

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the entire St. John's School community for another exciting year. It was so lovely to meet with so many parents at our Parents' Meetings last week, if you were unable to attend, please ensure that you have requested a copy of the information sheet.

On behalf of all the staff at St. John's School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many parents for your extremely generous gifts and thoughtful messages at the end of last term – this means so much to our dedicated team.

This half-term we are focusing on the value of forgiveness and thinking about how through showing forgiveness we are able to put things right. Throughout this week in collective worship we have focused on the biblical story of Joseph and his technicolour coat as an illustration of how difficult it can be to show true forgiveness at times. We also discussed the story of Zaccheus and how unfair people thought it was of Jesus asking to have supper with a cheat and a thief. However, through this discussion we explored together why Jesus did this and by showing forgiveness he helped Zaccheus to become a kind and generous person. Throughout this half-term we will continue to unpick this value, realising how powerful true forgiveness can be and the real changes that it can bring about in our school, our community, our country and our world.

As part of our drive in making our school more sustainable, we are really focusing on eliminating our lost property box 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 shop next Thursday 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.

Please note the following key events that will be taking place over this half-term:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Jeans for Genes Day, a donation of £2 on Jeans for Genes on ParentPay

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Cakes, biscuits and sweets sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Paul Lyalls (poet) working with all pupils and teachers in creating and enjoying poetry

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Open morning for prospective parents and pupils at 9am

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Fundraising activity for our Protected Spring in Uganda

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents back on a Friday morning at 9am for our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley



**Week Beginning Monday 16 September 2024**

**Monday**

**After School Clubs commence**

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)
- 3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

**Tuesday**

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- 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
- 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)

**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**

**Jeans for Genes Day**

- 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.

| 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        | Monday 6 January                         |
| Half-term     | Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February |
| Ends (1.00pm) | Friday 4 April                           |
| INSET DAY     | NONE                                     |

| SUMMER        | 2025                           |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Starts        | Tuesday 22 April               |
| Half-term     | Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May |
| Ends (1.00pm) | Tuesday 22 July                |
| INSET DAY     | Monday 2 June                  |
| INSET DAY     | Monday 30 June                 |
| Bank Hols     | Monday 5 May                   |



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

**Come  
 And See**



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

**Come  
 And See**

# 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 Monday 16 September in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

### This Week's Attendance

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Week</u> |
|--------------|-------------|
| Ruby         | 99.2%       |
| Sapphire     | 94.2%       |
| Diamond      | 94.8%       |
| Emerald      | 98%         |
| Overall      | 96.6%       |

## 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, 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>

## 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'

## 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.
- Autumn Term 2024 re-registration forms have gone out to parents already on the register, please ensure that they are filled in and returned, otherwise your child will not be on the register.

## Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 20 September, please come to school in jeans / jeanswear to raise money for children and families affected by a genetic disorders. Please pay £2 to Jeans for Genes on ParentPay.

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. [Jeansforgenes.org](http://Jeansforgenes.org).

## Nursery Places 2024

- 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.

## RUBY CLASS

We have had a fantastic first week, welcoming our new children and families to St John's. It has been a pleasure to watch the Reception children get to know each other, learning the names of their peers and discovering what activities are on offer in their new classroom.

We have enjoyed learning about each other – our favourite colours, what our families look like, what activities we enjoy and where our families come from.

We had a great time visiting Sapphire, Diamond and Emerald class, where we introduced ourselves and met the class teachers. As we get to know our school, our confidence is growing. I'm so impressed with the children's attitude towards school and their eagerness to really immerse themselves in their new community.

Our group sessions have focused on remembering the learning behaviours which will allow us to succeed – listening to each other, participating in discussions and offering our ideas.

Next week, the children will begin their school learning programs. They will be introduced to phonics, writing sessions and maths sessions as well as PE, music and PSHE.

As we move forward, I will be using ClassDojo regularly with the children to celebrate their successes – I encourage you to ask them why they were awarded points, reinforcing the value that their kind actions bring.

REMINDERS: Our PE session is on Tuesday – please dress in PE kit on this day.  
Celebration assembly (every Friday from 9-9:30am) is an open invite to all.

For any questions, please speak to me at home time at the gate.

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio [mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

The children have settled really well in Sapphire and have already started filling their books with amazing work as well as filling the classroom with smiles and joy.

**English** – We have been exploring Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson and producing some good pieces of writing about it such as descriptive writing, speech bubbles and information leaflets applying new writing skills for Year 1 and reconsolidating already-learnt skills for Year 2.

**Maths** – We have been learning about place values of digits in a number and we also covered different addition strategies, that is including using objects, pictorial representations and number lines. Year 2 have already started practising their column addition methods. Please continue to support your child with the activities sent home in order to further consolidate their learning.

**Science** – The topic for this half term is to learn about the amazing world of plants. We will discover how plants grow from seeds and buds. We will be using our senses to discover the plants that live in the world around us. The weather is still promising for some park walks to explore this with your child. Have a go at planting a seed with your child and observe its growth!

**Religious Education** – The unit is all about celebrations in Judaism, its significance and symbolism in a Jewish life. We will be exploring, making, creating and learning about the importance of special events in our lives.

In **PSHE**, we are celebrating being 'ME' in my world: my feelings, rights, responsibilities, rewards and consequences. **Geography**: We are learning all about the different types of weathers, symbols and conditions.

**We are extremely proud of you Sapphire, thank you for the smiles**

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

## DIAMOND CLASS

What a fantastic couple of weeks back into the Autumn term! We have been super busy in Diamond Class getting stuck into all our learning. It has been lovely getting to know the Year 3's and seeing how quickly they are getting the hang of KS2 life. Our Year 4's has definitely shown them the ropes and all children are settled and happy.

In Maths, we have begun looking at our four operations with the first couple of weeks looking at addition. All children have been able to use the column method successfully. Over this term, it is crucial that your child learns these skills as they are the foundation blocks of maths.

I am sure you have heard about our writing adventures! We have been transported into the circus this week to create the atmosphere for our new book. We have loved listening to music and enjoying 'circus' snacks. The children have been able to design a poster to entice people to come to a circus show and then we have written a description about what the circus looks like. It is clear to see that the children have loved this book so far and I look forward to the story they will write about their own magical world.

We have loved looking at changing states in Science, completing an experiment this week on melting ice (perfect for the cold temperatures we have been hit with). In History, we have started to look at the Egyptians, the children are fascinated by their differing lifestyles and have lots of questions.

I have set MyMaths homework this week. Please remember to complete this as it is vital to consolidate their learning. I have also set Times Tables Rockstars homework. I will start testing those in Year 4 towards the end of this month in preparation for their test in June.

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting last week. It was lovely to meet some new faces. I have sent home the details I shared then to all parents today, so you have an idea of what is happening. As always if there are ever any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or at the gate.

Have a lovely weekend,

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

## EMERALD CLASS

We are well and truly into our stride in Emerald class and I was delighted to see this morning that when I went onto the MyMaths homework site everybody had completed their homework. Also, our guided reading sessions are running really well and the children seem to be enjoying the books, which is the main thing.

In English we have been reading the book 'The Island' by Armin Greder, about a man who ends up on the island and experiences lots of prejudice and unkindness. We have had some excellent discussions about this and how this can occur in modern life.

In maths we have been working with decimal numbers in addition and subtraction, using the inverse and solving problems.

Our science this week looked at thermal insulators and conductors and the children completed an experiment based around what makes a good thermal insulator.

On Monday we are going to be making pizzas, please look at the ParentPay message sent out earlier in the week as to what the children need to bring in.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

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

| <b>DATE LIST FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024</b> |   |        |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------|
| <b>SEPT</b>                           |   |        |
| 16                                    | After School Clubs to start   |        |
| 20                                    | Jeans for Genes Day (please come to school wearing denim & make a donation of £2.00 on ParentPay for this worthy cause) |        |
| 27                                    | Cakes, biscuits and sweets sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity  |        |
| <b>OCT</b>                            |   |        |
| 4                                     | Paul Lyalls—Poetry Day  |        |
| 15                                    | Open morning for Prospective Parents  | 9.00am |
| 16                                    | Harvest Service at St. John's Church  | 2.00pm |
| 18                                    | Fundraising for Protected Spring in Uganda  |        |
| 21—25                                 | NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS WEEK   |        |
| 25                                    | Eucharist Service for Emerald Class   | 2.15pm |
| 28—1 Nov                              | HALF-TERM   |        |
| <b>NOV</b>                            |   |        |
| 4                                     | INSET DAY   |        |
| 5                                     | Individual Pupils School Photos (please come to school in your full school uniform)                                     |        |
| 11                                    | Parent's Meetings Week  |        |
| 11                                    | Anti-Bullying Week  |        |
| 13                                    | Remembrance Service at St. John's Church (Year 1 to Year 6)   | 2.00pm |
| 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   |        |
| <b>DEC</b>                            |   |        |
| 2                                     | Flu-Vaccinations (details to follow)  |        |
| 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 |



## 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.

We can't make this work without you! You can help by making your school uniform purchases from our nearly new school uniform shop. You can also help by donating any St. John'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

Many items are brand new with tags, or nearly new; ready to be worn. Please enquire, it's quick, easy and can save you money.

Items in stock in various sizes:

PE Jacket / PE white polo / Blue School Jumper  
Blue School Cardigan / Grey School Pinafore / Grey School Skirt  
Grey School Trousers / St. John's Tie / St. John's Book Bag

The uniform shop is run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Proceeds from uniform sales will support St. John's School and pupils. We thank you for your continued support.

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# BACK 2 SKOOL

## assembly throwbacks

*Packed with sing-along classics you loved from primary school, plus performances from top professional singers, a live orchestra and the massed children's choir.*

Saturday 28 September 4:00-5:30pm  
St James Muswell Hill, St James Lane, N10 3DB  
£10 - Book [www.pathwayonline.co.uk](http://www.pathwayonline.co.uk)  
Refreshments available to buy.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

Please ensure that payment is made before your child's After School Club starts.

If payment is not made, your place will be cancelled.



*Animals are so important in our lives.*

*They bring out love and tenderness in us, they remind us of the gifts of companionship, friendship and faithfulness.*

# **Come along and Join us for our Pet Blessing Service!**

**3pm Sunday 22nd September  
at and around St Luke's Church**

**Cuddly toys welcome  
as are photographs of any pet that might be  
shy or nervous**

ST JOHN & ST LUKE



CLAY HILL



# Summer Health Checks

## A Reminder For Parents & Carers

As we are all aware the summer holidays are approaching, less than 1 week away!  
Summer holidays are an ideal time to catch up on the essential health check-ups for your children.

### Dental

All children should have a regular check-up. The dentist will advise how often, depending on how good your child's oral health is. A check-up allows the dentist to see if your child has any dental problems and helps keep the mouth healthy. NHS dental care for children is free.

Brush teeth twice daily for about 2 minutes – last thing at night before bed and once during the day with fluoride toothpaste to help prevent and control tooth decay. Do not rinse after brushing, just spit out. If you rinse, the fluoride won't work as well.

### Asthma

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma, an annual asthma review with your asthma nurse or GP is very important.

The review is a routine appointment where your child will be examined to ensure that they are being prescribed the correct medication to keep the asthma attacks under control.

You are also able to talk about your child's asthma and ask questions i.e., symptoms, triggers and medicines. You can also talk about asthma attacks and how to reduce them.

### Immunisations

If your child is of school age, please contact *The School Aged Immunisation Service*.

*The School Aged Immunisation Service* administer vaccinations in schools and hold catch up clinics for children who have missed any immunisations.

**Pre-School Boosters** contact GP

**Flu (rec to yr 11)** in school & catch-up clinics

**HPV & MMR (yr 8)** in school and catch-up clinics

**MEN ACWY, Diphtheria, Polio, Tetanus (yr 9)**  
in school and catch-up clinics

☎ 020 4553 3890

✉ [northmid.enfieldimmunisationTeam@nhs.net](mailto:northmid.enfieldimmunisationTeam@nhs.net)

### Vision

Free NHS sight tests are available at Opticians for children under the age of 16 years and for young people under 19 in fulltime education.

Eye checks are important. Children may not realise they have a vision problem, so without routine tests, there is a risk a problem may not be spotted. This may affect their development & education.

If you require any further information or support from the **Enfield School Nursing Team**, you can contact them on:

☎ 020 3988 7300

✉ [northmid.cedarsn@nhs.net](mailto:northmid.cedarsn@nhs.net)

[www.northmid.nhs.uk/school-health](http://www.northmid.nhs.uk/school-health)



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