



St John's School Newsletter

28th June 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 visit to Stanborough School

Class 4 paid a visit to Stanborough School on Wednesday morning. They took part in some lessons including Art and Science. They experienced life in a secondary school, which is a great learning experience for both year groups.



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 like your child/children to take part. Thank you.

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - George has shown such brilliant self motivation in tasks recently. He has been working hard in his phonics sessions and challenging himself with the words he is writing. In our maths sessions he is showing excellent reasoning and use of the language we have been using to compare numbers. George enjoys a challenge and we love to see his creativity in action. Keep it up George.

Class 2 - Prosper for an excellent week of focused learning. In our habitats lesson he was sensibly using the key to find different insects from the pond. In our learning partner discussions he has been an active listener and helped his partner to access the class learning. In our English lessons he has worked really hard on his presentation and use of vocabulary to really lift his writing. Keep up the good work!

Class 3 - Evie S shows so much enthusiasm for her learning, demonstrating excellent determination with challenging maths questions, creating some fantastic expressive and well-evidenced writing in her persuasive writing planning, and completing careful observations in science. Evie's thoughtful, conscientious and caring attitude shines both in class and outside. She continues to shine in all she has done this week.

Class 4 - Suzy is a really kind, reflective and hard-working member of Class 4 who shows great enthusiasm for all of our learning. We are really impressed with her positive attitude to learning and how well she responds to feedback. She loved the visit to Stanborough School and we were so impressed with her use of equipment like the microscope, her brilliant listening skills, how well she joined in, and her fantastic behaviour. She was also very creative in the Mona Lisa art activity! Suzy has worked hard on her own political campaign this week and shared lots of thoughtful ideas about how to improve the local area and the world around her. Very well done!

Top Tips and Word of the Week - Terminology

Decode: To break down ('sound out') a written word into sounds then blend the sounds together to read the word.

This week's word for younger children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
echo	A sound that you hear again.	Imagine you are in a long tunnel. Can someone else pretend to be your echo?



This week's word for older children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
famished	Very hungry.	Slip the word famished into conversation with a classmate or family member and see if they notice.



Camp St John's!

Thank you to those who have purchased tickets for this event. The field will be open from 3.30 pm onwards on Saturday 29th June for you to pitch your tent.

Just to remind you we will be providing pizza during the evening (some vegetarian choices available) but you will need to bring your own snacks, drinks and breakfast for the morning.

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?

Holiday Club

We will be sending out confirmation of bookings early next week. Invoices will be added to Arbor.

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.

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.

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

Thank you to class 1 for bringing in their food bank donations today. 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.

DIARY DATES

29th June - Camp St John's
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

Thank you

Mrs Beart has played the piano every week in our Friday assembly for some years.

We have really appreciated her ongoing support in this. We can clearly see where Harry gets his musical talent.

However, if there is another parent who would be able to fulfil this role from September please do let us know.



Many thanks to all the parents who have helped with our swimming lessons this year, especially those we are losing as their children move into Year 5.

If any current Year 2 parents wish to join our rota, please let Miss Lewis know.



Parish Magazine Link

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Hello

This is my first year of having non-school age children, so I'm disappearing off on my summer holidays early this year. I think I'll need it after a course with hundreds of other vicars! Jo Brooks and John Barnard will be doing a fantastic job of leading collecting worship in my absence.

A reminder of what's coming up at St John's church over the summer...

We have **All-Together worship at 11am on July 7th and August 4th**, with words, music and activities suitable for every age. We also get together for this service on **1st September**, just before we return to school.

There will be **Sunday Club this term on July 14th**, with a year-end party for our last session. We meet at 11am during the morning service for friendship, fun and faith. All are welcome, babies to year 6.

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.

And a quick look ahead – St John's are back at school on **Tuesday 3rd September**, with **our traditional coffee morning for new and returning families at 8.45am**.

Sunday Club is back on the 8th September, and we'll have a **barbecue straight after the 11am service** that day to welcome everyone back.

See you on my return!

Rev Kathryn

