## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



#### 'In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12

The value for this half-term is **RESPECT**: throughout this term our focus very much will be on helping all members of our school community to grow in respect through Christ. One major area for us in this school is teaching everyone about having respect for our world and in doing so making sure that we are adhering to the following target areas in our school:

Reducing our food and water waste

Donating something that we no longer need

Labelling our school uniform so that we can eliminate our lost property box

Our main target this half-term is to ensure that all pupils have all items of clothing labelled so that we no longer require the lost property box.

Label all your school uniform including your P.E. kit and coat. As part of our drive in making our school more sustainable, we are really focusing on eliminating our lost property box for school uniform throughout the school. Therefore, we would really appreciate if all parents can ensure that all items of their child's school uniform are clearly labelled. We will be running a spare uniform shops throughout the year so please support this by donating any uniform that no longer fits your child or purchasing spare uniform for the year ahead. Please also ensure that your child has a tie as this is part of the uniform. Our Eco-Committee will be playing an active role in monitoring this very closely and in doing so ensuring that all pupils have their uniform labelled. We will be offering to label pupils' clothing if all clothing is not labelled by the 8<sup>th</sup> November. If you do not wish us to label your child's clothing, please do let us know by 9am on the 11<sup>th</sup> November as the Eco-Committee will be focusing on this task next week.

Please note the following key events that will be taking place over the next fortnight:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Meetings**, please make every effort to attend this meeting as they are a great opportunity for you to see your child's work and to find out about your child's progress and targets for the term.

Tuesday 12th November at 9.00am—Phonics lesson for Parents/Carers of Ruby Class to observe

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November @2pm Remembrance Service at St. John's Church for Yr.1 – Yr.6 pupils

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – No Celebration Assembly as Perform will be taking drama sessions in the hall for Reception – Yr.4 pupils

Tuesday 19th November - Spelling Bee Competition for Yr.1 - Yr.6

Tuesday 19th November @ 9am - Open Morning for perspective parents in Ruby Class

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November @9am - Collective Worship for Parents/Carers of Emerald Class

Thursday 21st November @ 9am - Collective Worship for Parents/Carers of Sapphire Class

Have an enjoyable weekend.

**Best Wishes** 

Mrs. Notley



#### Week Beginning Monday 11 November 2024

**Monday** 

8.00am Breakfast Club 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)

3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

Parents' Evening

**Tuesday** 

8.00am Breakfast Club

9.00am Phonics lesson for Parents/Carers of

Ruby pupils to observe

3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)

3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

Wednesday

8.00am Breakfast Club
During school Keyboard
During school Recorder

2.00pm Remembrance Service at St. John's

Church for Yr1—Yr 6 pupils

3.00-4.00pm Football (Recep, Sapphire Class)
3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)
3.00-4.00pm Pathways (KS2 & Year 2)

Parents' Evening

**Thursday** 

8.00am Breakfast Club

3.00-4.00pm Rounders/Tennis Club (KS2)

3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)

3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

Friday

8.00am Breakfast Club 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

9.00am NO Celebration Assembly, Perform

**Drama Classes** 

Please remember that any of these dates may alter because of changing circumstances. On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

AUTUMN	2024
Starts	Tuesday 3 September
Half-term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 20 December
INSET DAY	Monday 2 September
INSET DAY	Monday 4 November
INSET DAY	Friday 29 November

SPRING	2025
Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half-term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 4 April
INSET DAY	Monday 6 January

SUMMER	2025
Starts	Tuesday 22 April
Half-term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
Ends (1.00pm)	Tuesday 22 July
INSET DAY	Monday 30 June
Bank Hols	Monday 5 May

Please note that the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 will be an INSET Day instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

#### **NOTICES**

#### Attendance for the week

RUBY & SAPPHIRE CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 11 November in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

This Week's Attendance			
<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>		
Ruby	98.2%		
Sapphire	98.2%		
Diamond	97.8%		
Emerald	98.0%		
Overall	98.1%		



#### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you for all the wonderful boxes you have made for this incredible charity. They have now been collected and sent off



#### **Absent Procedures**

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

#### **Spare School Uniform Shop**

Nearly new school uniform shop run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Any items required please send a text message to 07985 467 033, stating the item you require and size. You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name 'Donation to St. John's'

INFORMATION

#### **Breakfast Club**

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- Please ring the Breakfast Club bell
- 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) £4.00 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.
- If you would like to join Breakfast Club, please collect a form from the school office

#### **Reception Admissions 2025**

- If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you will be applying for them to start a primary school in September 2025.
- Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Complete our supplementary form, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary form to the school office as soon as possible.
- The closing date for on-time applications is 15 January 2025.

#### **School Uniform**

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 223 Baker Street, EN1 3LA.

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

#### **Nursery Admissions Sept 2025**

- Complete our supplementary forms, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary forms to the school office as soon as possible.

#### **RUBY CLASS**

Ruby Class is brimming with excitement and curiosity! Every day, we see the children growing in confidence and independence, making wonderful strides in their learning.

#### Maths

We've been strengthening our understanding of numbers through fun, engaging games that develop our counting and subitising skills. The children have also been practising using a number line to identify one more or one less than a given number. Working together on 50-piece puzzles has helped us build problem-solving skills, and we're using mathematical language with increasing confidence as we talk about number sentences.

#### **Enalish**

Our current focus text, "Rocket Says Look Up!", has launched us on an exciting exploration of the solar system. We've crafted telescopes to 'spot' shooting stars, learned the names of planets through music, and expanded our vocabulary through this inspiring story.

#### Visit to St. John the Baptist Church

The children were thrilled to visit our school church, St. John's. Wearing their Hi-Viz jackets, they explored different areas of the church, learned about the significance of the cross, admired the stained glass windows, and sang along with musical instruments. The highlight was the ringing of the church bells, marking our visit as something truly special!

In Collective Worship, we have been focusing on loving and respecting each other, as we love ourselves. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, engagement, and positive attitudes the children show each day.

#### Best wishes

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

#### SAPPHIRE CLASS

A warm welcome to Miss Carr, our new trainee teacher in Sapphire class who will be a great addition to our team in KS1.

English – The new focus book for writing is The Great Fire of London: we are cross-learning with the **History** unit this time. We will be writing persuasive posters, waning posters (instructional writing), speech bubbles, letters of advice, certificates and creating information booklets. So, various writing skills will be explored and developed throughout this unit. We welcome any projects for our writing mini world display.

Maths – We have been developing our mathematical skills as we continue to further understand the main 4 operations which are certainly key foundation, not only for this year, but for many years as they progress in school. Please continue to practise with your child; hope support is critical in developing your child's confidence.

Science - We are learning about our bodies and senses, compare, understand differences in their features and learn how they help us understand the world around us.

Religious Education – Who is the Saint of our school? What is the story of our School's name? We are exploring identity and belonging, values and commitment. Have a go dear parents/carer at finding out the history behind our school's name!

In PSHE, we are celebrating differences in everyone, understanding bullying, knowing how to deal with it and making friends. We take pride in our vision statement as the foundation for our values that we all are an important part of our nurturing community, locally and globally.

We are extremely proud of you Sapphire, thank you for the smiles (3)



Ms Chebbi, Miss Carr, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

#### **DIAMOND CLASS**

A great first week back after the half-term break. I hope you all had a rest! Unsurprisingly, we have jumped back into learning. In Maths, the children have been looking at decimals and despite this often being tricky as they aren't whole numbers the children understood the relationship between decimals and fractions which is great.

In English, we have started our next text for writing, the BFG! The children particularly enjoy reading Roald Dahl books for his humour and his creativity, so this is a great story to spark their own imaginations. We have been creating wanted posters this week to help capture these child-eating creatures!

We were able to link our wanted posters to our Science lesson this week where we have been looking at predators and prey. Diamond class knew that to help the children in the book avoid being eaten that they needed to use characteristics similar to those of prey to help them. These included camouflage and moving in herds.

We have switched from History to Geography this half term and begun talking about our Earth and how we know where different countries are. I have been thoroughly impressed with their prior knowledge about seasons and continents which will help prepare them for our topic about Antarctica.

I look forward to meeting with you next week either Monday or Wednesday for Parent's evening. If there are any queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

#### **EMERALD CLASS**

The half-term has long gone and we are well and truly back into the swing of things in Emerald class. In English we are looking at the Shakespeare play 'The Tempest' and have just read the opening scenes based on the storm and introducing the main characters. The children have been working on character descriptions of Prospero, Caliban, Miranda and Ariel and have produced some descriptive pieces of writing. Maths work this week has been focused around decimals-understanding the place value, ordering and converting between fractions. This is a tricky topic but the children have picked up the key learning concepts and are doing well. In Geography this half-term we are focusing on the UK. Yesterday, we looked at the key places/landmarks including cities, rivers, mountains and seas and oceans. In science our topic is based around living things and we had a really informative lesson based around the human life cycle and the different stages. On Wednesday we have our Remembrance Service at St. John's which Emerald are leading, it would be great if you could come along to support the children and join in with the service.

Mr Law & Mr Pople joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DATE LIST FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024				
NOV				
11 & 13	Parent's Meetings			
11	Anti-Bullying Week			
12	Phonics lesson for Parents/Carers of Ruby pupils to observe	9.00am		
13	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church (Year 1 to Year 6)	2.00pm		
15	No Celebration Assembly—Perform Drama Classes	9.00am		
18	Catriona Fathers' writing competition to begin			
19	Open morning for Prospective Parents	9.00am		
20	Collective Worship Emerald Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am		
21	Collective Worship Sapphire Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am		
27	Collective Worship Diamond Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am		
29	INSET DAY			
DEC				
2	Flu-Vaccinations (please fill in the e-consent forms sent by ParentPay)			
6	Catriona Fathers' Writing Award			
9	After School Clubs are finished			
11	Ruby Class' Nativity in St. John's Church	2.00pm		
18	Carol Service in St. John's Church (Year 1 to Year 6)	2.00pm		
19	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day (please make £2 donation on ParentPay) and Christmas Parties			
19	Nursery Class End of Autumn Term	2.50pm		
20	End of Autumn Term	1.00pm		

#### **Nursery Places 2024/25**

- If your child is 3 years old by August 31st 2024, they will be able to join our Nursery Class now.
- Complete our supplementary form, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary form to the school office as soon as possible.
- If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the school office and we can arrange a
  visit for you as soon as possible.

#### St. John's C.E. Primary School Spare School Uniform Shop

St. John's Primary School are proud to launch our school uniform shop with the aim of: preserving resources, eliminating waste and reducing our carbon emissions – all contributing to a more 🧱 sustainable school and world.

Ve can't make this work without you! You can help by making you school uniform purchases from our nearly new school uniform You can also help by donating any St. Johns's School uniform.

- For purchases, simply send a text message to 07985 467 033.
- Just state the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name, Donation to St. John's. Simple.

#### All items are priced at only £2

Items in stock in various sizes:

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Grey School Trousers / St. John's Tie / St. John's Book Bag

taff and parents. Proceeds from uniform sales will support St. John



At

St John's Church Strayfield Road 9:00am **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month** 

Come

And See



St Luke's Church 10:00am **Every First Sunday of the** Month

Come

And See

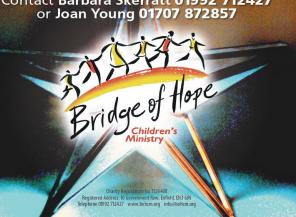
#### **Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry** invite you to their coffee morning with Christmas stalls.

If you have any new items, preserves or cakes you would like to donate, please bring (not bric a brac).

Enjoy delicious cakes and browse the craft and new gift stalls to find those exciting presents for Christmas.

16<sup>™</sup> November at Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield EN2 6TG, 10:30<sup>AM</sup>−12:30<sup>PM</sup>

Contact Barbara Skerratt 01992 712427



## Unwanted dothi

#### **SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

If you have any of the following items:

GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN SECOND-HAND OR NEW LADIES' AND MENS' CLOTHING, ALL CHILDRENS' CLOTHING – BABIES to TEENAGERS, SOFT TOYS, SHOES, BELTS AND HANDBAGS, BED SHEETS

and you are happy to donate them to raise funds for

#### Bridge of Hope Children'

Please put them in strong plastic bags and take them to the Scout Hut in the car park of Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road EN2 6TG between 10:30am-12:30.

We select items that are suitable for us to take to Uganda while other articles will be sold to raise funds.

All proceeds will go direct to our charity to support orphaned & abandoned children in Uganda.

#### Please do NOT include:

- Mats or carnets
- Torn clothingPillows, blankets,
  - Single shoes

duvets or curtains • Offcuts of material

For more information please speak to

Monica Wood: 0208 363 4555 Geoff & Barbara Skerratt: 01992 712427



www.bohcm.org info@bohcm.org

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**Clay Hill** 

# Quiz Night

St Luke's Church

Phipps Hatch Lane, EN2 OHL

Saturday 9 November 2024

6.30 for 7.00pm start

Tickets £10

**Tickets from Elaine Plumb** 

020 8482 4309

Tables of up to eight

or come along and make up a table

Bring your own drinks and nibbles



## St. John's C. E. Primary School

"Shine like stars"

### Nursery & Reception Class

## Top 2% of Primary schools in the country

'Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standardsand congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success' Rt. Hon Damían Hinds - Minister for Schools

## Are you a Parent or a Carer looking for a school place in either Nursery or Reception 2025? Come and see St. John's C.E. Primary School in action at our Open Morning on Tuesday 19 November at

<u>9.00am</u>\_We are a small school with a maximum of 17 pupils in both the Nursery Class and the Reception Class.

Supported group work provided for all pupils which enables all pupils to make excellent progress – last year our combined end of KS2 results were well above the national average and we are currently in the top 2% of schools in the country.

Excellent extra-curricular activities including a Breakfast Club daily – excellent feedback from our recent feedback from our recent Ofsted inspection on the 20th July 2022

Please contact our school office on 020 8363 4709 to book your place for the Open Morning or visit our website www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk for further information.

