



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Getting justice for animals – The RSPCA

Have spoken to many pupils in the playground this week, I was really impressed with how much they care for animals and feel really passionate about wanting to ensure that all animals are treated fairly. Therefore, I thought it would be a good idea to make everyone aware of the wonderful work that the RSPCA do in this country in helping animals that have been mistreated in different ways. This charity is the largest animal welfare charity in the country and they do amazing work in looking after animals. Next week is RSPCA Week and this is a time that we should be thinking about what all of us can do to help animals.

Next week is Hedgehog Awareness Week and new figures from the RSPCA revealed that in 2019 it took in more of the prickly creatures into its rescue centres than any other wildlife. More than 2,700 hedgehogs were admitted to RSPCA national wildlife centres. Almost 12,000 have gone through its doors in the past five years. These lovely little creatures are a gardener's friend, and are most likely to be seen snuffling through the undergrowth at night as they are nocturnal. They have quite a turn of speed when they want it! This year their special week is focusing on making our gardens a haven for these little ones. Just little changes will help. Sadly, their numbers have seriously declined over the last decade. Therefore, it is really important that we are all ensuring that we are playing our part in helping to look after hedgehogs.

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

Justice

Ruby Class: Lara

Sapphire Class: Alicia

Diamond Class: Neo

Emerald Class: Arjan

Gold Start Certificates

Ruby Class: Jasper

Sapphire Class: Alice & Arabella

Diamond Class: Alexia K

Emerald Class: Lucia & Nicky

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Alan

Sapphire Class: Emily & Elyse

Diamond Class: Edie

Emerald Class: Elsie-Lou

The class with the highest attendance this week was: **RUBY CLASS 100%.**

Well done everyone, fantastic attendance record for this week.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing bank holiday weekend. With our very best wishes, Sue Notley



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Eco-Committee

The Eco-Committee met for the first time today and we prepared for our meeting with Enfield catering who were extremely impressed that we are trying to reduce the amount of waste at lunchtime. Between now and the end of the summer term, we will be focusing on reducing the amount of waste across the school but in particular in the dining hall as this is certainly where the most waste is occurring. I would really appreciate it if parents 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. Think about how you can involve your children in this e.g. any leftovers from dinner could be eaten for lunch the next day.

This meeting will take place next Friday and we are really looking forward to the changes that we can make in our dining hall.

After School Clubs

Monday—Sapphire Football Club

Tuesday—Emerald Tennis Club

Wednesday—Diamond Tennis Club

Thursday—Sapphire Tennis Club

- 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.

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



SAPPHIRE CLASS

Another successful week with lots of learning, smiles and laughter! This week, I do want to take this time to inform you about **changes in homework** which will take effect from **next Friday (7th May)**. In preparation for this, I am subsequently hosting a collective Teams meeting for **both Year 1 and 2 parents** on **Wednesday (5th May)** between **1pm and 2pm**. I really cannot stress enough the importance of this meeting; **I will be explaining things such as the key changes that will be made, what will be subsequently required of you, what homework will be expected to be returned to school and when this will be required.** The way **homework will work for Year 1 will become slightly different to the requirements for Year 2** and therefore, I really cannot stress enough the importance and significance of attending this virtual meeting so we are absolutely clear about these changes ahead of next Friday. **If you cannot attend, please do email me at James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk to make me aware.** I was really impressed yesterday with our 'Spelling Test' scores. What was so encouraging was not only the amazing high scores, but **all children's** confidence, determination and effort during the test to ensure they achieved the best they could. Please note that any incorrect spellings will roll into next week's spellings so the children have another opportunity next Thursday (6th May) to have another go. Please do keep working with the children on this as I have explained before about the real importance of the 'Common Exception Words.' Many thanks for all your support and cooperation as always.

Take care, stay safe and enjoy a restful extra-long weekend!!!

James Stringer, Tracey Hargate and Elena Dall'Aglia James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

Online Safety

Hope everybody continues to remain safe and well and that you are all okay.

With online safety becoming an ever-increasing growing importance in the everyday world, I thought I would take the time to share with you the following link: <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/primary/parent-support/>. Here, there are lots of great hints, tips and resources to support you in ensuring that the children remain as safe as absolute possible when online.

I wish everyone a happy, safe, extra-long weekend!

Take care.

James Stringer

James.Stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

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>

	Date List for Summer Term 2021	
MAY		
Monday 3	Bank Holiday	
Friday 7	Eco-Committee to meet with Enfield Catering	
Friday 14	School Council to meet with Mrs Notley	
Monday 31—Friday 4 June	HALF TERM	
JULY		
Friday 23	END OF SUMMER TERM	1.00pm

SUMMER 2021

Starts	Monday 19 April
Half-term	Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 23 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May & Monday 31 May
INSET DAY	Friday 25 June

AUTUMN 2021

Starts	Thursday 2 September
Half-term	Monday 25 October—Friday 29 October
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 17 December
INSET DAY	Wednesday 1 September
INSET DAY	Monday 1 November
INSET DAY	Friday 26 November

SPRING 2022

Starts	Wednesday 5 January
Half-term	Monday 14 February—Friday 18 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 1 April
INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 January

SUMMER 2022

Starts	Tuesday 19 April
Half-term	Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 1 April
INSET DAY	Friday 1 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May & Monday 30 May

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

RUBY CLASS

In Ruby class we are continuing to investigate different changes and are now focusing on the changes which occur in seeds and plants as they grow. Our daffodils in Sunshine room are now past their best but are proving to be a really useful teaching resource when we look at how plants change. Next week we will start our seeds off and they will hopefully be ready for the children to bring home at half term - fingers crossed! In Maths we have been looking at halving – we have halved fruit, paper shapes, different amounts of objects and even children! If we have an odd number of children and we try to divide them into two equal groups it is always an interesting discussion how we can halve the 'extra' child to make the groups equal! We have also been focusing on reading within the class and all the children are now taking part in guided reading sessions. Thank you for all your support with reading at home, it really does support what we are doing at school to not only move the children onto becoming fluent readers but also to develop their love of books and reading which is so important. Thank you also for the donations of cartons, boxes etc., please keep sending them in as they are in great demand by our Ruby class engineers!

Enjoy the long weekend

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

DIAMOND CLASS

This week, Diamond have been working really hard on some fantastic creative writing pieces on the topic of 'Warhorse'. We chose this focus because one of the guided reading groups really enjoyed reading the text by Michael Morpurgo and we hope that the rest of our groups will have read this text in short order. The children have also been trying to understand and identify subordinate clauses, a very tricky technique in writing. In RE, the children have been studying the various practices in the Buddhist faith as they delve deeper into this interesting subject. In science, the children have been having an amazingly fun time with their work on electricity. They made a great educational commotion with their complex circuits that included buzzer, motors and lights. In history, Diamond have been looking at how things have changed over time and in particular, how schooling has changed over the years. The children have also created some fantastic sketches on the subject of marine pollution. Well done Diamond and keep it up!

Jack Larkin and Asma Chebbi

EMERALD CLASS

This week's English lessons have seen Emerald class creating some more fantastic creative pieces. The focus for this week's writing was a picture from the film 'Warhorse' and the subject matter has evoked some powerful and very immersive writing. Well done Emerald. In maths we have been focusing on money; we looked at the value of things in the real world and looked at how some coins and notes were actually more than their original value e.g. an Olympic 50p. We completed some tricky word problems and investigations based around this, so hopefully the children now understand the importance of being 'savvy' with money. In RE we are designing our own Liturgy and used Microsoft Publisher to design our order of service. Hopefully these will be completed next week. We are gradually getting back to normal with the homework; it is crucial your child continues to read, learn their spellings and complete one page of their mental maths book weekly. MyMaths homework will begin again from next Friday. I think everybody deserves the long weekend ahead to recharge batteries and enjoy some quality time with their families, let's hope it warms up a little.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

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@stjohnsprimarysch.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.





	Week/Beg	Age	Class Type	Time			Week/Beg	Age	Class Type	Time	
WEEK 1	19-Apr Mon	Rec	Yoga	4-4.30pm	After School	WEEK 4	13-May Thurs	Rec	Kung Fu & Kickboxing	4.30 - 5pm	After School
		Ks1	Yoga	4.45 - 5.15pm	After School			Ks1	Kung Fu & Kickboxing	5.05 - 5.35pm	After School
		Ks2	Yoga	5.30 - 6pm	After School			Ks2	Kung Fu & Kickboxing	5.40 - 6.10pm	After School
	24-Apr Sat	Rec	Fitness Fun	10 - 10.30am	Weekend		15-May Sat	Rec	Street Dance	10.30 - 11am	Weekend
		Ks1	Fitness Fun	10.45 - 11.15	Weekend			Ks1	Street Dance	11.15 - 11.45	Weekend
		Ks2	Fitness Fun	11.30-12pm	Weekend			Ks2	Street Dance	12 - 12.30pm	Weekend
WEEK 2	26-Apr Mon	Rec	Street Dance	4-4.30pm	After School	WEEK 5	19-May Wed	Rec	Boxing	4-4.30pm	After School
		Ks1	Street Dance	4.30 - 5	After School			Ks1	Boxing	4.45 - 5.15pm	After School
		Ks2	Street Dance	5.15 - 5.45	After School			Ks2	Boxing	5.30 - 6pm	After School
	01-May Sat	Rec	Gymnastics	10-10.30	Weekend		23-May Sun	Rec	Kung Fu & Kickboxing	10 - 10.30am	Weekend
		Ks1	Gymnastics	10.45 - 11.15	Weekend			Ks1	Kung Fu & Kickboxing	10.45 - 11.15	Weekend
		Ks2	Gymnastics	11.30-12	Weekend			Ks2	Kung Fu & Kickboxing	11.30-12pm	Weekend
WEEK 3	07-May Fri	Rec	Fitness Fun	4-4.30pm	After School	WEEK 6	28-May Fri	Rec	Gymnastics	4-4.30pm	After School
		Ks1	Fitness Fun	4.45 - 5.15pm	After School			Ks1	Gymnastics	4.45 - 5.15pm	After School
		Ks2	Fitness Fun	5.30 - 6pm	After School			Ks2	Gymnastics	5.30 - 6pm	After School
	09-May Sun	Rec	Yoga	10 - 10.30am	Weekend		30-May Sun	Rec	boxing	10 - 10.30am	Weekend
		Ks1	Yoga	10.45 - 11.15	Weekend			Ks1	boxing	10.45 - 11.15	Weekend
		Ks2	Yoga	11.30-12pm	Weekend			Ks2	boxing	11.30-12pm	Weekend

For access to free session links head to
activeenfield.co.uk/page/schools-online-sessions/
 For further queries email sport@enfield.co.uk

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www.enfield.gov.uk



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We can help you with:

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lifeafterloss@enfieldcab.org.uk

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



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

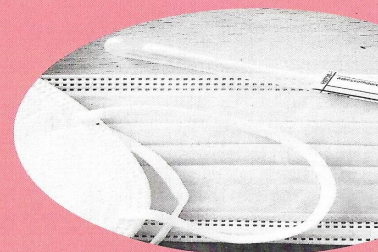
- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Centres open daily 1.30pm-7pm
- Lea Valley Athletics Centre, N9 OAR
 - Boleyn Hall, EN1 4HS
 - Raynham Road Car Park, N18 2SJ
 - Lodge Drive Car Park, N13 5UB

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>



DfE Full guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>