



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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As part of our celebration of national poetry week which took place on the week beginning the 28th September, we were joined today by the poet Paul Lyalls who spent time with all the children reciting poetry and supporting the pupils to have a go at writing their own poems. At the end of each session some pupils presented their creations to the class which was extremely amusing and fostered a real interest in how enjoyable poetry can really be. We can certainly see that some pupils have a real talent when it comes to writing poetry – part of each session was spent listening to how Paul Lyalls spends his day as a poet. So much so that many pupils were fascinated to hear about the range of activities and great opportunities that Paul has experienced in his poetic career. Please look at our latest news section as we have posted photographs of this day and some videos as well so that you can get a flavour of what your child experienced.

Emerald Class along with Father Peter's support have now agreed the school's values for this year. We will start with the value of Respect after half-term as I feel that this is a really key value at this particular time. These are our values for this year:

Our school values help us...
 to grant **forgiveness**,
 to give **respect**,
 to practice **endurance**,
 to share **compassion**,
 to work for **justice** for everyone,
 and to know **confidence** through Christ.

I am delighted to report that the following pupils have been elected onto the following School Council and Eco-Committee:

School Council	Eco-Committee
Michelle Pop Elliott Lawlor Shivana Ramdial Lola Charalambous Lucy Jones May-Valerie Milne Elsie-Lou Chapman-Preedy Lucia Collins	Cristiano Gioe Giovanni Gioe George Lynch William Lawlor Alexia Demetrio-Baker Harry Venn

On the 20th November, I have arranged for our governors to talk to pupils in both these committees about life at St. John's School and the important role that they play. This meeting will be conducted in the Library via Teams.

I am delighted to say that all the class teachers have been really impressed with the very positive response to the online learning that took place last week. I have attached a copy of the acceptable user agreement form that everyone signed in the summer term. I would appreciate it if you could please take the time to read this through so that you can remind yourself and your child about the set expectations. If you are still experiencing any problems with this online learning, please ensure that you talk to us regarding this matter so that if ever we find ourselves in this position again, everybody is ready to access this key learning.

Have a lovely weekend, with our very best wishes, Sue Notley, Headteacher



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Headteacher's Moan

Parents are still doing 3 point turns outside the school on Theobalds Park Road. It is not only dangerous, but you also hold up the other cars. If you go into the entrance of Head Start Nursery you can then go out through the exit. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

DIAMOND CLASS

I am delighted to report that there has been a marked improvement in the quality of both the reading and the written responses that are now in the Reading Journals. However, there are still some pupils who haven't completed this to a satisfactory standard so today Ms. Chebbi explained to them what is expected and they have written an example in their Journals so that parents can see what we expected. Therefore, when Reading Journals are returned next Wednesday, we will expect twelve sentences (three sentences every week night) to be completed and to an acceptable standard otherwise, your child will have to attend Catch Up Club on Thursday. Well done again to the majority of pupils who got all their spellings correct and were able to explain the meanings of some tricky words that they had on their spelling list. Those pupils who didn't complete their My Maths or who didn't participate in the online learning last week have been spoken to as well as we now need to ensure that whenever we find ourselves having to complete online learning that all pupils and parents ensure that this is completed to avoid gaps appearing in pupils' learning. The class really enjoyed working with the poet Paul Lyalls and created some super poems which they recited to the class. Please look out on the website for photographs of this session.

Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi

Foodbank

The week beginning the 19th October we will be collecting food and toiletries for our foodbank as part of our harvest appeal. The newly appointed School Council Representatives will be organising and managing this event.

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.



Hello everyone,

As I write this, the government have just announced that those of us who live in London will be subject to tighter restrictions on our way of life. This is just the latest example of how unpredictable our common life is at the moment, and this lack of stability inevitably takes its toll on us in all sorts of ways.

So, where can we find steadiness, something solid to which we can hold and on which we can find surer footing? Hopefully we can find this in our families and friends, even if we cannot be in the same place as them. But above all it is my absolute conviction that, through even the most precarious storms, Christ is with us every step of the way.

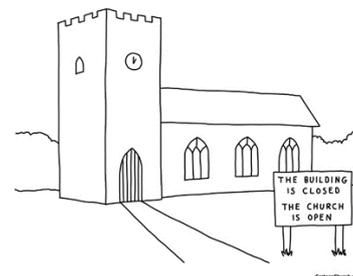
In the ancient words of Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

When things seem bewildering, exasperating, hard to understand, even frightening – His love remains a constant.

Take care and, as always, don't hesitate to be in contact if you need any pastoral support.

Fr Peter 020 8363 6055
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After School Clubs

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

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

Date List for Autumn Term 2020		
October		
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		
Wednesday 4	Flu Spray Immunisations	
Friday 27	INSET DAY	
December		
Friday 18	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm

Teams/Online Safety

<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Adult Leading</u>	<u>Overall % of engagement</u>
Ruby (Reception)	Story	Pat Creed	57%
Year 1- Sapphire Year 2 - Sapphire	Phonics/Literacy Phonics/Literacy	Pat Creed James Stringer	61% 80%
Year 3/4 - Diamond	Religious Education	Kamran Ezel Joe Law Pat Creed	62%
Year 5/6 - Emerald	Religious Education	Kamran Ezel Joe Law	76%

I would like to take this opportunity as I.T. Co-ordinator for the school to say a big thank you to you – the overall engagement from each class on the online learning lessons that took place on Teams last week was very positive and as a reminder, please see the statistics above. However, I really do need to be writing about the significance and importance of our behaviour when using Teams. When the lesson is being taught, it is very important that full engagement is taking place with the session to ensure maximum learning is taking place. Please also see attached the Acceptable User Agreement (AUA) that everybody has signed. As Mrs. Notley has already stressed, please do take real time to sit down and go through this to remind yourselves and your child about the significance and expectations of behaviour when using Teams and that this is fully understood and adhered to for all potential future online lessons.

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

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

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

First of all, a big thank you to you all for what was a successful week on our Online Learning Lessons last week. Both Year 1 and Year 2 children represented themselves on all lessons respectfully and maturely, showing they have a fantastic learning attitude and a strong understanding of the importance of behaviour regardless of whether we are learning in school or when using Teams. This led to a very successful week learning wise amid the situation we found ourselves in! I must say how proud I am of every single child in Sapphire – the way you returned back to school on Monday was fantastic and we have had a great week with lots of smiles, achievements and enjoyment! Please do keep monitoring the Latest News section of our website (<https://www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk/latestnews>) as I am frequently posting pictures showing the work that is taking place. Thank you to all parents' too for your on-going support at home – as always, it is greatly appreciated and all work you are doing is really appreciated! Thank you also for our productive and successful Parents' Evening Calls. Please do continue to work with your child on the feedback provided in order to facilitate the learning taking place in school and this will help your child to reach those next steps in their learning. If there is anything you wish to discuss, please feel free to email me at James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk. Thank you all again – I wish you all a relaxing, peaceful weekend. Take care.

James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.

RUBY CLASS

It was lovely to see everyone back at school on Monday. Thank you for sharing your favourite books via 'Teams' last week and for joining in with our story times; it was great to stay in touch. This week marks the first full week in school for our Reception children, they have all managed so well. We have also welcomed some of our nursery children into Ruby Class and the older children have been so kind and caring towards them which has been so lovely to see. This week the Reception children have begun the first stage of their reading journey with the introduction of our first phonic sounds 'm' and 'a'. A reminder that our reading information meeting for parents and carers is next Wednesday 21st October at 4 o'clock on 'Teams'. (The meeting will be recorded if you are unable to attend.) As the weather is becoming colder it is really helpful if the children can put on their coats as independently as possible and also have a try at doing up their zips and buttons. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend. Take care

Pat Creed & Elena Dall'Aglio & Sylwia Hocyk

pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

It has been an extremely busy week in Emerald class. The children have been really focused in maths based around fractions and the multitude of 'things' you can do with them. They have done really well and applied their knowledge to some tricky reasoning questions. It was great to see the work the children had done from last week based around the planets. I was very impressed with the standard and we were able to use this information to build up our knowledge of all of the planets. Hopefully we will have a sunny day on Monday as in science I want to show them how the length and position of your shadow changes during the day due to the Earth rotating on its' axis, fingers crossed!! In art we had a go at drawing a whole still life picture from a variety of angles. The children's sketching is definitely improving. We have also finished our class book Born to Run by Michael Morpurgo, a fabulous read but there were a few teary eyes!! Yesterday I gave the children a mental maths book, if they could complete one page a week and hand it into me on Monday or Tuesday so that I can mark it that would be great. Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Mr Law & Mr Ezel

Changes to KS1 & KS2 pick up times

Please note that KS1 are to be picked up from school at 2.50pm and KS2 are to be picked up from school at 3.00pm

Bubble	Class	Staff	Start Time	Finish Time
Bubble One	Ruby Class – Reception	Mrs. Creed	9.05am	2.30pm
	Nursery	Mrs. Hocyk	12.15pm	2.30pm
Bubble Two	Sapphire Class	Mr. Stringer Mrs Hargate Ms. Dall’Aglio	8.55am	2.50pm
Bubble Three	Diamond Class	Mrs. Notley Ms. Chebbi	8.50am	3.00pm
	Emerald Class	Mr. Law Mr. Ezel Mr. Pople	8.45am	3.00pm

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 leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.

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@stjohnsprimarysch.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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