



St John's School Newsletter

5th 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



Class 4 PGL Residential Trip



Class 4 are having a lovely time at PGL Caythorpe, by the time you read this they will be on their way back, more to read next week.

Our Democracy Assembly

During Monday's Collective Worship we thought about democracy and voting. In our prayers we reflected on the courage and responsibility that being in government brings as well as the need to use our ability to vote when older. As a practice the children were given the opportunity to vote, they completed voting slips and put them into a 'Ballot Basket'. Of the choices that were offered the second place choice was a non-uniform day with an extended break time coming in first place with a margin of one vote after a recount! The extended playtime will be on Monday 15th July!



Class 1 Stay and Play

Wednesday 17th July 8.40 - 9.40 a.m.

On Wednesday 17th July there will be a Stay and Play session for parents of children in class 1. It will be an informal opportunity to spend time together, reflecting on the children's first year at St John's before moving onto class 2 in September. Please let us know via Tapestry or an email to Mrs Lewis (admin@stjohns561.herts.sch.uk) if you are able to come along. Younger siblings are welcome.

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Winter has been working so hard in our class this term. She has really persevered in our phonics and writing sessions and is producing some really thoughtful writing using all of her phonics skills. This week in her boat making challenge she showed resilience and patience while working out how to stop her boat from leaking. She is such a lovely, friendly member of the class, well done Winter.

Class 2 - Luca for his excellent attitude to learning this week. He has approached all the tasks with a positive attitude and a readiness to learn. When composing our headlines in English Luca thought of some excellent suggestions and worked with his partner to complete simple headlines along with alliteration and rhyme. When completing our science work Luca showed good knowledge of healthy eating and also linked the adult animals to the babies. Luca has been a great friend this week looking to include everyone in his game and showing great sportsmanship in football and chasing games.

Class 3 - Reuben has recently joined the school and begun to settle into the routines and expectations of Class 3. He has become engaged with his learning especially in English. Reuben has shown responsibility when helping out with class tasks such as handing out lunch bands and leaflets. He has been keen to put his hand up and to join in the lessons. He has shown focus on the tasks in hand.


Class 4 - No Beacon Pupil this week due to the majority of the class being at PGL.

"I came that they may have LIFE and have it abundantly"


John 10:10

Top Tips and Word of the Week - Terminology

Digraph: A grapheme made of two letters that represent one sound. An example is the 'sh' in 'shop'. Your child may use the mantra 'two letters, one sound' when they spot a digraph.

Word		Definition	Challenge
elegant		Stylish, graceful.	Pretend you are really elegant as you walk.

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
flabbergasted		Extremely surprised.	Look up the word flabbergasted in the thesaurus. What other words are like it? How are the two words different?

Camp St John's

Many of our St John's families enjoyed a very successful overnight stay on our school field. Cricket, roasted marshmallows and pizza were all enjoyed. Thank you once again to the LSA for organising this school community event.

Safe Visitors

This week we had another visit from Charlie the dog, some of our children have had some calm time reading to Vince and Linda with Charlie. Did you know that all visitors to school are required to sign in, read our Safeguarding Leaflet and wear a red Visitor lanyard or their own photo ID?

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.

School shoes and trainers

Although we are now in the second half of the summer term, we would request the children continue to wear black school shoes which are replaced as they grow out of them. If trainers are being replaced for use for PE lessons could new ones please be as plain as possible and dark in colour. Thank you.

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

Confirmation letters have been sent out and invoices uploaded to Arbor.

DIARY DATES

7th July - All Age Service at St John's Church
9th July - Governors' awards afternoon
10th July - Performance of The Jungle Book for Quantum Care at 10am
11th July - Full Governors Meeting
11th July - Move Up Day
12th July - Sports Day
15th July - KS2 Production
16th July - KS2 Production
17th July - Class 2/3 STEM Science Workshops
18th July - Rock Steady Concert
18th July - LSA Cake Sale
18th July—Year 6 leavers' treat
19th July - Reserve Sports Day
22nd July - Leavers Assembly 2.30pm (time changed)
23rd July - Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

Piano Concert - a new date for your diaries

There will be a short concert given by children who have piano lessons in school with Ms Duerden. It will be on Wednesday 17th July at 2.30 p.m. and parents of those children who have lessons are invited to attend.

ASC role

We are presently looking to employ someone to work in ASC before and after school. If you know of someone who might be interested in working with us would you please ask them to contact us by ringing the school. The role is for the sessions before school Monday to Friday and after school Monday to Thursday. We would consider more than one person to cover the role.

Governors Award

Next Tuesday afternoon those children who have received a Governors Award in this academic year will receive their treat. This year the lovely event that the Governors have organised will be taking place in school. Without giving too much away it will be a lot of fun.. The children will receive their invitations on Monday.

All age service at St John's Church Sunday 7th July 2024 11.00 a.m.

All children are invited to take part in the All-age service at St John's. They are welcome to join the choir, lead the readings and prayers. Please let Mrs Boylan know if you would you like your child/children to take

Parish Magazine Link

https://mcusercontent.com/4ef9cde22925da4bbcabca7d6/files/a7cea69f-ae62-f425-6351-f8c3dee12a90/Parish_Mag_jun_jul_2024_rev2a_web.pdf

Hello

This week in collective worship, we thought about emotions, with the aid of an excellent 'emotion orchestra' and an Old Testament story about David, King Saul and Jonathan. We explored how it's important to express what we're feeling, particularly if we're feeling sad. We also discovered that it's ok to experience moments of happiness when we're going through a sad or difficult time in our lives.

There's lots going on for families in church this month.

We have All-Together worship at 11am on July 7th with words, music and activities suitable for every age. This month we're going to be thinking about why we do what we do within our church services.

On 13th July from 3:30 - 5:30pm, it's our strawberry tea fundraiser in the beautiful gardens of 13 Lemsford village, AL87TN. This will be a great event for al the family. See the attached flyer.

Sunday Club returns on July 14th, with a year-end party before the summer holiday. Don't miss it!

Our next Connect@4 is on July 21st, and we'll be thinking about how God is always with us on our journey through life - past, present and future. Connect@4 is a relaxed Sunday afternoon (4pm) event, offering community, food, fun, music, creativity and exploration for all ages.

Looking forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Have a great weekend.

Rev Kathryn





Please come and join us for a

Strawberry Tea



In the beautiful gardens at
13 Lemsford Village, Lemsford,
AL8 7TN

Saturday 13th July
3:30pm - 5:30pm

Strawberries, scones, jam, cream, cake,
tea and soft drinks.
Live music, duck race and raffle

£10 per person - half price for under 12's
All the proceeds will go to St John's Church

Everyone Welcome!

The poster features a red border and is decorated with several fresh strawberries around the text. Two strawberry scones are shown on either side of the word 'Tea'.



Summer Reading Challenge

How children can take part:

Sign up for FREE in branch at your library

1. Read any six library books. All reading counts including listening to e-audiobooks, and parents or carers reading to younger ones.

2. After every two books, come back and tell us something about the books to collect stickers.

Once all six books have been read, children will receive a personalised certificate, a medal and a finishing gift.

They will also be entered into a prize draw to win a ticket to a creative workshop with Joshua Seigal, an award-winning poet.

Visit the link...

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/news-and-campaigns/summer-reading-challenge.aspx>