



St John's School Newsletter

25th April 2025

Values of this half term

Dignity and Respect

'Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.'

Matthew 7:12



Beacon Pupils

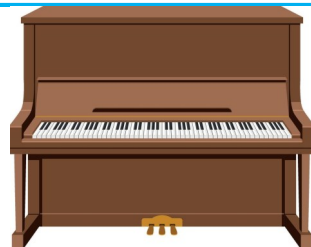
As this has been a very short week for the children we will share nominations for Beacon Pupil next week.

'Sports Day - CHANGE of DATE

We have had to reschedule our date for Sports Day later this term. It will now be on the afternoon of Friday 27th June (this had previously been our reserve date.) The new reserve date will be Friday 4th July.

New piano teacher

We would like to welcome our new piano teacher, Mrs Carol Cheung, who began teaching our pianists on Wednesday. If you are interested in your child having piano lessons please follow the link on today's email for more information.



House Names Competition

You may have noticed a new house point container which is in the reception area at the front of school. We would like to change the names of the school house teams which are presently Brocket, Cowper, Melbourne and Palmerston. We are challenging the children to come up with new names and to share them with their class teacher when they come back at the start of the summer term. Maybe local links or something that compliments the names of our classes? We look forward to hearing the children's suggestions

TT Rockstars Day - Tuesday 20th May

We are planning a TT Rockstars Day to encourage the children to have fun with their learning in Maths. The day will include Maths activities in their house teams, outdoor activities and Maths challenges. We would love the children to dress up as rock stars.

We will share more details nearer the time.

School Kitchen

We are currently experiencing a problem with the boiler in our main kitchen, therefore our Cook Manager will be preparing food for us at another school and transporting it to our children.

If your child is going to be late in, please ensure the office know their meal choice **before** 9.30am.

"I came that they may have life, life in all its fullness."

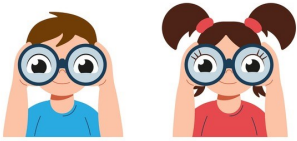
John 10:10

Top Tips and Word of the Week


Encourage Maths Skills

Play cards or board games that involve counting or patterns.

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
peer		To look hard because it is very hard to see.	When might you need to peer ?

This week's word for older children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
vibrant		Vibrant colours are very bright and clear.	What is the most vibrant piece of clothing that you own?

Lemsford Fete

Don't forget to return your reply slip confirming children's attendance on fete day.

Fete Preparations Raffle Tickets and Posters

Additional tickets are available in school so please do ask for them if you need them. Please fill out raffle tickets details with adult names only, NOT children's names. Payment can be made via the QR code or cash at the school office.

Let the school office know if you need any more posters to advertise this event locally.

Please return your ticket stubs and any money (if you have not paid online) to Miss Lewis in the office.

DIARY DATES

W/C 28th April - Lucky Bags to be brought in

Friday 2nd May - Dress Rehearsal of dancing and singing for parents who will be helping at the Fete

Lemsford Fete

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Thank you for participating in the first and second of our Fete donation days today!

As always please keep the fete date free as the children will be singing and dancing as part of the event. If you would like to be involved in the planning and organising of the fete please let us know. The dates of future meetings will be on the school diary once they are decided.

This year it is the fete's 75th anniversary as the first one was held in 1950. After the Easter holidays there is a week and a half of school before the day itself - Monday 5th May!

Here are some dates for your diaries:

Week beginning 28th April - Children to bring in lucky dip bags, please label with your child's name and details of their house team.

Friday 2nd May 2.15 p.m. - Preview performance of dances and songs for those parents who will be running the stalls and activities during the afternoon of the fete.

Sunday 4th May - Cake donations to be brought into school.

Monday 5th May - Children to come to Treetops at 1.45pm ready to perform at 2pm.

Attendance

As you know good attendance at school is vitally important for children's' development - social, emotional as well as academic. Good attendance is viewed nationally as being 95% or above.

We appreciate that this is the time of year when there are all kinds of illnesses going around but at present we have many children whose attendance is considerably lower than 95%

Our aim is to work with families to support them to ensure good regular attendance for their children. The following link is a blog on the subject of attendance produced by the DfE.

[DfE external document template](#)

Building work at St John's

To support us with vital projects we would like parents to consider making donations to our Governors' Fund. We held parent consultations about this last summer term and would now like to proceed with it, with the support of parents.

Here is a link to the school website which also explains the reasons and process further.

[governor-fund.pdf](#)

Many thanks for your support with this, once you have read the information, please to contact us if you have any queries. We are delighted to say that our bid to update the children's toilet areas has been successful.

School Uniform

A reminder to check that your child has the correct uniform ready for the beginning of the summer term, this includes appropriate school shoes. A reminder too that jewellery, including smart watches, should not be worn to school. Please ensure items of uniform are named.

Breaktime snack

A reminder that breaktime snacks should only be a piece of fruit/vegetable or plain biscuit. Chocolate or crisps are no allowed.

Payments / Balances

Trips/Events/Workshops/Swimming/ Meals & Milk

Please check your account(s) and clear any unpaid invoice.

If you have difficulty making payment, and have not already contacted Mrs Boylan, please do so.

Nut Free School

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free environment, packed lunches and snacks must not contain nuts. Pesto is often overlooked but contains pine nuts and so is not allowed. Many thanks

Parking

The safety of our children is paramount. Parents are **not** permitted to use the staff car park between 8.30 and 3.30 to turn around, drop off or collect your child.

Staff, deliveries and emergency vehicles must be able to access the car park at all times of the day.

Parents must use the pavement alongside Lemsford Road and into the side gate by Treetops - not walk through the car park at any time.

Children that are late should come to the main office using the pavement only, never through the main gate/car park.

Grapes in School

A gentle reminder that grapes are to be cut in half lengthways.

