



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

This Week's Attendance

'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? As we are all preparing for the safe return to school, it is absolutely crucial that we all enter through the school gates with a very positive mind set – being kind and compassionate. We are very aware that for some children and indeed parents as well, returning to school on Monday will be a very daunting thought and it is absolutely essential that we are embracing acts of kindness towards each other, rebuilding that strong supportive community that we know exists at our school. Everywhere I look, I want to be able to see and hear our vision statement being echoed back at me:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.7%
Sapphire	92.9%
Diamond	95.2%
Emerald	94.8%
Overall	94.9%

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

Hopefully, you will have all had the time to read my letter outlining all the procedures and organisation that is in place to ensure everyone's safety. It is absolutely crucial that we are observing social distancing at the school gate at all times and that time keeping is essential. If you arrive early, please wait in your car or further down the road until your bubble time. I can't stress enough the importance of the word safe as this is upper most in our minds at all times. We need to ensure that we have everyone's full commitment in this area in order to minimise the risk of a positive case within the school.

This week we have had all our governors observing a variety of lessons across the school which has result in outstanding feedback in so many areas. Governors were so impressed with the level of engagement and commitment being shown by so many pupils and indeed parents as well in ensuring that everyone embraces this online learning in a positive way. They were in awe of how teachers have used this platform in a very creative way in terms of making the learning fun and interesting for the pupils despite the many limitations that online learning presents. Throughout this period of lockdown, the governors have seen how we as a school have tried to maximise the benefits that online learning can bring both in terms of teaching and learning alongside supporting both parents and pupils' mental health and well-being which is equally so important at this challenging time. Well done everyone, we have made it and learnt so much along the way. Undoubtedly, there have been made positive aspects of this and we really mustn't lose sight of this.

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

Compassion Cup

Ruby Class: Whole of Ruby Class

Sapphire Class: Ivy-Karen Milne

Diamond Class: Edie-Jo Chapman-Preedy

Emerald Class: Georgios Eleftheriadis



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Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: James Lambrou

Sapphire Class: Ellie-Rose Garratt

Diamond Class: Georgina Okonkwo

Emerald Class: Lucia Collins

Gold Start Certificates

Sapphire Class: Whole of Sapphire Class

Diamond Class: Lujain Radhi

Emerald Class: Freddie Stonehouse & Tristan Val-Kispal

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

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend. We are really looking forward to seeing both parents and pupils at the school gate on Monday morning.

With our very best wishes,

Sue Notley

Headteacher

Eco-Committee

What an amazing virtual World Book Day! Thank you to everyone for making a fantastic effort to either recycle or create costumes or your story hats – superb!

As we are returning to school, I have spoken to staff about ensuring that we all using reusable masks as opposed to the disposal masks which of course are really harmful to the environment.

Everyone can inspect the care and attention that we have given to all our plants dotted around the school – they have grown so much!



Microsoft Teams

As the IT coordinator for St John's, I am currently sitting typing this and I am trying so hard to think of 'the' word to describe EVERYBODY at St John's. Amazing? Superstars? Dedicated? Resilient? **Let's go with all of these (plus any other positive superlative you can think of!!)** If we all take the time to sit and reflect on what we have all had to encounter since Christmas and the difficulties this has presented to us, the way we as a school have risen to this challenge has been nothing short of absolutely remarkable. On behalf of the teaching staff, I do want to say a massive thank you to all parents across our incredible school for all your support, cooperation and commitment during this latest extensive period of Remote Learning. From rising to the challenge of 'transferring' Teams at the start of February so we could use 'Assignments' (which I am sure you will agree made all our lives so much easier and really enhanced the manageability of Teams), to ensuring that the pupils have attended sessions and completed work, we are all so thankful for your support during this time and this has ensured the impact on the pupils' academic and personal achievements has been kept to a minimum during these tricky times! We as a school fully understand that this cannot have been easy, but we have made it, so well done. The children across the school have been amazing we are so, so excited to welcome everybody back to school on Monday. **PLEASE** ensure you read and understand the procedures sent to you yesterday to ensure this return is as smooth and safe as possible. Have a lovely, restful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

James Stringer

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Links—Wellbeing

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-families/> - Wellbeing activities and conversations for families to complete and have with children (could be ideal for a weekend whilst we do remain in lockdown socially outside school)

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/away-from-home/at-school/> - conversations and ideas parents' may have/share with their child about returning to school

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/> DfE Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff

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,

As always, I hope that this message finds you all safe and well. For those of you marking Lent with disciplines of various kinds, I hope that it is going well, and that you are feeling a spiritual growth as you journey through this very important season.

Please do look out for more details of our planned re-opening of our buildings for services in the coming weeks. 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

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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 10	Poetry anthology for Mothering Sunday for all pupils	
Wednesday 24	Easter Concert for every class on video for the website	
Wednesday 31	Easter Concert on video for parents	
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

RUBY CLASS

As we look forward to being back in school on Monday I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support during our time on 'Teams'. It has been lovely to log on each day to see a bank of smiling faces, I have really enjoyed sharing in all your news and meeting lots of cuddly toys!

On our return to school we will be settling the children back into Ruby routines; giving them the opportunities to re-establish their friendship groups and confidence within the classroom. We will also be looking forward to a very special day next weekend for all our Ruby mums which will be the focus for our creative activities. Also with Easter approaching we will be investigating 'new beginnings' which is always a lovely time when we do lots of activities involving the natural world including planting and growing seeds. Alongside this is our topic of 'people who help us' where we are planning to have different role play areas to support this. We are in for a busy time in Ruby class - so exciting!!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and see you on Monday!

(Please email me if I can be of any support with regards to the return to school)

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Words cannot express how proud of a teacher I am as I sit and type this! We may have had bumps along the way, but if we take the time to sit and reflect on what we've all encountered since Christmas and how we have approached this, I hope this will allow you to really understand just how well we have all done and how much success we have had overall. I am so fortunate and thankful to be working with such an amazing group of parents – your ongoing support, cooperation and kind words has really allowed us to certainly make 'the best of a bad situation', has kept us going and has helped to ensure that the impact that this latest challenging time period has had on the pupils' academic and personal development has been kept to a minimum. You have supported the children on their lessons, have collected and worked through packs, have ensured the pupils have completed their assignments and, most importantly, kept them all safe, happy and well during such uncertain times. Please do not underestimate what you've achieved here - with juggling Remote Learning, your own work commitments and much more, you have done an incredible job and I am so thankful and appreciative of this. The children are all real superstars and I do count myself lucky to be teaching such an enthusiastic, dedicated cohort of Year 1 and 2 children. The majority of the submitted work for both year groups has been done to at least a very good standard and, despite being on Teams, I can certainly see the progress we have made both academically and personally (with developing our confidence and resilience (especially to those more 'challenging' tasks). **I really look forward to welcoming you ALL back to school at 8:55am on Monday 8th March. Please take the time to read and become familiar with the really important procedures and timings to ensure the safety of everyone (emailed to you yesterday).** Have a safe, restful weekend away from Teams. See you Monday Super Sapphire – we're so excited to see you all again!

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Elena Dall'Aglio

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DIAMOND CLASS

My goodness Diamond Class, I am really going to miss not seeing you all every day and the great chats and fun that we have all had in a very strange sort of way! It has been great to have such a committed and supportive group of parents working with us as we navigated these tricky waters over the last few months. Despite all the challenges that this online learning has presented, I am so proud of what we have all achieved and for so many pupils your work ethic, resilience and confidence has really grown which is truly a great achievement. I have really enjoyed being your class teacher – I am very sad that I have to hand the reins over to Mr. Larkin. However, I am in no doubt that Mr. Larkin will be a superb class teacher in Diamond Class with all of you being so familiar with his style of teaching and classroom management so far. Have a very relaxing weekend, please take a break from your screens, get some fresh air and I am so looking forward to seeing your beautiful smiley faces on Monday.

Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

In the final week of lockdown learning (hopefully), Emerald have been continuing with grammar and creative writing exercises. The children created some lovely pieces of writing on the theme of World Book Day and lots of imaginative ideas were explored through their written work. The children also attempted an independent research task on the Vikings and some excellent information pages were created on many different focuses within the subject. Emerald's World Book Day task saw the children producing some fantastic images of scenes from their favourite books. We were also really impressed with some of the photos you sent through of reading in a strange place. In maths we continued our work around number, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and even ten thousand and decimal work including thousandths. Please can you ensure that your child has completed all of their work set over this lockdown period, we will be chatting to them next week about what they need to complete as the work set has been part of our planning for the year and will not necessarily be repeated. Well done on the final week of online learning and we look forward to seeing you in person next week! Have a relaxing and restful weekend. 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 
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

Life after Loss

**citizens
advice** Enfield

Has COVID-19 changed your life?

Weighed down by unexpected money problems and mounting debt?

Can't afford funeral costs?

Can't work due to COVID illness

You are not alone.

We can help you with:

- Immediate Emotional Support
- Bereavement Counselling.
- Fasttrack access to benefit, debt and universal credit advice.
- Emergency Relief Grants of up to £500.

Struggling to cope with grief after losing a loved one?

Feeling overwhelmed?

Need to talk to someone about your feelings?



Call us on:
Advice: 0300 330 1167



Email us at:
lifelafterloss@mind-in-enfield.org.uk
lifelafterloss@enfieldcab.org.uk



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RAPID LATERAL FLOW TESTING

Households and bubbles of all school pupils and staff

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test. Here is how:

1

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

Centres open 7 days a week 9-6pm

- Boundary Hall, 7 Snell`s Park, N18 2SY
- Brigadier Hall, Cedar Road, EN2 0NL
- British Alevi Federation Community Centre, Great Cambridge Road, N9 0LE
- Green Towers Community Centre, Plevna Road, N9 0TE
- Kempe Hall, Kemp`s Road, Enfield, EN1 4QS
- Southgate Library, High Street, Southgate, N14 6BP
- John Wilkes House, 79 High Street, EN3 4EN

2

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Centres open daily 1.30pm-7pm

- Lea Valley Athletics Centre , N9 OAR
- Boleyn Hall, EN1 4HS
- Raynham Road Car Park, N18 2SJ
- Lodge Drive Car Park, N13 5UB

3

Order home test kits online

If you cannot attend a test site to be tested or collect home test kits you can order online for home delivery at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

