



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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

I think our vision statement really sums up St. John's School this week, in particular the disruption of KS2 being back in isolation until next Saturday. But despite this I am so delighted to report that whether our pupils are in school or at home clearly the show must go on! Yes indeed the show did go on this week, as KS 2 pupils have been an absolute joy to be teaching remotely from Thursday. Thank you so much to so many parents who have really been supporting the learning that needs to be completed daily. I am also extremely grateful to both Mr. Pople and Ms. Chebbi who have started to join us on the daily sessions as well. Hopefully we will all be much fitter by the end of next week after Mr. Pople's morning work out!

I do apologise for the technical problems which we experienced last weekend and as a result of this, our virtual tour of the school was not available for viewing until Sunday evening. If you haven't done so already, please take the time to look at this as it really is a celebration of the uniqueness of St. John's School and an excellent opportunity for us to show case the wonderful work that is taking place at our school and hopefully for perspective parents to gain a real insight into life at St. John's School. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold open mornings like we have in the past and this is our substitute through the virtual world of capturing the nurturing school that we run where all pupils are supported and encouraged to flourish in so many different ways. If you know of anyone who is interested in applying for a place in our Nursery or Reception Class, please encourage them to look at this and to contact the school if they have anything that they would like to discuss.

Due to KS2 currently being in isolation, I am going to rearrange the PJ Day for the 2nd December and the poet Paul Lyalls will come in on the 4th December so that we will still be able to get our Poetry anthology completed in time for Mother's Day next year. I am also keen for pupils to still be able to send Christmas cards to their friends so in order to do this safely, we will have the post box outside of school on the week beginning the 7th December until the 11th of December. This will allow us to quarantine them for 48 hours prior to distributing them to the pupils the following week. We will be decorating all our classrooms on the 30th November and the dining hall as well so that pupils will really celebrate Christmas in true St. John's style.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend and stay safe.

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley
Headteacher

Christmas School Dinner

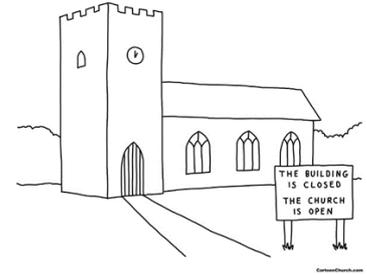
We are having our Christmas School Dinner on Tuesday 15 December. If your child has packed lunch but they would like to have a school dinner, please pay £2.50 on your school dinner account and email the school office, office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk so that the kitchen can order the correct amount of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

Pupils already having school dinners will automatically have one.



Hello everyone,

I've had lots of conversations with people over these last few weeks reflecting on how this second lockdown feels much harder than the first. In the Spring and the summer, we had longer days a warmer weather. Some of us were blessed with gardens, or nearby parks which we could enjoy. There was even a strange sense of novelty value in some of what we experienced.



This time feels different, more painful, for many of us. If you're feeling the strain of things and could do with someone simply to chat with, and share your stresses and strains with, then please do get in contact. I'm your priest and I'm here for you all.

And of course, we can always take our cares – all of them – to God in prayer. As St Peter encouraged early Christians in one of his letters, quite simply: 'Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.'

Every blessing,

Fr Peter

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DIAMOND CLASS

Both Ms. Chebbi and I are absolutely delighted with the excellent response so far to the remote learning. 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 the 30th November. 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. Can I also stress the importance of ensuring that you are practising the times tables with your child as Year 4 will be completing their test in this next June.

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.

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>

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.

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)

After School Clubs

Monday	Football Club	Emerald Class & Diamond Class (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)	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

Online Safety/Microsoft Teams

I would like to begin this section by sending out my thoughts and best wishes to all pupils and families in Key Stage Two during this self-isolation period. You are all in my daily thoughts and prayers and I really do hope you all remain safe and happy during this challenging time period! We are very fortunate at St John's in that we have a very strong and well-established online learning platform in Microsoft Teams. This is great for everyone's mental well-being as we have a platform that allows us to socialise and interact with one another. Furthermore, this is great as this allows the learning to continue to take place despite being in isolation. With this, I cannot stress enough the importance that all sessions that have been carefully arranged by your class teacher are punctually attended and are fully engaged with. **Please can I take this time to remind you of our Acceptable Use Policies. It is vital that our behaviour during these sessions is the same as what it would be in school and that we really cannot have a repeat of some of the issues we had last time.** Again, you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this tricky time. Stay safe, try and remain upbeat and look after one another!

James Stringer

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Date List for Autumn Term 2020		
November		
Friday 27	INSET DAY	
December		
Wednesday 2	Fundraising for Vanessa Rogers (sponsored child in Uganda) Pyjama day	
Friday 4	Paul Lyalls to work with KS2 to complete a poetry anthology	
Friday 4	Winners of Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition announced	
Monday 7 to 11	Christmas Post Box outside school	8.45am - 3.00pm
Monday 14	Ruby Class' Nativity—a video link sent to all parents	
Tuesday 15	Christmas School Dinner	
Wednesday 16	All classes singing carols (separately) video link sent to all parents	
Thursday 17	Christmas Parties & Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 18	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm

[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

Another successful week in Sapphire Class with lots of achievements, hard-work, smiles and laughter. What has really amazed me is how focused we have been this week and how determined we have been with all tasks (especially those designed to challenge us!) In Maths, we have been focusing on our Times Tables. By the end of Year 2, it is a national requirement that pupils are able to fluently recite their **2, 5 and 10 times tables** and are able to do this both in and out of order! To facilitate this, I am now really urging that pupils in Year 2 spend time **at least 15 minutes** at home for a **minimum of twice a week** on Times Tables Rockstars. **Please see your child's individual Teams folder for login credentials for this.** Daily practise with this is now taking place in Maths lessons but it would be appreciated if additional practise could take place at home to facilitate this learning. Please can we also ensure that our spellings (where applicable), phonic practise and reading practise is also continuing to take place. A lot of work with this is taking place at home. This is fully appreciated and is helping to facilitate the 'flow' of learning in school. We wish you all a lovely, safe, relaxing weekend. James Stringer and Tracey Hargate
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RUBY CLASS

In Ruby class this week we have been celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali. The children have been very involved in making and decorating their diva lamps which they will be bringing home this afternoon. We have also read and acted out the story of Rama and Sita and learned how the villagers in the story lit their diva lamps to guide Rama and Sita home safely. The children have also made Rangoli patterns with wax pastels and coloured rice; a busy week in Ruby class! We have linked pattern making to our maths work this week and have been using different media to make patterns, including ourselves! We have also looked at patterns within the environment, if you are out for a walk at the weekend see how many patterns you can spot, I'm sure you will be as surprised as the children were. Thank you again for all your support with the reading and phonic homework, we are really steaming ahead now and all the children are having a good try at recognising the sounds and blending them together - fantastic!
Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Pat Creed & Sylwia Hocyk

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EMERALD CLASS

I am so pleased with how everybody is coping with these hugely uncertain times. Yesterday we had a really productive online learning day and I can already see some of the work that has been produced, which is excellent. Please let me know if anybody is struggling with any work and we can organise a short session to sort things out! I hope the science task I demonstrated hasn't caused any problems and I am looking forward to seeing how quickly you can make the water disappear. The general sessions for next week are registration at 9:30am, an 11am session and an afternoon session at 1:30pm. It is really important your child attends each one as we discuss the work that they need to do. There will be a few odd changes to these standard times so please keep an eye out on the calendar. As I said earlier if anybody needs to have a chat about anything let me know and we can organise something over Teams. Thank you for all your support and have a relaxing 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

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