



# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It has been so lovely seeing all the pupils returning to school looking so refreshed and ready to embrace an action packed year ahead!

We had such a successful year last year and very much want to duplicate exactly what we did last year as the impact from this has been superb. Next week we will be starting with our parents' meetings and I can't stress enough the importance of attending these meetings so that everyone is clear about the expectations for this year. We are also running a variety of different workshops for parents this half-term and the details of these are as follows:

26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am meeting for all Reception parents regarding phonics and reading

1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am meeting for Diamond parents regarding reading and time to observe the teaching of reading

2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am meeting for Sapphire parents regarding phonics and time to observe phonic teaching

10<sup>th</sup> October at 9am meeting for Sapphire parents regarding reading and time to observe the teaching of reading

15<sup>th</sup> October at 9am for Emerald parents regarding reading and time to observe the teaching of reading

17<sup>th</sup> October at 9am for Reception parents regarding follow up to the reading meeting and attendance

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

Thank you to all the parents who have helped out last year with the many fundraising events that we ran, it has been really appreciated. Not only has it been very enjoyable for all the pupils but also it raised a great sum of money that has helped us to purchase enough I pads so that every child has an Ipad to use during an IT class lesson. A total of £2,795.30 was raised by the PTA last year which was superb and has funded the I pads in the classrooms, the cost of the coaches for the pantomime at Christmas and new playground equipment and wet play equipment. Our aim this year is to make this even more successful and try to involve a lot more parents and carers so that we are able to run more activities throughout the year. 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.

Pop up shop on Friday from 2.45pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning – PTA meeting to agree our plan of action for this year – donations of cakes would be really appreciated. All new parents are most welcome to attend.

## This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	
Sapphire	95.8%
Diamond	98.0%
Emerald	92.7%
Overall	95.5%

## Week Beginning Monday 9 September 2019

### Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.15pm	<b>Parents' Meeting— Diamond Class</b>
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 Yr5

### Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
2.15pm	<b>Parents' Meeting— Emerald Class</b>
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	School Choir
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr4

### Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
2.15pm	<b>Parents' Meeting— Sapphire Class</b>
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club (Yr 3-6)
3.00-4.00pm	Science Club (by invitation after half- term)
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr3

### Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Tennis Club (Yr 2-Yr6)
3.00-4.00pm	Booster Class Yr5

### Friday

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



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Please note the following meetings are taking place next week and it is really important that all parents and carers make every effort to attend:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm Diamond Class parents/ carers

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm Emerald Class parents/ carers

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm Sapphire Class parents/carers

Have a very enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Susan Notley

Headteacher

## **School dinners & packed lunches from September**

I am delighted to report that all pupils have been superb in adhering to the new packed lunch requirements and pupils in Sapphire Class have been so sensible in choosing their school dinner, especially the Year 1 pupils.

If pupils in KS2 decide to bring in a packed lunch, then they must ensure that they make the following choices. Again the cold option will be available for KS2 as well.

Packed lunch requirements consist of three choices, these are as follows:

Choice 1: Sandwich, roll or wrap with a healthy filling/ cheese and crackers/ pasta/ soup/rice/ couscous/salads.

Choice 2: Crisps/yogurt/health bar

Choice 3: Fruit/vegetables

Water

Please note that no treats are allowed.

Last year we had too many pupils constantly changing from packed lunch to school dinners and vice versa which is really causing us a lot of problems. Furthermore, we must also be mindful of the fact that we have got Enfield catering running our school kitchen; we don't want to be a position that it is no longer financially viable for them to run this catering service. It would be a real shame for us to lose this superb resource as this is something that both the governors and I worked really hard to get up and running eleven years ago. In addition to this, we are a healthy school and I am very aware that many packed lunches are not in line with this so that is why we are monitoring these very closely from September. The school dinners are an excellent standard, complying with the healthy eating requirements and there is always the option for pupils to help themselves to the salad bar and have seconds if they so require it.

## RUBY CLASS

We look forward to Ruby Class pupils starting over the next few weeks.

**Pat Creed**

SAPPHIRE CLASS I hope you all had a lovely summer and are ready for what will be a very successful year in Sapphire Class! I would like to begin by expressing my thanks for all the lovely, generous end-of-year gifts from all parents/carers etc – they were all greatly appreciated so thank you. We've all had a super first few days settling into class after the summer holidays. It sounds as if you have all had a lovely, exciting summer which is fantastic! We are continuing to share holiday diaries today. Despite being back for only 4 whole days, I have been VERY impressed with how the Year 1 children have settled in really well and how they have taken this new experience in their stride, considering how much information they have been given and have had to remember! The Year 2 children have done an amazing job so far in helping the Year 1 children settle into Sapphire Class and I am looking forward to seeing this continue! I have been so amazed with the level of writing and maths that all the children are already showing and I am very excited for this to continue! A gentle reminder that PE is on a Monday and Thursday afternoon, so all children should bring their full kit to school on a Monday. Your child has received homework which is expected to be returned into school on Wednesday. Finally, I look forward to seeing all the parents/carers etc at our Parents' Meeting in Sapphire Class on Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> September) at 2:15pm where lots of useful information will be shared. If you cannot make this appointment, I strongly urge you to speak the office who will arrange a time for you to meet myself at the earliest possible convenience. I am very excited to working with you all to ensure a successful and fantastic year. Have a lovely, relaxing weekend everyone. [James Stringer and Tracey Hargate](#).

## DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond Class have had a brilliant and super busy start to the year! Year 3 pupils have settled in really well in their new classroom and I am very pleased with how Year 4 pupils have got right back into the swing of things! A few children have been really helpful towards the new year group and have been setting a good example for the younger children to follow.

The class began the week by writing individual prayers that will be presented in our Class Prayer Book, where a child can choose a prayer to read at the end of each day.

The children recapped place value in Maths, writing numbers in words and numerals, ordering and comparing numbers and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

In Literacy, the class learnt to write a thank-you speech from the point of view of a character from our class story, 'Miranda the Explorer' by James Mayhew.

A wonderful start to the week Diamond Class – Well done!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend.

[Sabrina Anderson](#)

## EMERALD CLASS

In our first week back after the summer holidays, the children in Emerald Class have settled very well. In our literacy lessons, we have been planning and writing prayers for our class prayer book. The children have thought very carefully about all the important things they are thankful for as key things they would like to help. Next week, we will begin looking at our first text of the year and start working towards writing engaging texts based on the story. In maths we have focused on place value and number with the children solving some tricky number investigations later in the week. In history we have started our topic based on Ancient Greece that the children seem to be very excited about, me too! Please could all of the children's homework and one page from their mental maths book be handed in by Wednesday. Next week we have a week's programme of Bikeability, please make sure your child's permission form is handed into the office no later than Monday morning and your child's bike is in school for the week. This is not compulsory but we believe it is a vital skill that all children should be proficient in. Well done to all for a great first week back!

[Joe Law & Kamran Ezel](#)

# NOTICES

## Attendance for the week

**DIAMOND CLASS** have received the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on **MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER** 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%.

## 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

Parents will only be able to purchase Uniform and Resources from the ParentPay Shop from now on.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=783>

or

Go to our website, where on the homepage is a link.

Please choose and buy your items on here and then once paid, pick up your item from the school office.

## No Mobile Phone & No Photos

Please may we remind parents that the use of mobile phones in the school grounds are not permitted.

For specific safeguarding reasons, the school can no longer permit photographs being taken or videoing at any public events i.e. church services, celebration assemblies, class assem-



## Lost Property

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



## School Council & Eco-Committee

Next week we will be announcing the newly appointed members of the School Council and Eco-Committee. If your child would like to be considered for this, please ensure that they write their speech, ready to present to the class and we will elect four members from every class and two members from Ruby Class.

## After School Clubs

All After-School activities are starting on Tuesday 10 September as staff have training after school on Monday 9 September. A letter of confirmation will have gone home with your child if you have paid for the clubs. Pupils will not be allowed to attend After School Clubs unless payment has been made.



## 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 September 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—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



## Date List for Autumn Term 2019

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Monday 2	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
Tuesday 3	School starts for the Autumn Term	8.45am
Monday 9	After School Clubs cancelled due to staff training	
Monday 9	Parents' Meeting—Diamond Class	2.15pm
Tuesday 10	After Schools Clubs commence	
Tuesday 10	Parents' Meeting—Emerald Class	2.15pm
Wednesday 11	Parents' Meeting—Sapphire Class	2.15pm
Friday 20	Jeans for Genes Day	
Tuesday 24	KS2 pupils at Forty Hall—activities all day	
Thursday 26	Meeting for all Reception parents regarding phonics and reading	9.00am
Friday 27	Macmillan Coffee Morning—all parents are welcome	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Tuesday 1	Meeting for Diamond parents regarding reading and time to observe the teaching of reading	9.00am
Wednesday 2	Meeting for Sapphire parents regarding phonics and time to observe phonic teaching	9.00am
Wednesday 2	Harvest Festival Service—St. John' Church	2.20pm
Tuesday 8	Fire Safety Talk—Sapphire & Emerald Class	
Tuesday 8	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 10	Meeting for Sapphire parents regarding reading and time to observe the teaching of reading	9.00am
Thursday 10	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 15	Meeting for Emerald parents regarding reading and time to observe the teaching of reading	9.00am
Tuesday 15	Flu Nasal Spray—Reception to Year 6	
Wednesday 16	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.30am
Thursday 17	Meeting for Reception parents regarding follow up to the reading meeting and attendance	9.00am
Monday 21—Friday 25	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Wednesday 30	Class Assembly—Emerald Class	9.00am
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Wednesday 6	Class Assembly—Diamond Class	9.00am
Tuesday 12	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.30am
Wednesday 13	Remembrance Service—St. John's Church	2.20pm
Wednesday 20	Class Assembly—Sapphire Class	9.00am
Friday 29	<b>INSET DAY</b>	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Thursday 12	Nativity for Ruby Class	
Friday 13	Christmas Jumper Day (£1.50 donation)	
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.