



# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

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***'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.'*** Matthew 7.12

Following on from Emerald Class agreeing the school values for the year with Father Peter, I just thought it would be a good opportunity to talk about the value of RESPECT that will be our key value for next half-term. Our collective worship and weekly certificates will be focusing on this value throughout this time, instilling in all members of St. John's community the significant role that respect has to play in all our lives.

Thank you to all members of our school community for supporting the Food Bank that the School Council have run throughout this week – this will make a real difference to so many people at this particularly difficult time for some families.

Throughout this week I have been working with pupils and staff across the school in taking videos, audio clips and so forth in preparation for our virtual tour of St. John's School which we will be videoing over half-term. This will be 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. We hope to have this virtual tour on our website soon after half-term and then there will be an opportunity for everyone to view this at your leisure.

As this half-term draws to a close, it is time to review the areas that we really want to improve on next half-term. Throughout this week I have become increasingly concerned about some parents lack of concern for the safety of both themselves and others whilst in their cars. Please do not do three point turns in the road – we are so fortunate to be able to use Head Start Nursery to turn around in! I will be monitoring this very closely after half-term as the safety of everyone is our prime concern!

We have also reviewed the starting and finishing times so that we can ensure everyone's safety but also increase the amount of time that pupils are spending in school. These are as follows:

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Emerald Class	8.45am	3pm
Diamond Class	8.50am	3pm
Sapphire Class	8.55am	2.50pm
Ruby Class – Reception Nursery	9am 12.15pm	2.40pm 2.40pm

Thank you to everyone for being so supportive this half-term and we look forward to a very successful next half-term.

Have a relaxing and healthy half-term.

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley



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## DIAMOND CLASS

Thank you to so many pupils for really making a marked improvement in the quality of both the reading and the written responses that are in the Reading Journals. There are now only a few pupils who haven't completed this and unfortunately they will have to attend Catch Up Club on Thursday. I understand that some parents may find this difficult to accept but we have missed so much learning time and therefore, it is now more important than ever that parents are working with us in really trying to make up this lost time. 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. The pupils completed some excellent writing this week based on 'The Iron Man' showcasing the new vocabulary that they have learnt and how they have really worked hard on improving their writing style. We have worked hard this week in History so that we can complete the work that we have been doing on the Egyptians.

Have a well-deserved rest over half-term.

Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi

### **Children's Mental Health and Well Being course (online)**

*Course starts:* Monday 9th November

*Time:* 7.30pm – 9.00pm

*Course duration:* 10 weeks

*Cost:* Free to adults (19 or over) who receive benefit, or are on a low household income of less than £21,000

To enrol online please click the link below and follow the enrolment instructions:

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2020/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C2422001>

To enrol over the phone please call the student support team on 0300 303 3464 (option 1) – you will need to quote the course reference number **C2422001**.

### **Happy Yoga Course for Beginners (online)**

*Course starts:* Wednesday 28th October

*Time:* 10.00am – 11.30am

*Course duration:* 6 weeks

*Cost:* Free to adults (19 or over) who receive benefit

To enrol online please click the link below and follow the enrolment instructions.

<https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/2020/CourseInfo.aspx?r=C2421924>

To enrol over the phone please call the student support team on 0300 303 3464 (option 1) – you will need to quote the course reference number **C2421924**.

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 half-term arrives, I hope that you're all able to take some time to rest. I know that this will be really hard for some of you, as the demands of work and running a home can seem unending. However, when opportunities to stop and be still come along, I hope that you might be able to take them.

And when you stop, you might want to call to mind these words of Jesus to His friends:

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Tell Him about the things that are making you weary or weighing you down. Share them with Him, let Him take the weight.

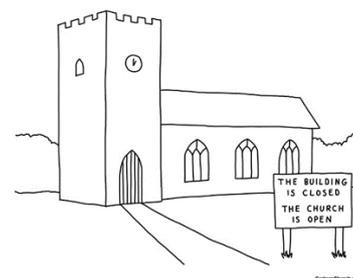
Take care and I hope to see many of you again soon.

Every blessing,

Fr Peter

020 8363 6055

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### **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

<b>Date List for Autumn Term 2020</b>		
October		
Monday 26—Friday 30	HALF TERM	
November		
Wednesday 4	Flu Spray Immunisations	
Friday 20	Paul Lyalls to work with KS2 to complete a poetry anthology	
Friday 27	INSET DAY	
December		
Friday 18	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.30pm

## **Microsoft Teams/Online Safety**

Online safety for all parties of our school community is fundamental and as we approach the half-term break, it is so important that children are reminded of how to keep themselves safe and also what parents' and carers can do to assist with this. Here is a link (<https://www.cleveland.police.uk/news/cleveland/news/2020/october/how-to-keep-your-kids-safe-online-during-half-term/>) which will take you to a clear, newly-published guide written by the Cyber Crime Team (and referenced by Cleveland Police) which offers constructive advice, hints and tips aimed at parents' and carers so you are aware of how you can help your child remain safe online during this half-term break. If you haven't done so already, please also refer back to our Acceptable User Agreements for Teams (sent out last week) so we are ready to go next half-term should there come a time where we are required to use Teams for Remote Learning. Many thanks – I wish you all a happy, restful half-term break. James Stringer.  
[James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## **School Council & Eco-Committee**

Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations to the Food Bank this week. This will make a real difference to many people's lives. We have been very busy this week participating in the virtual tour that will be coming shortly.

## **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

I cannot believe I am already writing the last newsletter for this half-term! Words cannot explain just how proud I am of all pupils in Sapphire Class – despite facing challenging times, the way we have all approached this half-term has been fantastic. All pupils have all made amazing progress both academically and non-academically and should all be proud of all they have achieved. I am very much looking forward to seeing the continuing progress that will be made next half-term. This half-term, our 'new' Year Ones have really hit the ground running having transitioned from Reception and have settled in so, so well. Furthermore, our Year Two pupils have been mature, responsible role-models and are really thriving now they are the 'older ones in the class'. I would like to take this time to thank all parents' and carers to for all your kind words and continuous support throughout this half-term – it really has been appreciated and I look forward to this continuing after half-term. Over half-term, please do ensure that phonic, reading and writing practice is taking place, but please do also ensure that you get some well-deserved rest. Autumn 2 is a very long half-term so it is important that we are fully refreshed and as raring to go as we possibly can be when we return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Thank you everybody, and well done our little superstars! Have a lovely, relaxing half-term break. [James.Stringer@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk](mailto:James.Stringer@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk)

James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.

## RUBY CLASS

It doesn't seem possible that the children in Ruby Class have completed their first half term of school. The children have settled into school life so well and Ruby Class is really beginning to jell as one unit which is lovely to see. This week the children have been very busy making vegetable soup and some of them even had a try at tasting it! We have looked at the importance of the harvest, making links with our lunchtime prayer when we thank God for the ' sun, the rain and the apple seed' We also investigated what was inside a pumpkin and then dried the seeds to use in our pumpkin collages. Thank you to the reception parents who joined us on 'Teams' on Wednesday for our reading meeting, I hope you found it useful. If you were unable to join us, the meeting was recorded and is available on 'Teams'. The children will also be bringing home an information pack from the meeting and their first phonic homework, (instructions are inside the cover) please feel free to email if you have any questions.

After half term the reception children will be having their P.E lesson on Tuesdays, please send the children into school on Tuesday wearing their P.E. Kit, many thanks.

Finally we would like to welcome Ayla to Ruby class and her family to St John's school.

Have a lovely half term everyone, take care.

Pat Creed & Elena Dall'Aglio & Sylwia Hocyk

## EMERALD CLASS

Wow, I can't believe we are already at the end of a half-term. This week we have been doing some assessments in both maths and reading. The children have applied themselves very well, scoring well on some of the papers, although we have a number of things to work on. In science we have completed our topic based on the Earth, sun and moon. The children have done really well and have an excellent understanding of how our solar system works. In history we have completed our Ancient Maya topic with a Powerpoint summing up all of the topics we have looked at. I was extremely pleased to see the amount of mental maths books handed in this week, it is really important your child completes a test each week as this supports all of the learning in class. Yesterday afternoon the children had a go at painting their still life picture, it was great to see the children experimenting around with different colours, some of the paintings would look amazing at home in a frame. Thank you for all of your support this half-term and I wish you a happy, safe and relaxing half-term.

Joe Law

## Collection Times

Bubble	Class	Staff	Start Time	Finish Time
Bubble One	Ruby Class – Reception	Mrs. Creed & Mrs. Hocyk	9.00am	2.40pm
	Ruby Class— Nursery		12.15pm	2.40pm
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

## Network Rail

Network Rail usually sees a rise in trespass on the railway during school holidays. During Covid-19, while many holiday activities are closed, there is a greater risk than usual that young people will seek diversion on the railway tracks, a pattern we observed over the Summer. In Enfield we have seen a concerning number of trespass incidents involving young people during the last year.

I’m sure I don’t need to tell you that each time young people make a decision to step onto the tracks, they risk death, life-changing injuries and devastating consequences for themselves, their friends, family and community.

For primary school-aged children, I have produced resources to encourage young people to stay safe around the railway. I have made a video about the dangers of trespass and how to use level crossings safely. There are animations and downloadable worksheets. It is all available on a my new webpage, <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/angliasafety>.

## T-Shirt designing campaign to support local NHS and Covid-19 related causes.

**Cllr Sabri Ozaydin, Mayor of Enfield** has written to us looking for our support.

He is hoping to raise as much money as he can to support local NHS and Covid-19 related causes, by launching a t-shirt designing campaign and by personally funding the purchase and printing of t-shirts which can be sold on with all the money raised going directly to the Mayors Charity.

If you would like to take part in this competition and design a t-shirt, it will be judged by year group and certificates given to all those who have entered their designs. The theme of “You Are Not Alone” will be the competition theme – in order to show solidarity, friendship and support.

Please give in your entries to the school office by 20 November.

## **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 you 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 **NHS**  
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)

