



## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

'For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace**'.  
**Isaiah 9:6**

Christmas is certainly upon us at St. John's School as every class will be decorating their classroom next week, Christmas trees are already up in every room in the school with the twinkling lights reminding us of how special this time of the year really is. Despite the challenges that we face, we are really determined to try to ensure that all our usual events and activities still go ahead but perhaps in a slightly different format. We will endeavour to capture as much as we can and post it on the latest news section so parents can catch a glimpse of what fun their children are having. Please ensure that you read the dates list, in particular the final week as we are aiming to make this as special as possible for the children so that they leave us having experienced the really spirit of Christmas.

*Look after our planet!*



This week both Ms. Chebbi and I have been working with Diamond Class in encouraging them to think about the changes that they can make in their home this week that will make a difference to our planet. Next week we will be publishing these in the newsletter and hope to continue to do this weekly so that we can really show St. John's commitment to looking after our beautiful world that God has given us.

Remember the three R's ----Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

If we are all making a real effort to try to do this on a daily basis, then think about the difference that we will make. Remember young people, you are the educators and adults you are the role models, together you can make a real difference in your home.

Last Friday we talked to Diamond Class about the significant role that Greta Thunberg has played in the world today. As a child, Greta was taught to save electricity, not to waste and not to throw away good food. Greta began to make small changes in her own life to help the planet. She stopped buying things unless she really needed them and really made every effort to reuse and recycle in her home. We have so much that we can learn from Greta and given the changes that we have already made in our school, we should be very proud of our achievements to date. However, we mustn't become complacent, there is still much more that we can do...do let me know what changes you have made and what you are thinking about next.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend and remember to reduce, reuse and recycle.

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley, Headteacher



## **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIMES**

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Emerald Class	8.45am	3pm
Diamond Class	8.45am	3pm
Sapphire Class	8.50am	2.50pm
Ruby Class – Reception Nursery	8.55am 12.15pm	2.45pm 2.45pm

**DIAMOND CLASS** Both Ms. Chebbi and I are absolutely delighted with the excellent response to the remote learning for this week and thank you also to parents for all your support, this is really appreciated. Please ensure that you are up to date with your work by Monday as we want to see all the completed work back with us on Monday. As we are having a real focus on how we can be more responsible citizens for looking after our planet, we really want to hear from you as well about the changes you are making at home in being more sustainable. It may be reusing containers, using containers instead of plastic food bags, recycling clothes, giving your clothes that no longer fit you to someone else, using a washable mask as opposed to a disposable mask etc. We would really like to be able to publish these changes that you are making on our weekly newsletter so that we are encouraging other members of our school community to do the same. As usual reading books are to be returned on Wednesday and from Monday, we will be expecting three sentences written in the Reading Journals from Monday to Friday again. **Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi**

### **School Council**

I would appreciate if any school council members could please have posters ready for me on Monday to advertise our PJ Day on Wednesday. We are raising money to support Vanessa who we are sponsoring in Uganda. Please could you donate £1 on our donate account on ParentPay by Wednesday. Thank you for your support as always.

### **Eco-Committee**

Mr. Hutchby has been looking after all the lovely plants that we now have around the school and they are really flourishing. He has even re-potted many of them this week, adding more soil and for some a bigger container. Reading up about plants this week I came across an interesting piece of research: *It's something that plant lovers have long suspected, but now Australian scientists have found evidence that plants really can feel when we're touching them.*

*Not only that, but different sensations trigger a cascade of physiological and genetic changes, depending on the stimulation the plants are receiving, whether it's a few drops of rain, or a little soft pat, which is probably the coolest thing we've heard all week.*

*"Although people generally assume plants don't feel when they are being touched, this shows that they are actually very sensitive to it," [said lead researcher Olivier Van Aken](#) from the University of Western Australia.*

*"While plants don't appear to complain when we pinch a flower, step on them or just brush by them while going for a walk, they are fully aware of this contact and are rapidly responding to our treatment of them," [he added.](#)*

Interesting reading so please do take care of your plants.

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.

## **Christmas School Dinner**

We are having our Christmas School Dinner on Tuesday 15 December. If your child has packed lunch but they would like to have a school dinner, please pay £2.50 on your school dinner account and email the school office, [office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk) so that the kitchen can order the correct amount of food.

Pupils already having school dinners will automatically have one.

### **Changes on date list**

Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 15 December

End of Autumn Term at 1.00pm

### **Flu Vaccination**

If your child missed the flu immunisation session at school and you would like them to have it, there are catch up sessions at Children's Immunisation Team, Pine Lodge, St Michael's Hospital, Gater Drive, Enfield, EN2 0JB (for sat nav use EN2 0JA)

**Please call 020 8702 3499 to book a time for your child to receive his/her vaccination.**

### **Online Safety/Microsoft Teams**

School certainly has been strange without everybody in it during this last week and a half. It has been so great to hear from staff in Key Stage Two about the many successes of your Online Learning during this isolation period. From sessions being extremely well attended, to the many who have completed their My Maths, to those who have produced some excellent work on Teams, it has all sounded excellent and has certainly helped your learning during this tricky time period. We have managed to alter the settings on Microsoft Teams should we have to move to Remote Learning again in the future. Now, the member of staff who is in charge of the session can ensure that participants cannot mute other participants and remove other participants from the meeting. I must remind you that this is unacceptable and has an effect on everybody who is in attendance on the session. To those who have been isolating, I strongly urge you to make the most of this weekend from Saturday – make the most of the fresh air and the outdoors as Enfield clearly has so much to offer to help create a positive mindset after a tricky isolation period. Take care, and I look forward to seeing everybody again in school on Monday ready to go again as we make the final approach to Christmas!

Take care everybody. James Stringer

[James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

### **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>

### **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)

<b>Date List for Autumn Term 2020</b>		
<b>November</b>		
Friday 27	INSET DAY	
<b>December</b>		
Wednesday 2	Fundraising for Vanessa Rogers (sponsored child in Uganda) Pyjama day—donation of £1 to be made on ParentPay under donations	
Friday 4	Paul Lyalls to work with KS2 to complete a poetry anthology	
Monday 7 to 11	Christmas Post Box outside school	8.45am - 3.00pm
Friday 11	Winners of Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition announced	
Monday 14	Ruby Class' Nativity—a video link sent to all parents	
Tuesday 15	Christmas School Dinner  Christmas Jumper Day (donation of £1 to be made on ParentPay under donations)	
Wednesday 16	All classes singing carols (separately) video link sent to all parents	
Thursday 17	Christmas Parties	
Friday 18	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.00pm

### [Term Dates for 2020/2021](#)

<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>2020</b>
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

<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>2021</b>
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

<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

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

Yet another successful week in Sapphire with lots more achievements and successes. In Maths, we have continued to work on multiplication and division to ensure our knowledge and understanding of these very important aspects of Maths are secured and can be applied independently. A reminder that by the end of Year 2, it is a national expectation that children are able to recite their multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times. **Please ensure Year 2 child are continuing to practise Times Tables Rockstars at home (big well done to those of you who have been doing this!)** In Year 1, we have really focused on the 2 times tables in many ways, including counting in 2s, writing them as repeated additions and as multiplication statements. We have also looked at how to do the same for the corresponding divisional facts. Please also continue to ensure that reading, spellings and phonic practice are taking place on a daily basis. Today, your child has been sent home a list of the children and staff in Sapphire Class so the children can make a start on their Christmas cards. Please note that we need to allow for a 72 hour quarantine period before the distribution of these. Therefore, please can all cards be posted in the box that will be left outside the gate on the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December. No cards should come directly into class due to the potential risk of contamination.

We hope you all have a restful, exciting extended weekend. Take care.

James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.

## RUBY CLASS

This week in Ruby Class we have begun to practise our songs for our Nativity play -Christmas has nearly arrived! It is such a lovely time of year when we begin to learn our Christmas songs and to learn all about the Nativity story. Usually we would learn the songs in class but due to the restrictions on social distancing whilst singing we are doing all our singing practice in the hall, I am so proud of all the children who have been amazing, taking the changes of routine in their stride. The children have also been working hard on their entry's for Catriona's competition where they have painted a picture of a fantasy world or a fantasy adventure; we seem to have a common theme of Spidermen, unicorns and princesses! In maths we have continued our work on recognising and making patterns and have been investigating number patterns this week which is the beginning of counting in twos, fives and tens!

As the weather is turning colder we have been encouraging the children to independently put on their coats and try and do their zips and buttons up, it would be really helpful if you can also encourage this independence at home too. Many thanks.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, take care

Pat Creed, Elena Dall'Aglio & Sylwia Hocyk

## EMERALD CLASS

Wow, what a different week it has been in Emerald. I have really enjoyed our online learning sessions but am more than ready to come back to school to teach everybody face-to-face. Please make sure you have your checklist completed by Monday morning so we can organise all of the great work you have completed over the last week. I have been really pleased with the turnout, we have very nearly had 100% for most sessions which is an excellent achievement. I have also been pleased with the number of children who have asked for help when they have been 'stuck' on something and also the resilience that everybody has displayed in these difficult times. Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children through this online programme, I know it is not easy, and we really appreciate it. I'm off now, as I have spent far too long this week looking at a screen, have an enjoyable long weekend.

Joe Law

## 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](mailto:beh-tr.CedarSN@nhs.net)

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Can't afford funeral costs?

Can't work due to COVID illness

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