



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

St. John's Vision statement

At St. John's we want everyone to grow and flourish. Our small school is a nurturing community where we can develop their gifts and broaden our horizons. We seek to do all this within the knowledge and love of God, where the values of His Kingdom guide and inspire us.

This week during our assemblies we discussed the important role that the School Council have to play in ensuring that they are adhering to the school's vision statement that we are a nurturing school in particular supporting other pupils both at break time and lunch time. We talked about the values that all School Council representatives need to display at all times: kindness, responsibility, respect, compassion, confidence, forgiveness. Many of these values are not easy to follow through at times, in particular if your friend is being unkind, having the confidence and strength to stand up to your friend and do the right thing is extremely difficult to do. Having being on duty during break and lunch, it is so rewarding to see first-hand how well so many pupils demonstrate on a daily basis these key values which make our school the truly unique safe place that it is, where all pupils can 'grow and flourish' in so many different aspects of school life.

We also revisited the importance of being kind to each other in particular at this challenging time. 'Be Kind' - two very simple words but extremely powerful when we think about the very positive impact that being kind can have in our school. Think about how our world would look today if everyone was being kind! After all is this what God ultimately wants to achieve in creating the Kingdom of God?

Next week my focus will be on the Eco-Committee and how we are working as a team to reduce the waste within our school and extending this into our homes. So much has already been achieved in this area e.g. recycling and reusing costumes for World Book Day, reusable bottles for water, reusable containers for food, limiting our use of plastic. Now our focus clearly needs to be on the amount of wasted food that exists in our school on a daily basis and the need to address this urgently. Please watch this space for exciting initiatives to address this level of waste!

Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

'Compassion Cup

Ruby Class: Alan
Sapphire Class: Elyse
Diamond Class: Alexia
Emerald Class: Giovanni

Gold Start Certificates

Ruby Class: Costa
Sapphire Class: Mr Stringer's Year 1 Maths
Mr Stringer's Year 2 Guided Reading
Diamond Class: Harry & Ava-Rose
Emerald Class: Lucy & Nicky



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Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Theo
Sapphire Class: Kylie
Diamond Class: Natasha
Emerald Class: Leo

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

Attached to this newsletter is a very important message from the Metropolitan Police—please read this carefully and ensure that you are adhering to this so that we can keep everyone safe.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley

Headteacher

MESSAGE FROM THE METROPOLITAN POLICE

It appears some drivers are not adhering to road safety rules and therefore putting other road users as well as member of the public safety at risk. This email is to remind all of us that together anyone can report a vehicle if it is violating any parking restrictions. A vehicle is parked illegally if it is:

- double parked (more than 50cm from the kerb)
- in a bus stop or bus lane
- in a disabled parking space without a Blue Badge
- in a pay and display parking space without displaying a valid parking ticket (except bank holidays)
- in a residents or business parking space without a valid permit
- on school entrance markings
- on the pavement or verge (except in a legal pavement parking space)
- on waiting restriction lines (yellow lines)
- parked on or next to a dropped kerb
- parked overnight (heavy goods vehicles over 5 tonnes)

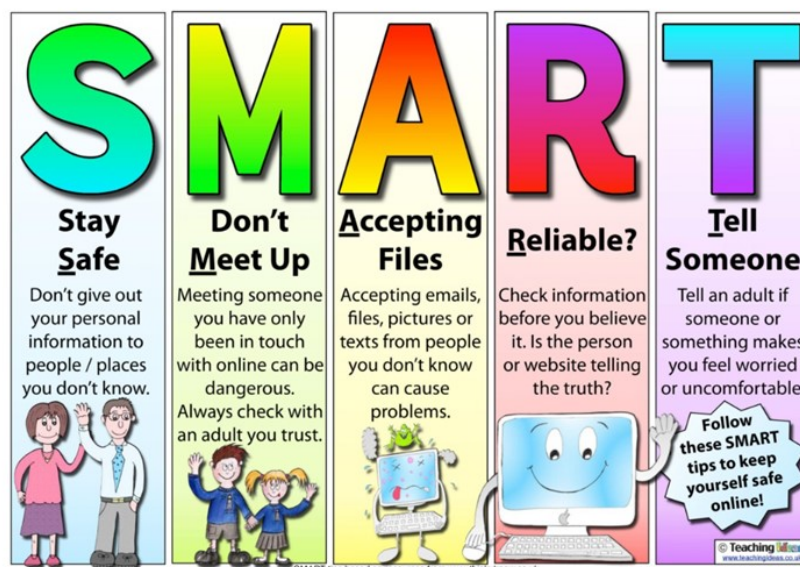
If you do not follow parking restrictions, you may receive a **Penalty Charge Notice** and your vehicle may be removed.

You can report any parking violations by contacting Parking Services on 020 8379 6406, Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm. Or call 020 3856 0036 outside of these hours.



Online

Safety



James Stringer

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Eco-Committee

I will be meeting with the Eco -Committee next week to discuss how we can reduce the amount of waste at lunchtime. Our catering staff will be attending this meeting so that we can start to agree an action plan to move forward with this very exciting initiative that will really raise the awareness of the importance of everyone trying to reduce waste both in school and at home.

In the meantime, we have had a real focus in the dining hall on trying our best to eat everything on our trays so that we can make a real effort to reduce the waste in our school. Parents I would really appreciate it if you could also encourage this at home. It is really important that we are excellent role models to our children, in particular at a time where sustainability is everyone's responsibility. Our planet is our responsibility - we simply can't wait until tomorrow or let others take that responsibility as it will be too late!

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) £3.50 per day

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,

I hope that this message finds you all safe and well.

As I know some of you have seen, this Easter will be my last as your Vicar here in Clay Hill, as Caroline and I will be moving in the summer to the village of Monks Risborough in the Chilterns, where I will become Team Vicar in the Risborough Team Ministry, with pastoral oversight of Monks Risborough with Owlswick.

We will be very sad to leave St John's and St Luke's, where it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve the community and make wonderful friends. Looking back on the last four years, I am struck by how much we as a church have achieved, in undertaking numerous major projects to safeguard our buildings and finances for the years to come. In coming to the end of this extended season focussed on stewardship and improvements, the time is ripe for someone with a fresh vision to come to this parish and partner with you all in moving into the future together.

On a personal note, in moving to Monks Risborough Caroline and I will be located very near to our families, with whom we are very close, which will be a great blessing to us as we start a family of our own.

My last Sunday as Vicar is likely to be towards the end of May, most probably on Sunday 30th.

For the time-being, I look forward to all that is still to come for us as a community in the coming months, as we return to our church buildings to celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus, holding before us the new life which we find in Him.

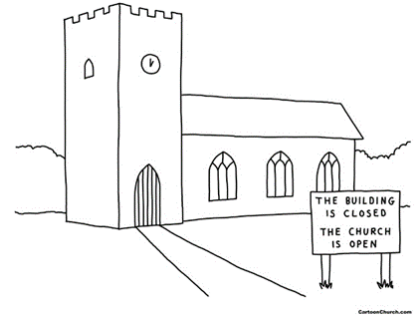
Details of our planned re-opening of our buildings for services in the coming weeks will be shared online in the coming days. For now, we continue to share all of our services for St John's and St Luke's online-only, and you are welcome to any of them. Just go along to our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/clayhillparish.

Take care and peace be with you.

Every blessing,

Fr Peter 020 8363 6055

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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	
MARCH		
Wednesday 31	Easter Concert for every class on video for the website	
APRIL		
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

Eco-Committee

Please try to ensure that we all using reusable masks as opposed to the disposal masks which of course are really harmful to the environment.

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RUBY CLASS

It has been lovely to see the children so excited to come into school everyday; they are really beginning to settle back into the school routine again. This week we have been talking and writing about the people who help us and we now have own doctors surgery in Ruby class where we have some budding doctors and nurses! The children have also been working very hard in adding and taking away numbers to 10. I am so impressed with how well the children are recognising and writing their numbers. In phonics the children are continuing to learn their new sounds and are writing short sentences. Over the next two weeks we will be investigating different life cycles and new beginnings. To support this can I please ask that the children bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby, these will be photocopied and returned to you. Many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed, & Sylwia Hocyk pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

I am really impressed with how independent the children are becoming when working in their groups. This is absolutely fantastic and please do keep this up! Thank you to those of you who returned their reading records today. Please can I really stress the real importance of high-quality, daily phonic/reading times at home (for at least 20 minutes) as reading is our real focus in school and must be further supported at home. Please also may I remind **Year 2 children** about beginning to write comments themselves in their reading record. This should be supported by a grown up given the fact this is new to the children but please do be really specific in the comments that are made. Below are some specific suggested that can be recorded:

- How fluently has the book been read (90 words or so in a minute is the fluency expectation in KS1)?
- How well have the book been comprehended where the children have found the answers to questions in the text?
- What did you discuss? What did you find interesting?
- Did you have to find out what some words mean? If so, what words were these?
- What did you find tricky? How did you overcome the challenge?

Please do stress the importance to your child about appropriate times to be going to the toilet. We have had many occasions this week where some children have had their break and lunchtimes and then have asked to go to the toilet as soon as we have returned into the classroom. It is absolutely vital that the children go to the toilet at break and lunchtime so when we do return to the classroom, we are ready to go straight into our learning. Please can we also make sure that all uniform is labelled as we have a few jumpers in the classroom that are not named and therefore cannot be returned. Have a lovely, safe weekend, and hopefully the sun will remain shining!

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Elena Dall'Aglia

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DIAMOND CLASS

This week the Diamond children have been producing some great written work based on images of ships. We have spent a good deal of time up-leveling our own work and trying to be as descriptive as possible while making our writing atmospheric. In maths, Diamond Class have been dealing with division as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Well done for your hard maths work and remember to use Timestables Rockstar to help keep your times-tables skills fresh. The children have also been learning all about the water cycle and the various states of matter that water exists in different circumstances. The pupils engaged in a water cycle dance and an experiment to demonstrate the different states of water. In geography the children really enjoyed a quiz about climate and the different zones that exist on planet earth. In Diamond's religious studies they have been looking at the story of Peter and his denial of Jesus, which has given the children lots to think about on the subject's morality.

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

This week the children of Emerald class have been continuing to practise their English skills with some creative and descriptive writing about Vikings. They have dealt with choosing appropriate synonyms as well as looking at what makes effective similes and metaphors. They have also spent a good portion of the week picking apart and up-leveling a piece of their own work to fine tune their writing ability. In their history lessons they have looked at Saxon town names across the UK and finished off some map work and their designs for their Viking shields. We have also had a discussion about the Black Lives Matter movement and will be continuing to look into this in further detail in the future. In maths we have been focusing on statistics. The children have created a number of line graphs throughout the week and answered questions based around them. In science this morning we have been looking at materials that are good insulators and conductors, by making an electrical circuit with a gap in and seeing which objects allow electricity to pass through. Well done Emerald and have a great weekend.

Joe Law and Jack Larkin

After School Clubs

Monday—Sapphire Football

Tuesday—Emerald Tennis

Wednesday—Diamond Tennis

Thursday—Sapphire Tennis

Starting after half-term
for 6 weeks

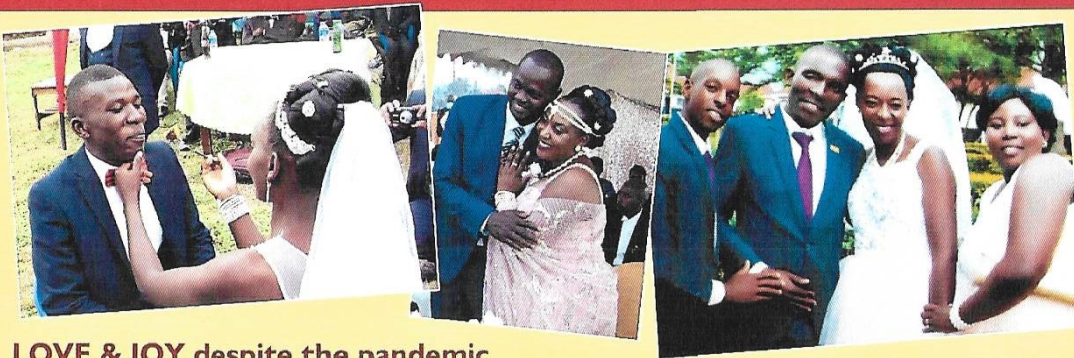
Email office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk if you would like your child to attend

- Clubs are from 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- Cost is £12 (£2 per session) for 6 weeks (Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May) £10 for Sapphire Football Club, due to the bank holiday Monday 3 May)
- Payments can be made from 1st April on ParentPay
- Clubs will not be cancelled if the weather is bad, the children will play board games inside
- Be prompt picking up at 4.00pm
- Remember for your child to come to school in P.E. kit on these days
- Email the school office, office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk if you would like your child to attend one of these clubs, stating you give permission for your child to attend.

Bridging the Gap

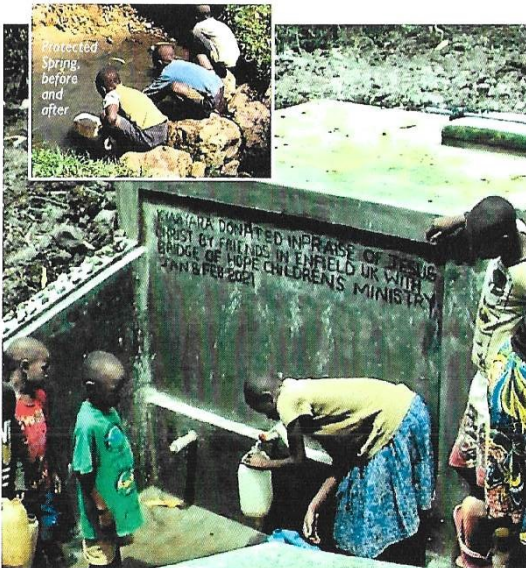
Dear Friends

We know that 2020 and the start of this New Year have been very challenging for so many of us. Yet in the midst of this pandemic and despite the pain and disruption to so many lives, you have continued to support the work of BOHCM by your prayers, encouragement and generous giving. We sincerely thank you and truly appreciate your steadfast commitment to changing the lives of so many children and their families.



LOVE & JOY despite the pandemic

We are thrilled to announce that in the past few months three weddings have taken place of the BOHCM staff. In Uganda, weddings are traditionally a family and community affair with hundreds of people attending the event. Currently due to the pandemic, numbers at weddings are to be kept very small but can still take place in church followed by a simple celebration. We were delighted to receive photos of the three couples and wish them all the best for a strong and happy marriage.

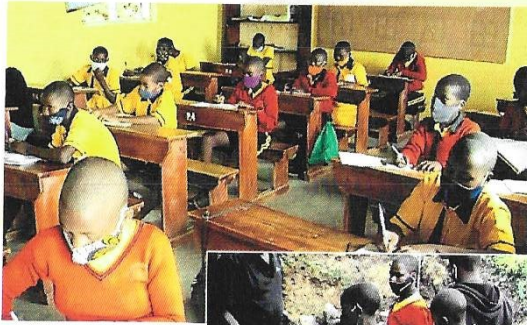


Clean Water Saves Lives

We give thanks to God that yet again BOHCM has been able to arrange the construction of another Protected Spring, thus ensuring that up to two hundred people per day can now receive clean water.

Child sponsorship

Across the district of Rukungiri, schools are preparing to open in regulated phases. Children in Primary 4 & 5 will return to school on the 4th April, P6 children are already studying at school as are P7 candidates who are preparing to take their exams at the end of March. All other children will hopefully return to their school on the 4th June. Although it is said that Primary education is free in Government run schools, parents are still required to provide a termly parental contribution, scholastic materials including exercise books, plus the school uniform and sweater for each child. Sponsorship is a true blessing to a family and helps to lift the burden from a child's guardian by enabling the sponsored child to receive a regular education.



Bridge of Hope nursery and primary school

Currently our Primary 7 candidates and teachers are working hard and putting in extra hours of study to prepare for the exams scheduled for the end of March. Our P6 children are also facing the challenge of trying to catch up with so many hours of lost study during the Lockdown. They are required to reach a certain standard in order to progress to P7 in due course. These children are pleased to be back at school and benefit further from a daily free school lunch. We are looking forward to hearing more about the phased return to school for the other children.



Vocational Training

Students have now been allowed to commence or return to their training placements. Currently we are supporting twelve young people to learn practical skills such as carpentry, tailoring, hairdressing and craft making, whilst a further two students are training as primary or nursery teachers.

Bridge of Hope Children's Village

Our access road from the main highway to the BOHCM CV has become so worn with the rains that it has become a



danger to our staff and anyone visiting there in a vehicle. Our manager Ben in Uganda is in the process of arranging for repairs to the road and we hope this work can commence very soon. We have also made improvements to the solar lighting in the two homes to ensure that safe lighting is available whenever needed. Paraffin lamps and candles are a common but risky source of lighting in Uganda and our maintenance of the solar lighting prevents the use of such items. Two of the children have spent several days in hospital since our last newsletter to monitor unexplained high temperatures but we thank God that they recovered and are now safely home.

News

Building Projects 2021 –

So far this year BOHCM has provided two more families with a latrine and together with the local community assisted an elderly woman to construct a kitchen.



Vaccination – Uganda has to date received 964,000 doses of Covid 19 vaccine; the latest donation was given by the Indian Government and consisted of 100,000 doses. Health care workers and teachers are expected to be the first to receive the vaccination followed by the elderly population.

Alternative Gift Cards

Thank you to everyone who bought Alternative Gift Cards for Christmas. This enabled us to provide over £2,000 of extra support to families in need. For a full range of available cards including Easter cards or for more information please email info@bohcm.org or ring **Monica Wood** on **020 8363 4555**.

We thank God once again for your support, we couldn't do this without you.

Prayer points

- Give thanks that schools and colleges can plan to reopen
- Give thanks for the donations of the Covid 19 vaccine
- Give thanks for the dedicated staff in Uganda
- Pray that it will soon be possible to travel to Uganda and resume our mission trips

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

