

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



## Autism Acceptance Day at St. John's C of E Primary School

This is the month that we celebrate the contribution that our autistic pupils at our school make to enriching our entire school community. It is time that we really focus on our autistic pupils but also thinking about all autistic people and highlighting the wonderful gifts that they have been given by God. We acknowledge the strengths, achievements and uniqueness of people who are on the Autism spectrum. Every autistic pupil at our school places their hand print on our school community, marking their own contribution to our school. Next week we will hear Jasper read his prayer no doubt with such confidence and passion at our Celebration assembly. Such an enriching experience not just for Jasper but for every person present today, highlighting the significance of inclusion at our school. We want to amplify the voices of autistic pupils at our school, celebrating their unique strengths and addressing the challenges that they face throughout their life.

Throughout this month we will be selling raffle tickets to support the May Fayre at St. Luke's Church, please do try and support this fundraising event as the parish is always so supportive of St. John's School. We will also be holding a cake sale on the 17<sup>th</sup> May at the end of school so donations would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to our Eucharist service today at St John's Church for our older children (Emerald Class). Thank you to Mother Mitzi for organising this service and for preparing the pupils for this special event.

For those parents who wish it, Mother Mitzi is hoping next year to be able to offer Confirmation classes and the opportunity for children to be confirmed by our Bishop in 2025. This is offered by many other church primary schools, and we would be delighted to introduce this at St John's - if it was something parents wanted. Please do let Mother Mitzi know if you are interested in this so that she can plan these classes for next year.

## Dates list for the first half-term of the Summer Term

Dates	Activity	
3/5	Autism Day Eucharist Service at St. John's School for parents and pupils of Emerald Class	2.15pm
6/5	Bank Holiday	
8/5	Ascension Service at St. John's School for Reception – Yr.6 pupils	2.00pm
13/5 – 16/5	SATs week for Yr. 6 pupils – Monday – Thursday Governors in to monitor the administration of testing in the hall	9.00am
17/5	Cake Sale to support the may Fayre at St. Luke's Church	2.45pm
18/5	May Fayre at St. Luke's Church	12.00- 4.00pm
20/5	Pathways assembly – Forgiveness, all parents are welcome to attend.	9.00am

Have an enjoyable and relaxing Bank Holiday weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley



### Week Beginning Monday 6 May 2024

#### Monday

**Bank Holiday**

#### Tuesday

8.00am Breakfast Club

**9.00am Reception Parents invited to see your child's reading group session**

3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)

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

#### Wednesday

8.00am Breakfast Club

**2.00pm Ascension Service at St. John's School for Reception – Yr.6 pupils**

During school Keyboard

During school Recorder

3.00-4.00pm Tennis (Recep, Sapphire Class)

3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)

3.00-4.00pm Pathways (KS2 & Year 2)

#### Thursday

8.00am Breakfast Club

3.00-4.00pm Rounders 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)

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

#### **SPRING 2024**

Starts Monday 8 January

Half-term Monday 12 February to  
Friday 16 February

Ends (1.00pm) Thursday 28 March

INSET DAY Monday 19 February

#### **SUMMER 2024**

Starts Monday 15 April

Half-term Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May

Ends (1.00pm) Wednesday 24 July

*INSET DAY Friday 28 June CANCELLED*

INSET DAY Monday 1 July

Bank Hols Monday 6 May

#### **AUTUMN 2024**

Starts Tuesday 3 September

Half-term Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Ends (1.00pm) Friday 20 December

INSET DAY Monday 2 September

INSET DAY Monday 4 November

INSET DAY Friday 29 November

# NOTICES



## Attendance for the week

**RUBY CLASS** have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Tuesday 7 May in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

<u>This Week's Attendance</u>	
<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.8%
Sapphire	95.7%
Diamond	94.8%
Emerald	92.9%
Overall	94.8%

## Breakfast Club

Please note Breakfast Club will be charged at £4.00 from the Summer Term

- 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.

## 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.

## 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>



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



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

## RUBY CLASS

This week Reception have been learning all about the World around them. They have created passports, discussed different religions and also tried a variety of cuisines, including; Italian, Spanish and French.

In maths, we are recapping both 2D and 3D shape names. Please look out for the shapes in your environment and discuss the mathematical names for the shapes with your child.

We have also welcomed new families with our stay and play sessions and the class have been so welcoming of all the new faces.

Next week, we invite you in to watch our reading groups at 9am on Tuesday morning. We hope that you can join us. This is a great opportunity to see the structure of our sessions and see how well your child is doing. As we move towards the end of the year, we are preparing children for the transition to Sapphire class.

Our huge focus for the end of this school year is independence. We ask that you echo this at home when completing homework, celebrating work for having a go independently and continuing to build up their self-confidence.

Mrs Gatward, Ms Dall'Aglio, Mrs Dall'Aglio & Ms Shivarova [lucy.gatward@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:lucy.gatward@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

**True commitment and dedication are what Sapphire children are all about!**

**English** – The new writing unit is all about Gentoo Penguins. We are aiming to produce a skilfully-written chronological report about this group of penguins. We have been researching different interesting facts that you may want to share with your child.

**Maths** – telling the time is what we have been learning recently. We can tell the time one hour before and after, to the 5 min and we (year 2) are able to read the analogue and digital time. Please continue to practise with your child their time as this is an important life skill to have.

**Science** – Our changing world – Sensing seasons - To identify how the seasons determine how 'our changing world' varies, and to describe the impact that seasonal change has on our lives.

**Religious Education** – We are learning about the stories told in the Bible and the reason why Jesus shared them. Jesus spoke in simple stories or parables as a way of teaching His disciples lessons He wanted them to learn. We started with the story of the sower and we have lately learnt about the lost sheep and how precious it was to his 'Good Shepherd'.

In **PSHE**, we are learning about relationships, important people in our lives, the connection we have with them and the various roles we each hold.

**History:** We are learning about Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, pioneering nursing profession: her achievements and legacy. The children are already quite knowledgeable about these facts. Florence Nightingale's birthday is on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, so we shall be celebrating and commemorating.

**Ms Chebbi, Mrs Hargate, Mrs Hocyk are always very proud of you**

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk [asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## DIAMOND CLASS

Another great week in Diamond Class. We are halfway through Summer 1 term already! We are continuing to build on skills and things are starting to click into place. Hopefully, you should have received a pack from your child detailing all the key information for Diamond Class. As I stated in the letter, this is to address many things that came out of Parents' evening.

In Maths, we have been revisiting money. Lots of children have found this particularly difficult, especially as we rarely use cash anymore. If you have the opportunity, please allow them to use cash in a shop and get them to work out the change.

In English, we have been linking our writing to our Geography topic of Coasts. We are writing a letter of complaint to Southend Council about a horrible trip we have been on. The children have enjoyed using formal vocabulary to try and put their point across.

Please ensure your child completes their homework before the deadline as per the timetable sent out to you. There are a lot of children who are not completing the homework each week, and many are leaving it all to the last minute. Homework is vital for their consolidation of what they have learnt but also to ensure essential skills are being practised, that mean they can reach their potential in class.

**Times table practise is vital for all year 4's as there is only 4 weeks until their test.**

I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend, and fingers crossed the sunshine returns.

Miss Anderson, Miss Bates & Miss Ozgen [lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## EMERALD CLASS

I can't believe we are now into May and only one week away from the beginning of the year 6 SATS on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The children have really settled down well to their learning and I am feeling confident they will be able to do themselves justice when completing the tests.

In maths this week we have been focused on ratio and proportion, which can often be a very tricky topic. The children have adapted well to this and have made excellent progress throughout the week, solving some pretty tricky questions towards the end of the week. In History this week we have been focused on World Cultural Events-the children are in the middle of creating Powerpoints explaining different festivals including Holi, Songkran, La Tomatina and Dia De Los Muertos.

In art we have been looking at using different colour shades to create a pattern where we 'took a line for a walk.' The results were amazing-hopefully you can see this in the picture below.



Thank you to all those parents who attended the Manor Adventure meeting last Friday. I hope that we answered any questions you may have had, it is only a few weeks away now and I know the children are super-excited about their trip.

Have a relaxing bank holiday weekend and hopefully the weather stays kind.

Mr Law, Mr Pople & Miss Alagee [joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

<b>DATE LIST FOR SUMMER TERM 2024</b>		
<b>MAY</b>		
3	Eucharist Service at St. John's School for parents and pupils of Emerald Class	2.15pm
6	Bank Holiday	
7	Reception Parents invited to see your child's reading group session	9.00am
8	Ascension Service at St. John's School (Reception to Year 6)	2.00pm
13 – 16	SATs week for Yr. 6 pupils – Monday – Thursday Governors in to monitor the administration of testing in the hall	9.00am
14	Year 5 Bible Study Group with Mother Mitzi after CW until 10.15am	9.20am
15	Mother Mitzi to take Collective Worship with EYFS & KS1	2.20am
16	Governing Body Meeting	5.00pm
20	Pathways assembly – Forgiveness	
27 – 31	Half-Term	
<b>JUNE</b>		
3 – 7	Manor Adventure Trip for Emerald Class (no After School Clubs this week)	
11	Year 5 Bible Study Group with Mother Mitzi after CW until 10.15am	9.20am
19	Mother Mitzi to take Collective Worship for EYFS & KS1	2.20pm
<b>JULY</b>		
1	INSET Day	
3	Mother Mitzi to take Collective Worship for EYFS & KS1	2.20pm
4	Secondary Transfer Day	
5	Secondary Transfer Day	
8	Pathways – Hope – parents welcome to attend this Collective Worship in the hall	9.00am
9	Science Project for Year 5 with ETSP schools at Chace Community School	All day
10	Summer Concert for Ruby and Sapphire Class at St. John's Church	2.00pm
11	Curriculum Committee to meet	4.00pm
12	After School Clubs finish for the Summer Term	
12	Self-evaluation session for Governors	9.00am
17	Religious Education Day for the whole school with a focus on Prayer	All day
17	Graduation Service for Ruby Class at St. John's Church	9.00am
17	Summer Concert for Diamond and Emerald Class	2.00pm
18	Governing Body Meeting	5.00pm
22	Sports' Day	1.00pm
23	Rounders Match for staff and Year 6 pupils	3.00pm
24	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church – whole school and parents	9.00am
24	School closes for Summer holidays	1.00pm
<b>SEPT</b>		
2	School opens for the Autumn Term	8.45am

## St. John's Protected Spring in Uganda—Update

Completed work on developing the protected spring in Uganda.

The school has agreed to raise £1,400 to cover the costs of this, so far we have raised £506.09

If you would like to make a donation, please go to ParentPay where there is a donation account set up—Protected spring Uganda. We will be holding fundraising days.



"Bridge Of Hope Children's Ministry" supporting orphans in Uganda.

To find out more go to [www.bohcm.org](http://www.bohcm.org).

Indoor & outdoor pirate themed games & craft activities, refreshments, pirate show (11am) & treasure hunt (from 11:30am) with a Bible themed message!

# THE GREATEST TREASURE

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Sat 18th May 2024  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
£1 entry - no booking necessary  
\*additional charges apply for some activities

Christ Church House, Cockfosters, EN4 9JQ

In support of the work of Pathway  
Registered charity number 803639  
[www.pathwayonline.org.uk](http://www.pathwayonline.org.uk)

**PATHWAY**  
PATHWAY'S CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESOURCES AND TRAINING NETWORK  
NOT FOR PROFIT AND NOT FOR SALE



CHARITY TEA DANCE

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024

2.30pm - 5.30pm

@ Enfield Baptist Church

Cecil Road, Enfield, EN2 6TG.

Ticket event only. £15 per person

All the proceeds go to help feed & educate the children of UGANDA.

TO BOOK TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT

**ROSEMARY 07713 611499** or

**CLIFFORD 07851 828878**

Charity Registration No.1126408

# Does your child find it difficult to attend school for emotional reasons?



**Join the Educational Psychology Service at an online two-part workshop for parents and carers. We will:**

- ▶ Learn more about anxiety
  - ▶ Explore what feels helpful for your child and family
  - ▶ Discuss working together with schools to help young people attend
  - ▶ Share your thoughts and ideas with each other & identify what help and support are available
  - ▶ Connect with other parents and carers with similar concerns
  - ▶ Consider how we can look after ourselves when things are hard
- ▶ Based on feedback from our previous workshops, we are also offering the opportunity to meet in person (at the Civic Centre) with other parents to enable a conversation & share experiences. The sessions will be facilitated by Educational Psychologists who will support the group to identify ideas and ways forward. Coffee and cake will be provided.

### SESSION 1

**Tuesday 4th June (Virtual) 1.30pm-2.30pm**

**Monday 10th June (In Person) 10.00-12.00pm**

### SESSION 2

**Tuesday 18th June (Virtual) 1.30pm-2.30pm**

**Thursday 4th July (In Person) 10.00-12.00pm**

[Sign up here](#)

For more information, please email [eps@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:eps@enfield.gov.uk)

[www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk)



## Positive Co-Parenting of Neurodiverse Children 8-week online facilitated group

This programme is designed specifically for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment.

### Who should attend?

- Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child
- Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child.



These 2 courses will be delivered via MS Teams, over 8 sessions on the following dates/times:

**Date:** Tuesday 14, 21 May & 4, 11, 18, 25 June & 2, 9 July.

**Time:** 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

**Date:** Wednesday 15, 22 May & 5, 12, 19, 26 June & 3, 10 July.

**Time:** 9.30 am - 11.30 am

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699



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