



# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

We have made it! I know that it hasn't been an easy time for families trying to juggle family life, home schooling and work commitments. However, on reflection every one of us should be so proud of what we have achieved this half-term despite the challenges that it has presented, we have continued to surge forward and do the best that we can. We have been great role models of resilience and endurance - two great qualities that we want to teach all the pupils of St. John's School. It is important now that everyone has a very well-deserved break and returns to the virtual classroom on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please be rest assured once we are clear following the announcements that are planned to be made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, I will be in contact with you regarding our plan of action for the next stage of organising the safe return of pupils to school.

## This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.3%
Sapphire	95.7%
Diamond	96.8%
Emerald	95.7%
Overall	96.4%

We have finally closed our remote learning survey and thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete our recent questionnaire regarding our remote teaching provision during this lockdown. There was a huge response to the survey which will help shape and improve our provision even further. It was overwhelmingly positive and supportive – thank you. In our staff meeting this Monday morning we discussed your feedback and have made some changes based on your requests. From after half-term we will be starting with a daily morning workout led by Mr. Pople in Diamond Class at 8.45am and then in Emerald at 8.45am. The same sessions will run in both Ruby and Sapphire classes at 1.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We will also ensure that we will weave more of a creative theme through our foundation subjects.

We hope that pupils will be able to sustain their excellent levels of engagement after half-term until we are instructed to make the necessary changes that will allow pupils to return to school safely.

Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates and the Endurance Cup for this half-term:

## Endurance Certificates

Ruby Class: All pupils

Sapphire Class: Emily Snellings

Diamond Class: Beau Irish-Barker & Eliza Hardy

Emerald Class: Isabella Williams-Gracia

## Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Safiya Ait-Abdelkader

Sapphire Class: Pixie Robbins & Alicia Marquez-Urbe

Diamond Class: Ava-Rose Brooks

Emerald Class: Jasmin Kitchener

## Gold Start Certificates

Ruby Class: Tommy Lynch

Sapphire Class: Year 1 & Year 2

Diamond Class: Amilia Adewole  
Sonny Stonehouse

Emerald Class: Elsie Chapman-Preedy  
Ryan Oerlemans

The class with the highest attendance this week was: **RUBY CLASS**

Have an enjoyable and relaxing half-term. Hopefully more snow will fall so you can enjoy all the fun that comes with this!

With our very best wishes,

Susan Notley, Headteacher



### **Eco-Committee    World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

As World Book Day is fast approaching, please start to think about the character you would like to be.

Remember like last year we want you to recycle by reusing a costume that you have already or create your own costumes by recycling materials that you have at home.

### **Teams**

WE HAVE MADE IT!! Let me just start by saying this - as the IT coordinator for the school, I am so proud of all of you! The way that we as a school have risen to the real challenge of a half-term's worth of remote learning has been incredible. It has been so lovely hearing so many positive comments from staff about behaviour and respect during sessions, the attendance to sessions, the work that is being completed etc. I do want so say a separate thank you for all of your support and cooperation with the change in Teams that we rolled out part way through this half-term, but I am sure you will agree that this change has had a positive impact on the manageability of all of this with all work now being downloaded and saved in one place! Now, I wish you all a really relaxing, safe, peaceful half-term and please do ensure that we do have a really long, well-deserved rest so we are ready to go again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February!

James Stringer

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

### **Feedback on Remote Learning**

Please go to the Home Learning section on the school website and we have uploaded the overall feedback for every class.

### **Returning of books**

Please remember to return any outstanding books on a weekly basis as these resources are invaluable to us.

Packs and books are available from 9.00am to 3.00pm every Tuesday.

### **School Uniform**

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 155-157 Lancaster Rd, Enfield EN2 0JN.

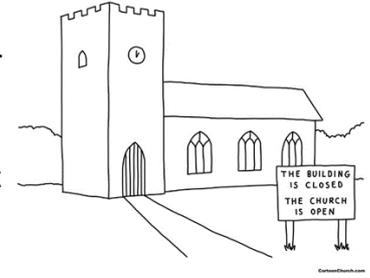
If you would like to purchase a school tie or water bottle, this can be purchased from the ParentPay shop, where the link is located on our homepage of the school website or please use the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=783>

Dear friends,

We are very soon entering the season of Lent, the time when Christians prepare for the joy of Easter by examining our own lives, and particularly those parts that are not reflecting the love and goodness of God.

We might be tempted to think that, amidst such a challenging time, we might give Lent a miss this time around. But Lent is about aligning our lives closer with Jesus, which in turn can only mean brighter and better things for ourselves, and all whom we know and love.



So as Lent approaches, I would love to encourage you all to take some time in between the busyness of our daily routines to consider where things like pride, selfishness or unkindness have taken root in our lives, and what we can do, with God's strength and encouragement, to turn away from those things, and towards the love and generosity which we all so greatly need.

If you would like any encouragement for your Lenten journey, please don't hesitate to get in touch. If you'd like to join in with our journey through Lent at St John's & St Luke's, many of us are going to be reading the great little book [Apprentice to Jesus](#), which has little reflections for each day during Lent, to help us in following Christ in our day-to-day lives.

And as always, we continue to share all of our services for St John's and St Luke's online only for the time-being, and you are welcome to any of them. Just go along to our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/clayhillparish](http://www.facebook.com/clayhillparish).

Take care and peace be with you.

Every blessing, Fr Peter 020 8363 6055  
revpetergodden@outlook.com

## St. John's School Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for St. John's School and for making us one whole family.

Help us to remember that we are a team and should all work together and care for each other.

Keep our hearts full of love and friendship.

Thank you for our friend Catriona who no longer is with us.

Help us to keep the school's Golden Rules.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our good works and achievements. We ask you to keep us all safe.

Amen

Date List for Spring Term 2021		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Monday 15—Friday 19	HALF-TERM	
<b>MARCH</b>		
Thursday 4	World Book Day—Reusing and Recycling costumes	
Wednesday 10	Poetry anthology for Mothering Sunday for all pupils	
Wednesday 10	Pupils singing for Mothering Sunday	
Wednesday 17	Eco-Committee Event	
Wednesday 24	Easter Concert for every class on video for the website	
Wednesday 31	Easter Concert on video for parents	
<b>APRIL</b>		
Thursday 1	END OF SPRING TERM	1pm

SPRING 2021		SUMMER 2021	
INSET DAY	Monday 4 January	Starts	Monday 19 April
Starts	Tuesday 5 January	Half-term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June
Half-term	Monday 15 Feb -Friday 19 February	Ends (1.30pm)	Friday 23 July
Ends (1.30pm)	Thursday 1 April	Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May
		INSET DAY	Friday 25 June

## RUBY CLASS

It doesn't seem possible that we have reached half term and haven't we all done so well! I am so proud of how confident the children have become on using online learning but also how respectful they are- giving their friends the opportunity to talk and listening to each other, well done everyone and thank you to all the adults for all your support and kind words. I have really enjoyed meeting all the parents these last two weeks and discussing the children's next steps.

This week we have based our activities around celebrating Chinese New Year; creating lanterns and dragons, using ordinal numbers (just like the animals in the zodiac story) and listening to Chinese music. The children in school have been very busy working in the Ruby Chinese Restaurant and practising using chopsticks to eat their woolly noodles! This afternoon we are celebrating by wearing red clothes and using our own dragons to make a Chinese dragon dance! Happy new year to everyone in the year of the Ox.

Have a great half term everyone and have a good rest!

Take care, **Pat Creed, & Sylwia Hocyk** [pat.creed@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk](mailto:pat.creed@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk)

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

WE HAVE MADE IT!! Let me just start by saying this: I am so, so lucky to be the teacher of such an amazing class! I fully appreciated and understand that this has been a really tricky time for everybody in many ways, but the way we have ALL risen to the challenges and the demands of remote learning have been nothing more than exceptional!! Your engagement with the sessions, the quality of the work, your respectful behaviour (I could go on...) has been amazing and, despite not seeing everybody face-to-face, it has been so lovely to see all of your lovely, smiley, bubbly faces and watching the progress you have all made both both academically and personally! A massive thank you also goes out to parents' – you have been brilliant during this challenging time. It certainly cannot be easy trying to juggle this alongside your work commitments, but the way you have worked with your children to ensure that this challenging time has had a minimal impact on the children's learning and progress has been amazing and has been fully appreciated. I also want to say a really big thank you also for all your kind words, emails, Teams messages and your messages left in the Parent Survey. They have also been greatly appreciated during this tricky time and have certainly helped me to continue to smile. Now, and this is really important, please make sure that over half-term you switch off, have a really well-deserved and much needed rest before we go again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Please do engage with the fun **PSHE assignment** - do send across as many creative, hands-on, fun pictures as you wish which we will send across to be put on the Latest News of the website. Thank you so much again for your continued support this half-term. Have a happy, safe, peaceful half-term. Take care. [James Stringer](#), [Tracey Hargate](#) and [Elena Dall'Aglio](#)  
[James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## DIAMOND CLASS

Both Ms. Chebbi and I are absolutely delighted with the level of engagement, work being produced and consistently high attendance levels at all lessons this half-term. It is really important now that everyone has a very well-deserved break so that you will be refreshed and ready to return to our virtual classroom on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Do take the time to ride your bicycle as we are really hoping that we will have bikeability for Diamond Class in the Summer Term and we really want every child participating in this as it is great fun. Make sure that you aim to get fresh air and lots of exercise every day as it is really beautiful in the forest at the moment with the first signs of Spring starting to creep through. Take photos of all your interesting activities that you engage in and we are always happy to post these on our latest news section on the website. Remember we will see you at 8.45am every morning after half-term, ready to participate in our morning workout led by Mr. Pople. This could be one of your challenges for Lent, please do think about this as we will be talking about the Lenten journey in our R.E. lesson. Have a really enjoyable half-term. You certainly deserve it Diamond Class  
[Susan Notley](#) and [Asma Chebbi](#)

## EMERALD CLASS

This week Emerald have been putting the final touches on their short stories in a Japanese setting. This task (that evolved out of a picture from Pobble365.com image) has seen the children demonstrate great use of figurative language and also edit and improve their work. Our history sessions have also seen the children produce some excellent Viking shield designs and interact with Norse runic language. Well done Emerald class and have a well-deserved half term break.

It was great to meet with so many parents and discuss your child's progress. We all agree, this is a very challenging time for everybody, but we all need to keep going, working together, as the light at the end of the tunnel is growing. I have been so happy with the progress everybody has made in maths, yes there have been some tricky, challenging moments, but that is learning and I feel most children have made really good progress over this half-term.

We will be tweaking the timetable slightly after half-term so that at 8:55am after registration and the day's discussion we will be having a 10-minute daily workout led by Mr Pople. Please make sure your child is up and ready for action and if you like, you could join in too. Once again Mr Larkin and myself would like to express our sincere thanks to you all for supporting in your child's learning. Please over half-term, relax, avoid screens as much as possible, but most importantly stay safe.

[Joe Law](#) and [Jack Larkin](#)

## 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 **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)

# Life after Loss



## Has COVID-19 changed your life?



Call us on:  
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