



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

It is so encouraging to be starting to plan for the safe return of all pupils on the 8th March and to hear the Government's approach as to how they are planning to ease the lockdown restrictions. I am still in the process of finalising the plans for the 8th March—I am sure you can appreciate it is not a straight forward procedure as the guidance has changed since the Autumn Term. As soon as I have all the necessary procedures in place, I will be in touch with you to confirm our strategy at St. John's for the safe opening of our school. It is important that I stress the word safe as this is upper most in our minds at all times as we need to ensure that we have everyone's full commitment in this area in order to minimise the risk of a positive case within the school.

Please take the time to look at the extremely positive feedback (in the Home Learning section on the website) which we received from parents for our Remote Learning survey – it so encouraging to read and to display on our website as we should be so proud of what we have achieved throughout a very challenging time. We have started to implement the requested changes from Monday and it is encouraging to see so many pupils joining in with a daily morning workout led by Mr. Pople in Diamond Class at 8.45am and then in Emerald Class at 9.00am. The same sessions are running in both Ruby and Sapphire classes at 1.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We are also ensuring that we are weaving more of a creative theme through our foundation subjects that are taught in the afternoon. It is really important now that all pupils sustain their excellent levels of engagement and completion of set tasks until we return to school on the 8th March. We will not be going back over this teaching as we will expect that the pupils are ready to continue from where we left off on the 6th March.

Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

Compassion Cup

Ruby Class: Aoife Liebenberg & Elyse Deith

Sapphire Class: Lefteris Eleftheriadis

Diamond Class: Alexander Lesniak

Emerald Class: Giovanni Gioe

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Jasper Gentry

Sapphire Class: Conor O'Sullivan & Year 2 Literacy

Diamond Class: Michelle Pop

Gold Start Certificates

Ruby Class: Whole of Ruby Class

Sapphire Class: Year 1

Year 2

Diamond Class: Harry Venn

Emerald Class: May-Valerie Milne

Ryan Oerlemans

The class with the highest attendance this week was: **DIAMOND CLASS**

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine like last weekend.

With our very best wishes,

Susan Notley, Headteacher



Microsoft Teams

Welcome back St. John's! I hope you all managed to have a lovely, restful half-term break despite the restrictions we all faced. This week started off really positive with the government announcing that all pupils are able to return to school from Monday 8th March. As a staff team, we are all really looking forward to seeing you all again, face-to-face, in school from this date and are all currently really busy preparing for this. With this in mind, I must really stress is the importance and significance of 'keeping going'. As IT lead for the school, I know I speak on behalf of all class teachers when I say how proud we are with how well we have adapted to Microsoft Teams as a school during these challenging times. We fully acknowledge and appreciate that these times are tricky for everybody, but the way we have shown endurance as a school has been absolutely amazing. Now, it is so important that we continue to show this endurance and resilience for one last week before our return to school so we can end on a really positive note!! As class teachers will be pointing out over the course of next week, it is so important that **all of our assignments** are completed and up to date ready for our return. I wish everyone a happy, safe weekend. Take care.

James Stringer

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World Book Day

On Wednesday 3 March design a story hat—using newspaper recycled materials.

On Thursday 4 March—dress in your story hat

Reading Challenge—send in a photograph of the most unusual place to read a book, we will then turn this into a gallery for the website.

Returning of books

Please remember to return any outstanding books on a weekly basis as these resources are invaluable to us.

Packs and books are available from 9.00am to 3.00pm every Tuesday.

School Uniform

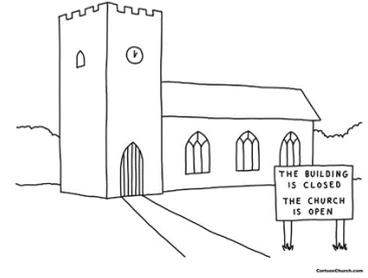
This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 155-157 Lancaster Rd, Enfield EN2 0JN.

If you would like to purchase a school tie or water bottle, this can be purchased from the ParentPay shop, where the link is located on our homepage of the school website or please use the link below.

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

Dear friends,

The recent news of the plan to ease restrictions on our way of life will have given rise to a huge range of emotions, both in ourselves and others. There will be those of us who are simply overjoyed; others who are feeling nervous about the prospect of having to come out of the safety of our homes or bubbles. There will be anxiety about whether this is the right course of action, excitement about the new possibilities it offers, and tears of relief that we may once again be able to embrace our loved ones from whom we have been separated.



May we be gentle, both with ourselves and others; we are continuing to carry really difficult and painful memories and feelings as a result of the pandemic, and so we will inevitably all be in a different place with all this. As Bishop Rob often says, go gently.

We are considering how we can safely restart holding public services in St John's & St Luke's, and details of that will be shared when they become available.

For the time-being, we continue to share all of our services for St John's and St Luke's online-only, and you are welcome to any of them. Just go along to our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/clayhillparish.

Take care and peace be with you.

Every blessing,

Fr Peter

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St. John's School Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for St. John's School and for making us one whole family.

Help us to remember that we are a team and should all work together and care for each other.

Keep our hearts full of love and friendship.

Thank you for our friend Catriona who no longer is with us.

Help us to keep the school's Golden Rules.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our good works and achievements. We ask you to keep us all safe.

Amen

Date List for Spring Term 2021		
MARCH		
Thursday 4	World Book Day—Reusing and Recycling costumes—dress in your story hat	
Wednesday 10	Poetry anthology for Mothering Sunday for all pupils	
Wednesday 10	Pupils singing for Mothering Sunday	
Wednesday 17	Eco-Committee Event	
Wednesday 24	Easter Concert for every class on video for the website	
Wednesday 31	Easter Concert on video for parents	
APRIL		
Thursday 1	END OF SPRING TERM	1pm

SPRING 2021		SUMMER 2021	
INSET DAY	Monday 4 January	Starts	Monday 19 April
Starts	Tuesday 5 January	Half-term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June
Half-term	Monday 15 Feb -Friday 19 February	Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 23 July
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 1 April	Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May
		INSET DAY	Friday 25 June

RUBY CLASS

It was lovely to see everyone after the half term break. I hope you all managed to have a good break away from laptops! We are all looking forward to the children being back in school on the 8th March and have already begun to plan for the children's return. Thank you to all the children for your great listening on 'Teams' this week. I'm so impressed with how enthusiastic the children are about Mr Pople's keep fit sessions which I know they are really enjoying. We have moved onto our new topic of 'People who help us' and the children have shown a lot of knowledge who helps us, including the ice cream man because he makes us happy! In maths we have revisited capacity; predicting how much liquid different sized containers hold. In phonics we are consolidating our recognition of speed sounds and extending the skills of blending and segmenting to support our emerging readers.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, take care

Pat Creed, & Sylwia Hocyk pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Welcome back everyone, and what a lovely start to the half-term, as we heard the news that we're able to return back to school on Monday 8th March - it has been so lovely to see the excited smiles and excitement for this. On behalf of the KS1 team, I can definitely say for certain that we're so excited to see you all again face-to-face. I do want to really take this time to say thank you to everybody for this week. Half-term cannot have been the easiest given the restrictions we faced, and I do know some of us have found Teams a little tricky as this week has progressed. We completely understand and appreciate that this is not easy for anybody. Despite this, what has amazed us has been your endurance, perseverance and that positive attitude of not giving up that the majority of you have displayed this week which has resulted in the majority of you submitting some fantastic work! You're all continuing to be absolute superstars and you should all be extremely proud of yourselves – we certainly are! Please bear in mind that now have one final week of remote learning before our return to school. Therefore, I cannot stress enough the importance and significance of having a nice, long rest this weekend ready for the 'final push' next week, which will involve the continuation of attendance and engagement with the sessions and the set assignments whilst also beginning to 'wrap things up' in terms of completing any outstanding assignments. Thank you all again, take care, and I look forward to seeing you all Monday for our last week on Teams!

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Elena Dall'Aglio

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DIAMOND CLASS

Thank you to the majority of pupils in Diamond Class for the excellent work that you completed throughout this week – it is a real credit to you. Please ensure that you catch up with any outstanding work so that you are ready to start on Monday. Remember for Science, RE and History you have a whole week to complete this work but the Maths and English work must be completed on a daily basis please. Congratulations to those pupils who received a certificate this week and for the pupils who led us through the prayer time after registration and to those pupils who wrote such thoughtful and moving prayers about the importance of showing compassion towards others. Please make sure that you have your costume ready for World Book Day on Thursday or your special hat. You are real stars Diamond Class, really try to keep this up as it is such a pleasure to teach you.

Have a really enjoyable weekend.

Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

Finally, some positive news, we will be returning to school on Monday 8th. It is essential that all the children's online work is completed by then as we will certainly be very busy in the classroom once we are back! In the last week, Emerald have been hard at work on creating sets of instructional writing for sandwich making and many other tasks. Mastery of the use of imperative verbs has been central to this task as well as pointing out important safety features related to whatever their chosen focus was. The children also engaged in a research task to look at the reasons why the Vikings travelled to so many places during their hegemony in history. Wanderlust had a powerful hold over these Scandinavian warrior farmers. Well done Emerald.

In maths we have focused on the place value of decimals and how to use them in calculations, a tricky subject area, but everybody has done really well. In RE we continued to look at life's journey and what Christians believe happens around death. A very deep topic, but the children have really produced some thoughtful and insightful answers. Once again may we thank everybody for their support in these trying times and let's hope we have a great week and our final week of online learning for a while. Take care and have a great weekend.

Joe Law and Jack Larkin

Parents' Information

If such a need should arise, if a pupil has a positive test, please contact the school office during school hours, otherwise please email the Headteacher.

head@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk

Alternatively, if your child has had a negative test, we now need to see the evidence of this—so please email this to the school office.

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

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Has COVID-19 changed your life?

Weighed down by unexpected money problems and mounting debt?

Can't afford funeral costs?

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We can help you with:

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Email us at:

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