



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

In these unprecedented times the support that we provide for each other in particular our children is even more important than ever. For many of our young people this is the first real challenge that they are facing in their lives, not to mention the disruption that it is causing to their education. It is now more important than ever that we all work closely together, helping children to work in new ways and supporting them in an even more uncertain future.

Thank you to parents and carers for bearing with what is a rapidly evolving situation and please remember we will be reviewing this situation daily according to the latest directive that will be coming through from the government. It is crucial that we work together through this immensely challenging situation. If you have any concerns regarding the work that has been set out by the class teacher, please don't hesitate to contact them via email, of course I am the contact for Diamond Class.

I feel very privileged to work with the amazing team of professionals, which are my teaching and support staff along with my governors and in particular Roy Tungatt, the Chair of Governors. They have worked day and night to work through and to plan forward for this difficult period as we find ourselves working our way through these uncharted waters. We are immensely proud of all our pupils for the real resilience that they are showing in the light of all the uncertainty this week.

Whilst the uncertainty is disconcerting/unsettling, it may be that in a school like ours with extremely supportive, parents, staff and governors along with really lovely, caring children, we can actually turn or use it to our advantage.

Despite all this turmoil, I would like to wish all the mums in our school a really happy and relaxing Mother's Day –let's hope that you are very well looked after on Sunday. Thank you to our lovely group of parents for ensuring that both the Mother's Day secret shop and the Easter raffle went ahead as planned – really appreciated.

In Psalm 91 we read "**He will protect you from the noisome pestilence, and hide you under the shadow of His wings.**" May God in His love and mercy help you to help the children whom we serve in new ways in new times.

Please be assured that as the situation develops we will keep in regular touch with you all. In the meantime, I hope that you all stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley
Headteacher



Father Peter's News

Dear friends,

I hope that you are doing okay amidst everything that is going on.

I know that many of you will be anxious about many things at the moment: loved ones, especially those who are elderly or have underlying health conditions; how to look after your young families when the schools are closed; whether there will be enough food and toiletries to around.

If you're Feeling Afraid

First of all, I would like to encourage you all to take heart, and to not be afraid. In Bible study with Emerald Class, some of us recently looked at the story of Jesus walking on water towards his friends in a boat, in the middle of a storm. Peter gets out of the boat and starts to walk on the water too, but it's when he gets distracted from Jesus and notices the storm around him, that he begins to sink... These are really difficult times, with some profound challenges ahead. If we keep our focus on Christ, then we will know ever more deeply His love and His strength.

Some Good Things

If you are feeling anxious, isolated, or just need someone to talk to, then don't hesitate to give me a ring. You can reach me on 020 8363 6055. If I'm not able to pick up, please leave a message and a contact number – I will call you back.

If you're in need of practical assistance, then please either contact me, Enfield Love Your Doorstep via this form [here](#), or Enfield Council via this page [here](#).

If you would like to volunteer to help people out, again, you can do so via Love Your Doorstep or Enfield Council. I am praying for you all very much. If there is anyone or anything in particular for which you like me to pray, please don't hesitate to let me know. You can call me, or email me at revpetergodden@outlook.com.

Staying in Contact

Here are our links to our pages [twitter](#), [facebook](#), and our [website](#), all of which are being updated regularly. You can also find our newsletter on our website and sign up to receive it if you wish.

We are broadcasting services of prayer regularly on facebook and twitter, which are providing a lot of comfort for people right now – you would be so welcome to join us either live or afterwards for any of those services.

Looking after your young people

Lots of children will find this a very anxious time. One resource that has been produced is [this pdf](#), which aims to explain the coronavirus to young people. You may find it useful for talking with your young people – have a read of it yourself to see if it feels appropriate for them, and then read it with them if you would like to.

The Church of England have also produced some excellent prayers designed to be said with children. You can find them on this pdf [here](#).

Looking Ahead

In a few weeks' time, we shall be celebrating Easter – Jesus' death and resurrection, defeating the ultimate power of death. Easter reminds us that no matter how bleak things may look – and on Good Friday, after Jesus' crucifixion, things looked pretty bleak indeed – God's love will ultimately always have the last word. Take care, see you soon, and in the meantime, God be with you.

Father Peter



St John's School Message and Prayer from Father Peter

Message

Hello everyone, I'm so sorry I can't be with you this morning – I wish I was!
But I'm really looking forward to seeing you all soon.

In the meantime, you will all be in my prayers.

A really amazing thing about the Christian faith is that, through Jesus, we believe that we are all together even when we are physically apart –

and especially when we are all praying.

So, I shall say this prayer myself at 9.30,

and that way we know that we are all together in God's love...

Prayer

Dear God, our loving heavenly Father,

Thank you for all the good things in this world.

For our families and our homes,

For our school and our friends.

As we get ready to take a break from things

To give everyone in our country a chance to stay as well as they can,

Help us to know and see your love all around us.

We pray for those who are poorly, that they may get better;

We pray for doctors and nurses who look after them,

We pray for those running the country, that they would have wisdom.

Finally, we ask that we would feel you comforting us, all the time.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Message

And finally, some of you will remember that last week I led an assembly on International Women's Day, when I spoke about amazing women through history.

One of those women was Julian of Norwich, and she wrote these amazing words about the love of God, after a time when she had been very poorly indeed:

"Everything will be okay, and everything will be okay,
and all sorts of things will be okay."

So we need not worry, because God's love will look after us.

Take care, and I really look forward to seeing you all soon,

Father Peter

ETSP website 'news'

Schools may be closing but the work hasn't stopped... We don't want anyone to feel isolated because they are unable to attend school. To bring everyone together (virtually), we're planning to showcase pupils' work at home each week on our 'news' page to celebrate their achievements, book reviews, creativity and original home-working ideas.

Parents/carers we need your help with this... Please can you email a photo of your child's work including their first name, year group, school and a brief description [click here to send](#). We will try to share as many of your photos as possible. To align with all our schools' safeguarding policies please do not include your child in any photograph. We look forward to seeing your submissions.

[CORONAVIRUS UPDATED LINK from the Department of Education](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/02/20/what-is-self-isolation-and-why-is-it-important/>

Letters

Official School Closure

In response to a directive from the Government and the Department for Education, St. John's School will be closed to pupils from Monday 23rd until further notice is given.

As advised by the government, we will do all we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs.

We are waiting for the government to publish more information on what this means, but it would help us in the meantime if you could let us know if you think your child may fall into one of these categories and you are unable to make alternative provision. Please let us know by ringing the school office 020 8363 4709 as soon as possible. We'll be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this does apply to.

Home Learning

It is important that the children continue with their education as much as is possible during this time and we will continue to support our pupils' learning in the **following ways**:

All pupils received their home learning pack yesterday with learning activities for at least three weeks. This included a home learning timetable, resources and website links.

Please ensure that your child completes this work to the highest possible standard

Year 2 – 6 pupils should continue to access the Times Table Rock stars website.

My Maths Work will be posted daily from Monday to Friday each week.

Teachers will be contactable on the following email addresses to support you with this learning if needed:

pat.creed@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Ruby Class

james.stringer@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Sapphire Class

head@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Diamond Class

joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Emerald Class

kamran.ezel@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk - Emerald Class

What else can you do to support your child's learning at home?

Read, read and read some more! We know that online learning will be encouraging lots of screen time! It is important that children are also away from their screens this is an ideal time to get the children to do jigsaws and play board or card games to support their wellbeing.

Although the school will be closed, contact with the school can still be made via the email at the top of this letter.

SAFEGUARDING

Please note that if you have any safeguarding concerns during the school closure, please email office@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk. The email should be headed "Safeguarding". Briefly state your concerns to enable us to determine what action needs to be taken. Alternatively please make referrals directly through <https://cp.childrensportal.enfield.gov.uk> or contact the NSPCC at by email help@nspcc.org.uk or ring them on **0808 800 5000**.

At St. John's we are dedicated to ensuring that every child is electronically safe and that children are empowered to report and manage their digital activity, whether it be on a tablet, computer, phone, social network or whilst gaming. With this in mind, as your child/children will be working from home, please be vigilant when they are working online to help safeguard them from any potential dangers when using the internet. We would recommend that children use devices in rooms that have adult supervision, rather than children being tucked away in their bedrooms, out of site of their parents/carers.

We will endeavor to keep in touch with you as much as possible. Keep well and look after each other.

Susan Notley

Headteacher



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 inform the school office or leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.

Term Dates for 2020/2021

| SPRING 2020 | |
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| INSET DAY | Monday 6 January |
| Starts | Tuesday 7 January |
| Half Term | Monday 17 Feb -Friday 21 February |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Friday 3 April |

| SUMMER 2020 | |
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| Starts | Monday 20 April |
| Half Term | Monday 25 May—Friday 29 May |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Friday 17 July |
| Bank Holiday | Friday 8 May & Monday 25 May |

| AUTUMN 2020 | |
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| 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 |

| SPRING 2021 | |
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| INSET DAY | Monday 4 January |
| Starts | Tuesday 5 January |
| Half Term | Monday 15 Feb -Friday 19 February |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Thursday 1 April |

| SUMMER 2021 | |
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| 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 |

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update – Key Worker families

Last night, the Government published their list of key worker families eligible for child care provided at the school from Monday. The list with relevant details is below.

In order to ensure adequate staffing and provision for next week, it is essential that you inform us no later than 12.30pm today whether you require school provision from Monday. Please do so by speaking to or emailing the office.

The school will be open from 8.45-3.00 for children of key workers who are required to work during the Covid-19 response. Breakfast Club will continue to operate from 8am but we will be unable to provide after school provision due to staffing.

It is important to note that if at all possible for children to remain at home, then they should do so, as advised by the Government.

Children who are coming in to school next week may wear their own clothes; it is recommended that they are clean on every day. You will need to provide a packed lunch for your child as the school kitchen will not be open. Those eligible for a free school meal will be contacted separately later today.

The list of identified key workers is as follows:

Health and Social Care - **This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.**

Education and Childcare - **This includes nursery and school staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.**

Key Public Services - **This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.**

Local and National Government - **This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response or delivering essential public services such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies.**

Food and Other Necessary Goods - **This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).**

Public Safety and National Security - **This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.**

Transport - This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, Communication and Financial services - This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

If you fall within any of the critical categories above, please confirm with your employer that, based on their business continuity arrangements, your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service.

Best wishes

Susan Notley

RUBY CLASS This week the reception children presented their class assembly to the rest of the school and explained all about the science experiments they had undertaken last week during 'National Science Week'. Please have a look on the new website to see a selection of photographs – well done Ruby Class! In Maths we have been focusing on position and the children have shown how knowledgeable they are by using the correct vocabulary to describe different positions including left and right. In R.E. we have continued our work on the Easter Story and have acted out when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and have shared bread and juice with Sapphire Class as symbols of the Last Supper. Due to our earlier than expected closure we have not completed as many Easter activities as usual but we are going to have our traditional Easter egg hunt today which I am sure will be very exciting!

All the children will have received a pack of activities to complete during their time away from school, please continue to support your children by completing the activities and also reading every day, this will really help to consolidate and enhance their learning.

As this will be our last newsletter before Easter we can reflect on a very busy and varied half term. We are very proud of the children who have all worked very hard and I am sure they are looking forward to eating lots of Easter eggs!

We wish a Happy Mother's day to all our mums and a very happy Easter to you all. We look forward to seeing you back at school as soon as possible, take care.

Have a lovely weekend

Pat Creed and Elena Dall'Aglio

SAPPHIRE CLASS Please can I reiterate that you have my email address so please do utilise this for any questions/queries that you have regarding anything to do with the content of the work supplied to you on Wednesday. These packs have been designed to last for approximately 3 weeks. The key thing with these packs is that it is not about 'getting it done so it is done' as it is currently very unclear when we'll be returning. Please do take things with your child slowly as it's important that expectations of things such as presentation, attitude towards their learning, effort and other behaviours for learning are maintained. Please do use my timetable for further guidance on the set tasks and the expectations for these. Furthermore, please also use my email address if there is other questions/queries you have regarding your child's learning that perhaps is a side note to the supplied work. Please be assured that I will be checking my emails daily and frequently and I will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible. On top of this however, I also cannot stress how much time you ought to spend really taking care of yourselves and your loved ones. Due to the uncertain times we are currently facing, please can I take this time to just say thank you all for your amazing, continuous support this academic year to date. Everybody has really worked very hard and made super progress since September. We are so very proud of all the children and they really are a massive credit to you all! Even during these uncertain times, the way the children have approached their learning in school has been phenomenally amazing and again, they ought to be extremely proud of themselves! Finally, our thoughts and best wishes go to everybody and your families – please take care of yourselves and everybody around you. In the probability that we will not be returning beforehand, we hope you all still manage to have a nice, chocolate-filled Easter.

James Stringer and Tracey Hargate.

DIAMOND CLASS In Diamond Class, the children continued looking at the author's use of vocabulary in guided reading. This built on comments of their own authorial control based on the diaries they wrote last week. In literacy, we continued looking at The Iron Man. This week we focused on the worries and possible solutions from the point of view of the farmers. The children wrote in role as a farmer trying persuade the town to take on their suggestions. Well done to all for their hard work!

In maths we have focused on finding fractions of both shapes and amounts. The children have worked really well on this and their presentation and work ethic in maths has really improved.

Despite this being a really challenging time at the moment, the children have been fantastic and we have had many conversations about how we can work as a team, look after each other and be extremely grateful for what we have at this very difficult time. When we do eventually return to normality I am looking forward to seeing their creations out of recycling or reusing materials. The work that was sent home is for a period of three weeks and it is our intention to continue to provide more homework for as long as we remain shut. **Susan Notley and Asma Chebbi**

EMERALD CLASS This week the children continued looking at the story of Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. The class built on their drama from last week and collected vocabulary and phrases to write a letter from Nyasha to her father. The children showed great maturity in empathising with Nyasha, and while reading out their work it was clear that they had taken on the role of the character. Well done to all! In maths we have focused on percentages and really made good progress working out some really tricky problems. We hope all the home learning packs are self-explanatory but if you have any questions or want any tips please don't hesitate to contact me on the following email: joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

I also have set up login details for all of Emerald class on Timestables Rockstars if they want to use this as a fun way of learning their timestables and haven't got their login details please contact me on the above email. The site is pretty easy to use; the best way of learning is to be on it!

We wish you all the very best and will hopefully see you all as soon as possible. Stay safe. **Joe Law & Kamran Ezel**