



St John's School Newsletter

19th July 2024

Values of this half term

Courage and Responsibility

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'.
Joshua 1:9



OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS

We are very proud of our year 6 children. We are sad that they are leaving us but appreciate all that they have given to St John's. They have been fantastic role models and buddies. They are a joy to have around school and in class and have shown a positive and conscientious attitude to their learning. We wish them all the very best as they journey onto secondary school and hope that they will continue to stay in touch.

JUNGLE BOOK



Parents and children have really enjoyed performances of the Jungle Book given by classes 3 and 4. Each show was a delight of acting, singing and story telling. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Micky has been such a key part of our class this year. He has taught us all so much about what it means to communicate and how to be kind to everyone. His cheery smile when he looks at you to start a chasing game and his love of music lessons in the hall will be lasting memories for us all. We will miss him next year but we wish him all the best for the future.

Class 2 - Alessandro- for taking an active role on our school trip. He recalled the information about Mars and explained himself clearly and confidently. This week he has worked well in a team and shown good teamwork skills, taking the time to listen to others. In our English lessons he has used some great adjectives in his poetry writing to bring his shape poems to life.

Class 3 - Lukey - He has had a real determination and enthusiasm, not just in lessons, but also during our summer production performances and during our school trip. He has been a thoughtful friend and learning partner, making excellent choices and supporting others. He has shown a real maturity and positivity, particularly when thinking about moving up to year 5. Well done Lukey

Class 4 - James - We have loved how James has been looking back fondly on memories and his time at St John's, while also excitedly looking forwards to his next step to secondary school! James impressed us with his brilliant speaking and acting in the Jungle Book, remembering his cues and dancing with his fellow monkeys. He was great fun to take bowling for the Year 6 treat and was really encouraging of his classmates. He also impressed us when working cooperatively and leading the Young Leaders activity earlier this week. James has really embraced the last few weeks here at St John's and made the most of every fun moment!

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


John 10:10


Top Tips and Word of the Week

Keep on reading. Amidst the business of family life, it is hard to always find time to read to children.

If you read to your child for 15 minutes per day, in a year they will have heard 1.5 million words.

Reading slightly more challenging books to your child than they can read will help boost their reading oo.

Word		Definition	Challenge
emerge		To come out of a place	Tell someone about a chick or dinosaur coming out of an egg. Try to use the word emerge.

Word		Definition	Challenge
fleeting		It only lasts for a short period of time.	Look at someone so fleetingly that they do not realise that they do not even realise. Tell them afterwards.

PE kits

A letter was sent out yesterday explaining the new arrangements for PE kit in the Autumn term. Classes 1, 2 and 3 will bring their PE kit into school at the start of term and leave it in school ready for the days that they have PE. Ideally their kit will be in a drawstring bag which is easy to store in school.

Class 4 will wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. If class 4 attend a PE club which is not on their PE day they will need to bring in their kit to change into ready for the club.

Thank you for your support with this.

Communication

We would appreciate you completing a survey about the ways in which we communicate and inform parents. Communication and information sharing with you is a very important part of our relationship and an area that we always endeavour to develop. Please complete the survey by clicking the link below. Many thanks.

<https://forms.gle/6jVKUkwtNRMswK1u6>

Piano player needed!

We have been very fortunate to have Mrs Beart play the piano for us each Friday morning Celebration Assembly. We have been very grateful for her playing and the way she has helped the children organise the sound system. Now that Harry will be leaving us at the end of this term we will also be losing Mrs Beart. We are hoping that there is a piano playing parent who might be able to take on the role. Please contact Mrs Boylan if you might be able to help - thank you!

Parking

The safety of our children is paramount, there has been a noticeable increase in non-staff cars in our car park. 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 ASC - 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.

Hall Hire

Our school hall is available to hire for children's parties, extra tuition classes and a variety of other events. Please ask Mrs Boylan for more details.

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 is therefore not allowed. Many thanks

Food Bank Fridays

For the start of the Autumn term we will begin the class collections again, however the box is always by the front door and we welcome all suitable donations. Thank you.

Holiday Club

We look forward to seeing many of the children in our holiday club over the next two weeks.

DIARY DATES

Monday 22nd July - Leavers Assembly 2.15pm
Tuesday 23rd July—Whole school concert—9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 23rd July - Last day of term (1.30pm finish)
Monday 2nd September - Inset Day
Tuesday 3rd September — Children back for the start of the Autumn term.

CONCERT—Tuesday 23rd July 9.00 a.m.

All the children will be performing with their class in Tuesday morning's concert. Mr Rapson has been busy preparing the children and we look forward to seeing and hearing them perform! Parents are invited to come along.

Rock Steady Concert

We very much enjoyed a performance given by our two Rock Steady bands. Their guitar, drums, keyboard playing as well as their singing were fantastic! If you would like your child take part in Rock Steady please do have a look at their website: [Rocksteady Music School - Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons for primary school children](#) | [Rocksteady Music School](#)



Class 2 and 3 trip

Classes 2 and 3 visited the STEM centre in Stevenage this week. They developed their scientific knowledge by finding out all about Mars.



Hello everyone,

This Thursday was our final Collective worship in church before the summer holidays.

We had a very 'up and down' time thinking about how we could support each other as we move on to our new schools and classes.

It's been wonderful spending time with every class this year, and I'm going to so miss Year 6! I hope they're all looking forward to their new adventures at secondary school, and will pop back to say hello sometimes.

It would be great to see you over the summer, either at our Connect@4 informal service at 4pm, 21st July or at our All Together service on 4th August.

We'll then be back with another All together service on 1st September, with Sunday Club restarting on 8th September (followed by a 'new term' BBQ).

Whatever you're up to this summer holidays, I hope they're filled with rest, relaxation, and fun.

Here's a little Summer Holiday prayer that I offer for your use...

A Prayer for Families as Children Begin Their Summer Holidays

Loving God,

We thank you for the school year that has passed, for all the lessons learned and the friendships made. As the summer holidays begin, we ask for your blessing upon our family.

Grant us joy and laughter, new adventures and discoveries. Keep us safe in our play and travels. May we find rest and renewal, returning refreshed and ready for new challenges.

Help us to see your hand in the beauty of creation around us, and may we grow in wonder and appreciation for the world you have made.

Bless our family with peace and togetherness, and may this time be filled with love and joy.

Amen.



From everyone at St John's School—
we hope that you have a fantastic
family time over the holidays. Re-
lax, refresh and renew ready for
the new academic year!

