



# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It was so lovely to welcome both Mr and Mrs. Fathers back to our school today for our annual Catriona Fathers' writing competition that is run annually in memory of Catriona Fathers who attended our school but sadly passed away. The pupils really look forward to participating in this very special activity and we are delighted to announce the winners which are as follows:-

Ruby Class —**Pixie Robbins**

Year 1—**Amelie Williams-Gracia**

Year 2—**Shivana Ramdial**

Year 3—**Alexia Karakassis**

Year 4—**William Lawlor**

Year 5—**Milo Robinson**

Year 6 and the winner of the overall Catriona Shield is **Nicolas Kurtycz**

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously during our PJ Day which is to go towards the cost of the cherry picker which was used to look at the ceiling in St. John's Church. The money that was raised from the pop up shop was also going towards this, so next week we will be able to inform you of the amount of money that the school raised. I would also like to thank everyone who gave so generously last week to support both our raffles and presents for the Secret Santa Shop that will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

It was so encouraging to see so many parents from Reception Class who attended the maths meeting and workshop on Tuesday. If any parent was unable to attend, please see Mrs. Creed and you are always very welcome to come into a maths lesson. Thank you to the parents and children who have already logged on and are using the reading eggs software – keep collecting those precious eggs!

Next week we will be running our last maths lesson for parents of Emerald Class, please make every effort to attend. We will also be holding other events in school, please look at the weekly diary for these events.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am Maths in Emerald Class**

## This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.8%
Sapphire	99.4%
Diamond	98.2%
Emerald	95.7%
Overall	98.0%

## Week Beginning Monday 25 November 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	Booster Class Yr6

### Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
8.20am	Booster Class Yr4
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Maths Workshop</b>
	<b>Emerald parents</b>
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Choir Club (Yr 2-6)

### Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Science Club (by invitation after Christmas)
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr5

### Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Tennis Club (Yr 2-Yr6)
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr6

### Friday

**INSET DAY**

### Sunday 1st December

Choir singing at St. Luke's Church at the Christmas Cracker. Please come along.

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The PTA is working very hard this half-term to organise many different activities for the children to enjoy during the festive season. We will also be fundraising so that all these activities can be fully funded by the PTA so 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

Throughout the month of November keep the donations for raffles and unwanted gifts for the Secret Santa Shop coming 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 – drawn on the 13<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December organising a special raffle for Ruby Class' Nativity

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December Secret Santa Shop for all pupils who have returned their completed slips and money, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2.45pm special Christmas pop up shop

Have a very enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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.

## RUBY CLASS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to make the maths meeting on Tuesday; I hope you found it useful and it gave you a small insight into how we teach the different strands of maths in Ruby Class. If you were unable to make the meeting and would like some information, please let me know. This week in Ruby Class the reception children have been making their own books of 'The Nativity' and have been retelling the story in their own words which we are hoping to share with some of the older children next week. The nursery children have also been busy writing the letters in their names on giant caterpillars! In maths we have continued to investigate the properties of 3D and 2D shape with both the nursery and the reception children, something I'm sure will come in handy when they are wrapping all those 3D parcels in Santa's grotto in a couple of weeks! We have also been busy practising the songs for the Nativity play which is really beginning to get us into the Christmas spirit. (The children will not need their P.E. kit until the new term as we will be rehearsing our Nativity or using the parachute during our remaining P.E. sessions.)

As the weather is getting colder can you please encourage the children to try and do their zips and buttons up independently and also please name any gloves, hats and scarfs. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend **Pat Creed**

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

A very week this week in Sapphire. First of all, I am sure you will all agree with me when I say that our class assembly was amazing. Thank you to everybody who attended – it really was a superb turn out. It is not an easy thing standing up in front of the entire school and speaking but all children were fantastic and should all be extremely proud of themselves – we most certainly are! Now, we are going to Hillyfields to link last half term's learning in Science as well as focusing on this half term's Art work. It is obviously beginning to get very chilly so please ensure that all children arrive to school on Tuesday ready. This will also need to include wellies which we will change into just before lunch. A big well done to Amelie and Shivana who have won this year's Catriona's Writing competition in Sapphire. However, I would also like to say a big well done to all other children. The enthusiasm, determination and care that all children put into this competition was fantastic and there were lots of amazing entries! Please remember that next Friday is an INSET day (29<sup>th</sup>) so all homework will be sent home next Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> November) instead! Have a lovely, relaxing weekend, and well done for all achievements this week Sapphire!

[James Stringer](#) and [Tracey Hargate](#).

## DIAMOND CLASS

This week in Maths, the children have continued working with measurements, converting units of weight and capacity, ordering and comparing measurements and applying their understanding of conversions when carrying out word problems. The class absolutely enjoyed their practical estimating lesson where they carried out a range of activities involving scales, various objects, weights, measuring cylinders and lots of estimation!

In Literacy, the children learnt to view both sides of an argument by writing a balanced argument, based on our class story 'Gregory Cool'. They used evidence in the text to support arguments for and against whether Gregory should stay in Tobago, or return to England. They practised using contrasting connectives and subordinating conjunctions to enhance their writing.

The children went back in time as they completed storyboards, depicting life in the Stone Age. They previously identified differences between the middle stone age (Mesolithic period) and the new stone age (Neolithic period). Fantastic work this week Diamond Class!

Have a great weekend. [Sabrina Anderson](#)

## EMERALD CLASS

This week the children in Emerald Class have been writing a book review for Theseus and the Minotaur. The children have learned a range of writing features that go into creating a good book review, and, using an example of one, they have worked together to devise excellent ideas that would fit their own reviews. It really is fantastic to see how the children's confidence has improved in writing, with many taking 'risks' with their style and including more and more sophisticated features. In RE, we have continued looking at the miracles of Jesus. This week, we used drama to consider how different miracles affected the people involved in them, and thought about how they affect our own lives and choices. Well done to all! In maths we have focused on statistics, collecting our data, drawing bar charts, line graphs and pie charts. Please remember that on Tuesday morning we have a maths workshop where you are invited to come into the classroom and work with your child on their maths. We hope you have a relaxing weekend.

[Joe Law](#) & [Kamran Ezel](#)

# 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 **MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER** 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%.

## Pyjama Day

We raised £118.80 in aid of the repair works to the ceiling in St. John's Church.

Thank you

## Mother Goose Pantomime

Letters have gone home today for Reception to Year 6 to come along to the Pantomime on Tuesday 17 December. Please pay on ParentPay.

## 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.stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk)
2. On the homepage scroll down
3. Click on School Shop
4. Choose and buy your items



## School Council & Eco-Committee

Thank you to all members of Emerald Class for the posters that they have completed on encouraging both parents and pupils to think very carefully about the importance of reusing, recycling and refusing to waste. Hopefully this will really help pupils to recognise the importance of reducing our waste both in school and at home. There are some very important messages in these posters that we help us to make a conscious effort to try to ensure that we are reducing our waste and reusing our rubbish.

## More Recycling quotes from our pupils

*'Think it only takes a blink to recycle, refuse, reuse and reduce. Think for a finer future.'* **MILO**

*'You should think before you litter. Think about what you are doing to the environment. All of those animals are dying from your litter. Think before you throw your litter. Think before you throw.'* **ANGEL**

*'We should think about not throwing plastic on the floor because God gave us this planet to take care of, not to destroy. Think about all the creatures dying because of our rubbish. Please re-use, recycle, reduce and refuse.'* **ALEX**

*'I believe that we should re-use the amount of plastic we buy from the shops because we are recycling to much. You might think that recycling is ok for the environment but it causes a disastrous amount of pollution for it to turn it into the finished product. Always re-use.'* **SOFIA B**

## 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**

<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>2019</b>
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

<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

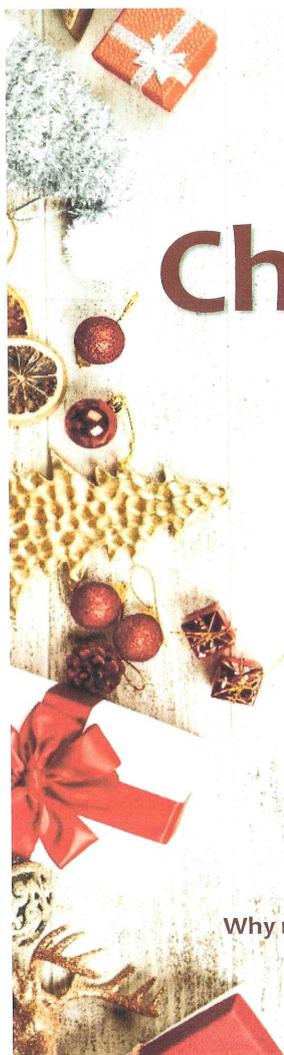
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>2020</b>
INSET DAY	Monday 6 January
Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half Term	Monday 17 Feb -Friday 21 February
Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 3 April

<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



ST JOHN & ST LUKE  
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CLAY HILL

# Christmas Cracker

A family-friendly time together, to enjoy being a community as we start Advent, our time of preparation for Christmas!

- Delicious seasonal food
- Mulled wine
- Games
- Entertainment
- Raffle of Christmas goodies
- Tombola
- ... and lots more!

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11.45am – 2.15pm  
St Luke's Church  
Why not come to the 10.30 service and stay?!

Our School Choir will be starting the Christmas Cracker off at 11.45am.

Please come along and support them.

**Christmas Cracker, Sun 1st Dec, 11.45am, St Luke's** Our party to mark the start of Advent returns, with entertainment and festive food aplenty. This is a really great chance to get to know more people in the church family here at St John's & St Luke's, so please do come along and enjoy yourselves! It will start straight after the 10.30am service – so why not come to that too?! **If you can help with raffle or tombola prizes, please see Elaine Plumb or Ian Buswell.**

**Advent Christmas Services Advent Lights, Sun 1st Dec, 6pm, St John's** An Advent Carol service to mark the start of Advent

## INFORMATION

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





## Date List for Autumn Term 2019

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Tuesday 26	Maths workshop for parents in Emerald Class	9.00am
Friday 29	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Monday 2	Decorating the school hall for Christmas (all help welcome)	<b>3.00pm</b>
Friday 6	Special Christmas Pop Up Shop every Friday	<b>3.00pm</b>
Thursday 12	Nativity for Ruby Class	2.00pm
Friday 13	Christmas Jumper Day (£1.50 donation) & Christmas School Dinner	
Friday 13	Secret Santa Shop for all pupils—£2 per present	
Monday 16	Christmas Class Parties	
Tuesday 17	Pantomime at the 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.