



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

I am delighted to report that we have completed another very successful week at St. John's School despite the fact that some parents have experienced real difficulty with being able to get their child tested. Thank you for persevering with this as everyone's vigilance is absolutely essential in order to keep our entire school community safe. Attached to this newsletter is a useful guide for both parents and carers in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19, please do take some time to read this and continue to take the time at home to instil in your child the importance of high levels of hygiene so that we are all playing our part in keeping everyone safe.

Unfortunately, due to the potential risk that it poses, we are not allowing parents into the school and therefore, we will be offering our induction meetings with parents via TEAMS. If for any reason you are unable to make the meeting, we will record it so that you can listen to it when you are able to. These meetings will take place at the following times:

Sapphire Class – Monday 21st September 12.45pm – 1.30pm

Emerald Class – Tuesday 29th September 2pm – 2.45pm

Diamond Class – Thursday 24th September 1.45pm – 2.30pm

We have sent out a parents' guide for classes in KS1 and 2 via parent pay today and this will form the basis of the conversation that will take place at these meetings. We will also be talking to you about how we are going to conduct individual parents' meetings before half-term as now more than ever these meetings are absolutely essential so that we can work closely together to support your child's learning.

If there is anything that you are concerned about at any time, please don't hesitate to talk to myself at the gate in the morning or at the end of the day or you can email me directly but please be mindful that I will be teaching at sometimes and won't be able to respond immediately.

We are aiming to start after school clubs from the week beginning the 28th September but will have to run them in a slightly different way in order to comply with the set guidance. The clubs are as follows:

Monday	Football Club	Emerald Class (Year 5 & 6)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20
Tuesday	Football Club	Diamond and Sapphire Class (Year 1,2,3 & 4)	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20
Wednesday	Tennis Club	Emerald Class (Year 5 & 6)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20
Thursday	Tennis Club	Diamond and Sapphire Class (Year 1,2,3 & 4)	3.00 – 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20

Please pay on ParentPay if you would like your child to attend.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the sun will keep shining for a little longer.

Best wishes

Sue Notley

Headteacher

I am sure you will appreciate the complexity and challenges that the school face at this particular time to ensure that we are taking every measure possible to keep you child safe. It is important that we are working together to achieve this.

Here are some important rules, which we need all parents to follow, in order to keep children, staff and parents safe. **We rely on every parent to follow our procedures so that things run as smoothly and safely as possible.**

Parents will not be permitted to go to the school office at any time.

Please ring if you need to speak to someone.

Therefore, it is essential that you adhere to the following expectations if your child is returning to St. John's School.

- There is an expectation from the school that if you are sending your child to school, that you are agreeing to have your child tested if he/she shows symptoms of the virus, otherwise your child cannot attend school.
- Please note that if your child presents with any symptoms of the coronavirus, they must stay at home and should self-isolate as per Government guidelines. In addition to this, if they show any signs of being unwell, whatever they are that they should stay at home. You will need to inform the school of this.
- It is important that everyone fully understands that this is a public health crisis and any child presenting with cold like symptoms will not be allowed into school unless they take a Covid -19 test and can evidence a negative test.
- Only one adult will be allowed to drop off their child and collect. (Please arrange this in advance, so that we do not have to remind anyone at the gate). If a different adult is collecting, please inform the school in advance.
- All parents will maintain social distancing of 2 metres at all times. This includes your child too, markers will be displayed to help with this outside of the school.
- Please be prompt for drop off and pick up. Please also keep a 2 metre distance if you are waiting on the pavement outside the school. Parents must not congregate together outside or on the school site. Our measures have been put in place for everyone's safety.
- We will be taking every child's temperature as they come into school. If they do have a high temperature they will go straight home.
- Please talk to your children before they come back into school about the importance of hand washing, social distancing and the importance of listening to instructions given by adults in school.
- To minimise risk of contamination, please only bring in blue book bags.
- No scooters or bikes will be allowed on the premises – please keep them at home.
- To ensure safety for all concerned, can you please arrive at the correct time (observing the social distancing measures that are put in place for dropping off and collecting), as we are trying to stagger the entry and dismissal times. Could you please collect your child at the correct time also as stated on the weekly schedule.

DIAMOND CLASS Another very successful week in Diamond Class with the majority of pupils achieving excellent results in their weekly spelling test which was extremely encouraging to see. On Wednesday we sent home the reading books for the week, the reading journal that needs to be completed by your child and signed by a parent/carer and the spellings that need to be learnt by next Wednesday. Mr Law has checked every child's log in details on Times Tables RockStars so your child should be practising their times tables every night as well. We will be visiting the Library on a Friday and your child will be bringing a book home, they can have this book for a maximum of two weeks, if they would like to return it prior to this, they can do so but it must be on a Wednesday as that is the only day that they are required to bring their book bags. Please read the information below regarding reading as I can't emphasise enough the importance of hearing your child read every night. From listening to pupils read this week, it is obvious that many pupils are not reading at home and this is seriously hindering their learning. This afternoon we had a lovely time in Hillyfields as a treat for the class for completing an excellent week. I am looking forward to our meeting next **Thursday the 24th September at 1.45pm** when I will explain how Diamond Class will work but in the meantime I have outlined below what the expectations for homework are and some general information that I thought would be helpful for you to know:

Homework: Due to COVID-19 we have had to make several changes here in order to keep everyone safe but nevertheless homework is a really important part of a child's learning and we really need all parents support with this. Homework will always be differentiated to ensure that the level of challenge provided will be correct for your child and matches what is being taught in your child's group. The big difference this year is that only reading books are to be brought back weekly but no completed homework is to be returned to school due to potential risk that this poses.

All homework will be given to your child on a **Wednesday** and will be expected back to be completed by the following **Wednesday**. If your child doesn't complete the set homework, then they will have to complete it in Catch Up Club on Thursday. We will know very quickly whether pupils are completing their homework at home as all pupils are going to be in daily reading groups so we will be listening to every child read daily and quickly assess whether they are reading at home daily or not. Spellings will be tested on a Wednesday and again we will be able to assess who is learning these daily as well. Daily Maths sessions are very heavily supported and we can tell very quickly if a child is learning their times tables and Mr. Law will be assessing the My Maths homework being completed weekly.

Spellings: Your child will also be given a copy of their spellings on Wednesday and they will need to know them for a test the following Wednesday.

Times Tables: All pupils are signed up on Times Tables Rock Star and will be expected to practise their times tables Monday to Friday. By the end of Year 4, it is a national requirement that children know their times tables and therefore, it is really important that quality time is devoted to this.

Reading: Reading in Key Stage Two is fundamental and is a key priority across the school this year. It is essential that parents take the time to listen to their child read daily so that you are able to support them but also question them on their understanding of what they have read. The really big change for pupils moving into Key Stage Two is that they are now reading to learn, therefore, checking their reading comprehension is really crucial and quality time spent on this will really benefit your child. Children will be given enough reading material to last for a week and they are expected to read for at least twenty minutes from Monday to Friday. As we are trying to reduce the risk of contamination, we will no reading will now be completed on TEAMS.

Book Bags: Every child is required to have a blue book bag and only needs to be brought into school on Wednesday for them to return their reading books and completed reading journal and take home their reading material and spellings for the week. It is essential that no other homework comes back into school due to the potential risk of contamination.

P.E: These will take place on a **Monday** and **Thursday** and an outdoor learning activity on **Friday**, we expect that your child will come into school on those days in their PE kit.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything that you would like to discuss or if you have any concerns.



Hello everyone,

Welcome back to St John's for the new term. I hope very much that you were able to get some time to rest and be at peace over the summer, although I recognise that for many of us that will have been very difficult.

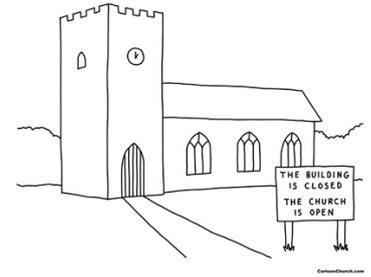
When restrictions relating to COVID first came in, I'm sure that very few of us imagined that things would still be so constrained as late in the year as September. After so many months of difficulties, during which Spring has gone and Summer flashed by, many of us will be exhausted by it all, and still feel anxious for all sorts of reasons. The added complexities of having your children back at school, and the concerns and challenges that that inevitably brings, will only add to the stress.

Amidst all this, if you ever need some pastoral support, don't hesitate to give me a call or send me a message. Even if we've never had a chat before – if you could do with someone who will just listen, and let you offload, then please do get in touch.

Since July, we have started holding services in our church buildings once again. We have not yet reached the stage of reinstating Junior Church or our Children's Service, but we hope to do something in that regard soon. For the time-being, our Children's Service continues to be shared each week online.

In the meantime, I will keep you all in my prayers, and I hope to see many of you soon. Take care, and as Bishop Rob often says, go gently.

Every blessing, Fr Peter 020 8363 6055 revpetergodden@outlook.com



After School Clubs

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

Monday	Football Club	Emerald Class (Year 5 & 6)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20
Tuesday	Football Club	Diamond and Sapphire Class (Year 1,2,3 & 4)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20
Wednesday	Tennis Club	Emerald Class (Year 5 & 6)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20
Thursday	Tennis Club	Diamond and Sapphire Class (Year 1,2,3 & 4)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Mr Pople - £20

Date List for Autumn Term 2020

September		
Monday 21	TEAMS Induction Meeting—Sapphire Class	12.45— 1.30pm
Thursday 24	TEAMS Induction Meeting—Diamond Class	1.45— 2.30pm
Tuesday 29	TEAMS Induction Meeting—Emerald Class	2.00— 2.45pm
October		
Thursday 1	International Poetry Day—Paul Lyalls, Poet to work with all pupils	
Monday 5—Friday 9	Bikeability all week—Emerald Class	
Monday 26—Friday 30	HALF TERM	
November		
Friday 27	INSET DAY	
December		
Friday 18	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm

Teams/Online Safety

Following on from my message in this section of the newsletter last week, I wish to share this absolutely fantastic, clear guide with you regarding parental controls to ensure a safe, online environment for child - <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/springcroft-primary-school/UploadedDocument/d116b484372346bc8fc855cc2c037cb6/parental-controls-booklet-2020.pdf>. Please do take the time to explore this link as there are lots of really helpful tips, ideas and suggestions here which are broken down clearly into different sections, ranging from Social Media, game consoles and smart devices.

Many thanks, James Stringer

Term Dates for 2020/2021

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	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	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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

It has been a busy week in Sapphire - please do take the time to view the updates Mr Ellis has posted on the 'Latest News' section of the website. We have introduced our reading groups this week. In Sapphire, we 'branch' off into small groups which allows us to ensure that reading groups are specific and reading is tailored to the level of the group. This can involve movement and transition between Sapphire and other parts of school. I have been impressed with how well we have all managed this (especially Year 1 who are completely new to this system!) **I cannot emphasise enough the significance of reading, especially at such an early age. Please do ensure that daily reading is taking place to help facilitate the learning taking place in school.** In Maths, both year groups are working on consolidating their knowledge and understanding of place value and number. This will continue next week. Please ensure your child is in full PE kit in school on Monday and Thursday as these are our PE days. Library is starting next Friday; **please ensure your child brings their blue book bag to school on Friday only!** I look forward to our Teams' meeting on **Monday 21st September at 12:45 – 1:30pm** when I will explain in detail how Sapphire Class is going to work this academic year. Have a lovely, restful weekend.

James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.

RUBY CLASS

This week In Ruby Class we have had our 'stay and play' sessions to welcome all our Reception children into school. It was lovely to see our 'old' nursery children back in the classroom and see how tall they all are now! We also welcomed our new children and parents to Ruby Class and to St John's School and are looking forward to working with you all. We are very excited for next week when the children will begin their settling in period by coming into school for the afternoons; 12.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe

Pat Creed & Elena Dall'Aglio

pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

Wow, we can't believe we are already at the end of week 2! The children have now really settled into their daily routines at St. John's and the positive results are already starting to show. Spelling results were very good this week, timestables improved in both speed and accuracy and the children have been producing work of an improving standard. In maths we have been focusing on multiplication strategies and a number of children are now confident using long multiplication methods, which is fantastic. It is crucial everybody knows their Times Tables inside out; I have now set up their new accounts on Times Tables Rockstars so they are ready to go with practicing at home. In history we have looked at the Maya religion and the gory way they performed some of their rituals! The children are in the middle of producing a Word document based upon this. On Tuesday 29th September at 1:45pm we will be having our class meeting going through the structure and expectations of the week via Microsoft teams, this will be recorded if you are unable to make it. We hope you have a relaxing weekend and stay safe.

Mr Law & Mr Ezel

Know Your Symptoms

Covid-19

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Fatigue
- Shortness of Breath

Flu

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Runny Nose
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Muscle and Joint Pain

Cold

- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Aches and Pains
- Watery Eyes
- Sneezing
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Allergies

- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Itchy Eyes
- Runny or Stuffy Nose

Please check [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for up to date information regarding Covid-19 information.



CALL US

If you're worried about yourself
or someone else

FREE PHONE

0800 923 9009

Domestic Abuse – Help and Support



Barnet, Enfield and Haringey 
Mental Health NHS Trust

School Nursing Service Single Point of Access

Schools are closed at the moment and things are a bit different but the school nursing team are still here to help. The team can advise and support on any general health concerns for 5-19 year olds including behaviour, bedwetting, keeping healthy, anxiety, sexual health or on long term medical conditions

Who are we? A team of specialist community public health practitioners (School Nursing), qualified nurses with additional training and qualified nursery nurses with expertise in child development and behaviour.

When? 9am-4pm Monday-Friday.

Who can contact us? Children/ young people, parents/ carers, school staff and other professionals

How can we contact?

Tel: 0208 702 6184

beh-tr.CedarSN@nhs.net