate this term, including the fantastic progress that we have made in attendance. Next Thursday there will be 33 pupils having a very special treat for achieving 100% attendance for the term. Overall for this term our attendance is going to be at 96.5%. However, having completed all assessments now, it is clearly evident how some pupils' poor attendance or punctuality is seriously impacting on their learning and this continues to be an area that we will be monitoring extremely closely next term.

Thank you to all the pupils who returned their library books today so that we can sign all library books back in before we break for Christmas and then in January all pupils will be able to borrow books again. We really want to ensure that we can keep operating our Library so please make sure that you support us.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	93.2%
Sapphire	96.7%
Diamond	92.3%
Emerald	94.2%
Overall	94.6%

Week Beginning Monday 16 December 2019

Monday

Christmas Class Parties

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

Tuesday

Pantomime Reception to Year 6

8am	Breakfast Club
8.20am	NO Booster Class Yr4
3.00-4.00pm	NO Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Choir Club (Yr 2-6)

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
2pm	Carol Service at St John's Church
3.00-4.00pm	NO Netball Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation after Christ mas)
3.00-4.00pm	NO Booster Class Yr5
3.00PM	NURSERY'S END OF TERM

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
9.05am	Celebration Assem bly
1.15pm	END OF AUTUMN TERM

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Thank you to all members of the PTA for their superb support and hard work this term in organising many different activities for the children to enjoy during the festive season. We are extremely grateful for this and not only has everyone really enjoyed supporting these fund raising events but also we have raised money to fund many different items that are required to support the pupils' learning. After Christmas we will decide how this money will be spent at the first PTA meeting which will take place on the 24th January after Celebration Assembly. Please make every effort to attend this meeting so that we can start to plan the activities that we want to run in the Spring Term.

Please note that this will be the final newsletter for 2019. On behalf of everyone at St. John's School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very peaceful and relaxing Christmas and all our very best wishes for 2020.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

Headteacher

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 fundraising etc. or would like to help, please contact your PTA representatives.

Date List for Autumn Term 2019

DECEMBER		
Monday 16	Christmas Class Parties	1pm
Tuesday 17	Pantomime at the Millfield Theatre	10.00am
Wednesday 18	Carol Service—St. John's Church	2.00pm
Thursday 19	Celebration Assembly	9.05am
Thursday 19	END OF TERM	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.

Advice to parents of primary school aged children who have NOT received the Flu Vaccination in school this year

If you wish your child to be vaccinated, please attend

Enfield Immunisation Community Clinics

On – Saturday 7th December 10.00 – 12.30pm

Monday 30th December 10.00 – 14.00pm

At -Cedar House, St Michaels Hospital Gater Drive, Enfield EN2 0JB

Drop In – No appointment necessary

Please contact the Enfield Immunisation Team on 0208 702 3324/4829/4119

Email : beh-tr.enfieldimmunisationteam@nhs.net

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

SAPPHIRE CLASS have received the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on **TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020** 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%.

Reminders

- ParentPay to be up to date
- School Dinners and Breakfast Club to be in credit
- Library Books to be returned
- Any contact details that have changed, please inform the school office

After School Clubs

After School Clubs have now finished for the Autumn Term. A letter has been sent home with your child today with the details of the new clubs starting for Spring Term 2020. Please get this in as soon as possible and make payment of ParentPay. Deadline is Wednesday 8 January 2020.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parent helpers for helping in the Art Club with Kerry and also for filling in when Kerry was unable to continue the Art Club.

Date Changes to Autumn 2020 & Summer 2021

Please check the dates list on page 5.

Uniform Sales and Resources

1. Go to our website www.stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk
2. On the homepage scroll down
3. Click on School Shop
4. Choose and buy your items



School Council

We were delighted to have the opportunity of a special visit from Councillor Joanne Laban from Enfield who is the first female leader of the Conservative Group. Emerald Class had prepared a variety of questions for her based on how she can support us on protecting the environment, improve recycling in Enfield, harsher laws on littering, improving Enfield in general. Emerald Class were very impressive in their questioning and really pursuing the response that they wanted to hear. We shall follow this up after Christmas.

Prizes to be Won

We have two fabulous prizes to be bidden for, to raise money for the school.

The highest bidder wins and is to be announced on 18 December.

1. A bottle of House of Commons Churchill's 10 years Old Tawny Port signed by Boris Johnson
2. A signed Pennant from Tottenham Hotspurs

Please give your Class Representatives your bids by 17 December.

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
Children and their parents are welcome at both churches and both have Sunday Schools.



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

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

AUTUMN	2020
INSET DAY	Thursday 3 September & Friday 4 September
Starts	Monday 7 September
Half Term	Monday 26 October—Friday 30 October
INSET DAY	Friday 27 November
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 18 December
Bank Holiday	Friday 25 & Monday 28 December

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

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

SUMMER	2020
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

SUMMER	2021
Starts	Monday 19 April
Half Term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 23 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May
INSET DAY	Friday 25 June

RUBY CLASS

I hope you all enjoyed the 'Wriggly Nativity' yesterday, the children worked so hard to learn all the songs, words and actions and were a real credit to Ruby class, we are all so proud of them; now we really feel Christmas is on its way. In maths this week we have consolidated our work on 2D and 3D shapes, still keeping it very festive by looking at different shaped presents Father Christmas might be delivering! I have also been assessing the children's phonic knowledge and I am so pleased with how well they are all doing, thank you so much for all your support at home with the sound books, it really has made a difference. On Monday afternoon it is our Christmas party and the children may come to school in their party clothes; please ensure that they are suitable for normal class and playground activities. On Tuesday (17th December) the Reception children will be joining the rest of the school in going to watch the pantomime 'Mother Goose' at the Millfield Theatre. As we will not be back at school until 1.00 p.m. the Nursery session will begin at 1.30 p.m. Wednesday is the last nursery session for this term. The reception children will finish for the Christmas holidays on Thursday at 1.15p.m.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2020! **Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Wow! It is hard to believe that I am writing the last newsletter of autumn term, the calendar year and even the decade!! I must say how proud I have been with all children in Sapphire Class this term since September. It has been fast-paced term but one that is full of highlights, positives and lots of achievement and progress. Year 1s settled into Sapphire Class and the different routines, dynamics and expectations that come with this very quickly this term. They should all be very proud of what they have achieved! Likewise, I have been so impressed with how the Year 2 children have adapted with the challenges and demands of Year 2 and again, they should be very proud of what they have achieved this term. It has been a very successful term in relation to workshops that we have offered and I very much look forward to setting new workshops soon for the Spring Term. Finally, I really hope everybody has a lovely, relaxing (and fun!) Christmas and New Year period and I am very much looking forward to next half term and the successes I am sure will happen. Please note that 6th January is an INSET day so I look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 7th January! **James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.**

DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Literacy, the children based their pieces of writing on the mythical story 'Pandora's Box'. They used their freeze frame drama activity to build on their understanding of the story and their knowledge of the main character. Then they used their developed understanding to write a letter of apology from the point of view of Pandora. The children enhanced the type of vocabulary they used in order to improve the content of their writing and produce some excellent written pieces.

In Maths, the children used their knowledge of statistics from last week to collect and gather information using a tally chart. They decided on a question of their choice related to Christmas, such as 'What is your favourite Christmas song?' and 'What is your favourite Christmas decoration?'. Using their collected results, they presented their information in a pictogram and a bar chart.

The class designed their own individual vertebrates in their Science lesson, using their knowledge of the difference between a vertebrate and an invertebrate. They labelled both the outer body and its skeleton using key vocabulary and explained its characteristics in detail.

In History, the children used their research about Skara Brae that they gathered for homework to create a presentation using PowerPoint about the historical Stone Age feature.

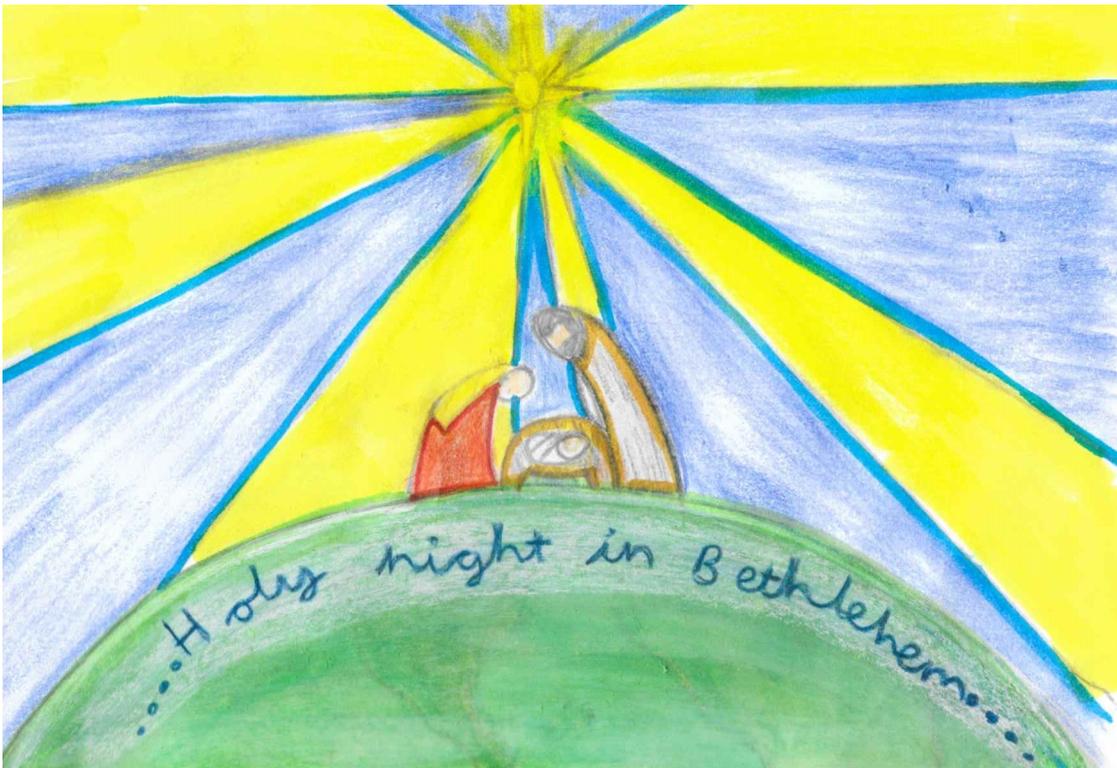
Well done for your hard work this week Diamond Class! **Sabrina Anderson**

EMERALD CLASS

This week the children in Emerald Class continued with their science topic on how animals are adapted to live in a range of environments. We looked at various types of adaptations that animals have and began to use those ideas to create our own animals that would suit a specific environment. The children have been very creative and scientific with their designs! Well done to all. In maths we have continued to focus on different measurements, ordering, reading scales, converting and answering tricky questions based around this topic. On Tuesday we had a fantastic day exploring the local area and having great fun in Hillyfields due to our ten stars for attendance. Then on Wednesday afternoon we had an excellent talk from councillor Laban on the general election and what it is like to stand to be a Member of Parliament. Please remember on Monday afternoon we have the Christmas parties, please see the list outside for suggested things to bring. We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Joe Law & Kamran Ezel

THE WINNER FOR THE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION.



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Thank you
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some amaz-
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#FollowTheStar...

Over two thousand years ago, as a baby was born in a small city called Bethlehem, strangers travelled huge distances, following a star to the place where he was born.

Today, people the world over still gather together to mark the birth of that baby – a baby who Christians believe was born to show us the amazing love of God.

We'd love to welcome you here at St John's & St Luke's to celebrate God's gift of Jesus Christ to us all. Our main services are listed here; you can find more details at www.clayhillparish.org.uk, or you can call us on 020 8363 6055.

We hope to see you very soon – and we wish you a very happy Christmas.

Christmas at Clay Hill

Blue Christmas
A service for those who may find Christmas difficult
Sun 15th Dec, 6pm, St John's

Carol Service
Sun 22nd Dec, 6pm, St John's

Christingle
Space is limited – please arrive early!
Tue 24th Dec, 4pm, St Luke's

Midnight Mass
Tue 24th Dec, 11pm, St Luke's

Christmas Day Celebration
Wed 25th Dec, 10am, St John's

INFORMATION

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

