



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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

From walking around the school this week, I can't help but think about how vibrant a school we really are with our vision statement being part of everything that St. John's School is about. We are now seeing pupils really settling into their learning and taking real pride in what they have achieved or are trying really hard to achieve. This determination, resilience and independence are really important values that we are supporting pupils with throughout all aspects of school life.

It is with much regret that I have to inform you that Mr. Ezel will be stepping down from his position as Assistant Head teacher and joint class teacher with Mr. Law for Emerald Class. Mr. Ezel has set up a company; to his absolute amazement it has gone from strength to strength over a very short space of time, so much so that Mr. Ezel has now decided that this is the career path that he wants to pursue. Whilst we are in awe of what Mr. Ezel has achieved and absolutely delighted for him that this new venture is proving to be highly successful, we will inevitably miss the expertise and skills that Mr. Ezel has to offer in so many areas of both leadership and development across the school. In the three years that Mr. Ezel has been in this post, he has been instrumental in the development of literacy across the school with a dramatic improvement in both reading and writing results for the majority of pupils. His leadership skills have had a profound impact on the development of the curriculum for all age groups, ensuring that our ongoing assessments of pupils are feeding directly into the teaching so that the majority of pupils make greater progress as a result of this and the support that he has provided for both teachers and support staff has had an extremely positive impact on their professional development. I am indeed very grateful for all that Mr. Ezel has given to St. John's School. In the interim whilst we seek to appoint a suitable replacement, Mr. Ezel will continue in his teaching role in both Emerald and Diamond Classes.

I am delighted to say that both Mr. Stringer and I have been really impressed with the very positive response to the class meetings that we had this week. If for any reason you were unable to be part of this, our meetings have been recorded so do please go back and listen to it as a lot of valuable information was discussed and it is really important that all parents understand why we are making reading our major priority across the school this year. Next week the meeting for Emerald Class parents will take place at the following time:

Emerald Class – Tuesday 29th September 2pm – 2.45pm (applications to secondary schools for Year 6 pupils will be discussed along with the planned trip to Manor Adventure next June)

Date to be agreed for Reception and Nursey parents

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.

Due to government's guidance we will have to conduct our usual parent meetings in a different way this term. All class teachers will be having these meetings over the phone and your child's class teacher will be in contact shortly with you regarding a suitable time for this telephone conversation to take place. We are aiming to start these meetings from the beginning of October and to be completed by half-term so that all parents have had quality time to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher and any other concerns etc. that you may wish to raise in this meeting.



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We are aiming to start after school clubs from the next Monday the 28th September, if you still require a place please return the completed slip along with the payment via ParentPay so that your child can start. 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

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

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley

Headteacher

DIAMOND CLASS

Thank you to all the parents who participated in my meeting yesterday and for anyone who was unable to make this, please listen to the recording so that you are clear about the expectations for Diamond Class this year. We will be starting the Catch Up Club from next Thursday for any child who hasn't completed their set homework which includes quality reading and completion of the Reading Journal from Monday to Friday with the parent's signature. If we feel that a pupil is not spending enough time learning their spellings or times tables, we will send them to this club to spend some time on this learning. I will be talking to every parent in the next week so that we can agree a suitable time for me to phone you so that we can discuss how well your child has settled in and the progress that they are making, this will also be an opportunity for you to raise any concerns that you may have or clarification that you may require also. Please remember if your child is attending a club on either Tuesday or Thursday, that they come to school 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.

Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi

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.

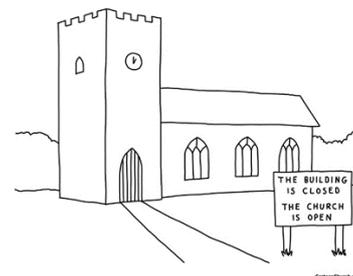
Please ring if you need to speak to someone.

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 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.



Message to follow from Father Peter.



After School Clubs

If you would like your child to attend, please pay on ParentPay and sign the permission slip.

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Date List for Autumn Term 2020

September		
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 5—Friday 23	Teachers in Sapphire, Diamond & Emerald to conduct a Parents' Meeting via telephone for all pupils in their class. Teachers will be in contact with you over the next week to agree a suitable time for this telephone conversation to take place.	
Monday 26—Friday 30	HALF TERM	
November		
Friday 27	INSET DAY	
December		
Friday 18	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm

Teams/Online Safety

This week via Parent Pay, you were all sent an email regarding online learning and online safety. Attached to this email was a copy of either the EYFS/KS1 Acceptable Use Agreement (or KS2 if you child is in Years 3-6) and our Acceptable Use Agreement for Parents. I cannot stress enough the importance and significance of reading and discussing with your child the content in the EYFS/KS1 or the KS2 AUAs as it is really important that we all work together to ensure that every pupil remains as safe as possible when online. As stated in this email, we do not require these to be returned signed due to the potential risk of any contamination. If there is anything on either document that you wish to discuss further, please do email me at James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk and I will endeavour to reply to you as soon as I possibly can. Many thanks for your support and cooperation with this. Have a lovely (hopefully sunny!!) weekend everybody!

James Stringer

St. John the Baptist Church

PATH CLOSURE for contractors to access the grounds with their deliveries from Wed 30th Sept till Fri 2nd Oct 2020.

This is to comply with 'site health & safety' and we are sure everyone will understand. There will also be temporary barriers put up on all three access paths.

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 so amazing to see all the children continue to be settled in their phonic/reading groups and really taking ownership, pride and care with all aspects of their learning this week! I am very impressed and proud of all pupils in Sapphire! In regards to snacks, please can we ensure that these are being brought into school in something that is see-through so we can monitor what is being brought in. This can range from a small Tupperware box, a see-through and labelled container, a sandwich bag, something in cling film etc. It is absolutely fine for your child to bring a snack into school, but please do ensure that these are healthy, light snacks (fruit, raisins, grapes etc) and not snacks such as crisps, sandwiches etc. Also, it was great to see so many book bags, reading books, reading records etc being brought into school today. As I emphasised in our meeting on Monday on Teams, I really cannot stress enough the importance of daily, quality phonic and reading work with your child in order to help facilitate the learning that is taking place on a daily basis in reading/phonic groups. To assist and support, I am hosting a Teams meeting on **Monday 28th September between 12:45pm-1:30pm**, where I will be explaining all things reading and phonics! Again, please do make every effort to attend and this will be recorded for those who cannot attend. I hope you all have a lovely, relaxing weekend, and well done for this week Sapphire!!

James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.

RUBY CLASS

It was lovely to see the children back at school on Monday; so enthusiastic to come into school and be reunited with old friends and to meet their new friends. We would like to welcome all our new children into Ruby Class and their families to St John's school. The children have settled very well into the routines of the Reception Class and have enjoyed exploring the different activities during the shortened sessions. Next week the children will be met at the main school gate by Ms Dall'Aglio and myself at 9.05 a.m. and we will walk them around to Ruby Class. A reminder that collection time from the school gate on Monday and Tuesday will be 12.15 p.m. and 1.15 p.m. on Wednesday. From Thursday the children will now be completing a full day at school – 9.05 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Can I please ask that all children's clothes are named and please remember to send your child in with a water bottle every day to enable them to access a drink independently. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Pat Creed & Elena Dall'Aglio

pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

Another very busy week in Emerald class. In maths we have been looking at division and the link with multiplication. The children have completed some great work but really do need to work on the speed in which they answer their timestables. Please make sure they are using Timestables Rockstars to practice this. In English the text the children are focusing on is Jazeera's Journey, the main being how the authors use writing and imagery to convey meaning. In science we are studying the Earth, Sun and Moon topic and learning all about our Solar System. In our art work we are looking at still life drawing and had a 'smelly' afternoon drawing our shoes. I was very impressed with the standard of the sketches and am looking forward to some high-quality work being produced later on in the unit. I look forward to speaking to as many of you as possible at our Emerald Class meeting via Teams on Tuesday 29th September at 1:45pm. I will be recording it if anybody cannot make that time. I hope you have a lovely weekend and manage to relax.

Mr Law & Mr Ezel

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

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