



St John's CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Spring Term and our countdown to the special season of Easter. The children are refreshed and are keen to get on their new topics. At the start of every term, we have a launch of year-group topics through some form of active learning. Here's a snap-shot of the topics for the next 5 weeks. We would love you to participate in any way possible, please see the Spring 2 class newsletter which will be available from Monday.

Our Core Christian value this half term is Forgiveness and we have been encouraging children to think about the power of Forgiveness. Reflecting on the value of kind and helpful relationships and how we grow in love from constantly learning from mistakes.

A positive attitude and excellent behaviour are a sign of a responsible learner. The majority of children at St. John's are always respectful and courteous. This week Year 3 children visited Chislehurst Caves. I am pleased to report they were a credit to themselves and St Johns.

However, this week I have had to take sad but firm action to ensure all children at St. John's receive quality learning without disruption and unacceptable behaviour. As we push toward higher standards in all areas of learning I will act appropriately to safeguard all children. Please speak to your child about the 3 Respect Rules and share your own experience of school life to build fair and balanced individuals.

Our 3 Respect Rules:

- Respect yourself
- Respect others
- Respect the environment

"He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins" Ephesians 1:7NLT

Kind Regards

Ms S Rutherford
(Head of School)

Chinese New Year

After School Club had a fun time celebrating the start of the Chinese New Year– the Year of the Dog. The children made lanterns and created their own noodle dish for their tea.

Maths in the afternoon.

We have introduced a short session after lunch to support timetables and number skills. The children are enjoying this time to consolidate maths reasoning and children’s language.

Be Dressed for the Weather - a Cold Spell is on the way!

Even though there are signs of spring, the weather is still very changeable. It is surprising to see some children arrive at school with unsuitable clothing for the cold weather.

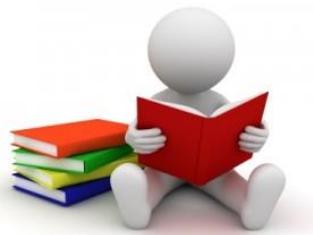


Parents helping children to be great readers!

We are determined to ensure that every child is a confident reader. Get ready for “Book Week” this starts next week! Please see the Reading Champions letter.

Parents we need your extra support with reading and the best way to reread aloud or together. Build a repertoire of favourites. Research shows the benefits are long lasting and can shape prospects:

- Reading develops imagination
- Develops better communications skills
- Children become better learners
- Increase concentration
- Reduce stress and helps children to relax



World Book Day!

Thursday 1st March. Please dress up in your favourite book character.

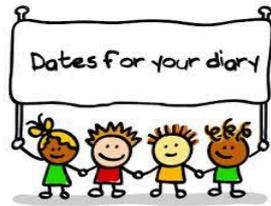
Attendance & Punctuality

We are taking firm action to reduce levels of poor attendance and punctuality, to ensure our children start the day well and get the quality learning they deserve. Please ensure your children are on time and ready to learn!

The best classes for attendance this week are:

- Emerald
- Diamond
- Onyx





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World Book Week

Monday 26th February till Friday 2nd March

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day – Children to dress up as favourite book character.



Well done to our top classes for gaining Dojo points! The following classes are leading the way towards the head teacher's prize!

- Pearl 100%
- Ruby 100%
- Topaz 100%
- Emerald 100%



Head Teachers Prize

The head teacher's prize for a fun day at Crystal Palace will be announced soon.

Dojo Stars of the Week

Children who have worked really hard and made a special achievement in their learning this week.

Pearl

Monroe

Ruby

Beau

Sapphire

Ruby

Topaz

Tishan

Opal

Kyara

Diamond

Daniel

Aquamarine

Michael

Amethyst

Joey

Tiger's Eye

Mantvydas

Jade

Klaudija

Onyx

Maria

Emerald

Kiyah