



St John's School Newsletter

14th 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



St John's Cake Bake Competition

Following on from our St John's Cake Sale last Friday we are delighted to say that the children raised £126 for the Isabel Hospice. On Wednesday Bailey Robinson, a fund-raising co-ordinator from the Isabel Hospice, came into school to accept the money raised and to have a photo shoot with the school council, who had thought of organising a charity Cake Bake Sale. All the children who entered the competition received a certificate in today's Celebration Assembly with the five children who scored the highest marks given a prize. The School Council and House Captains judged the entries giving points for effort, appearance and taste. Well done to everyone who took part!



Merits and Governors' Awards

The time is fast approaching when we will be giving children their final Merit certificates of the year. We will then be able to give out the final Governors' awards for those children who have achieved 5 merit certificates.

The dates are as follows:

Friday 21st June Last Merit certificates to be given out in Celebration Assembly.

Friday 28th June Governors' Awards will be given out in Celebration Assembly.

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - George has been working so hard in using his phonics in his reading and thinking about how to write his sounds so carefully. On our trip to Mill Green yesterday he was brilliant, listening carefully, joining in and asking questions. He has been able to recall so much about what we learned, retelling the whole process of bread from grain to cottage loaf. Well done!

Class 2 - Mason for his fantastic attitude and exceptional effort he has put into his learning. He has taken home learning to a new level by practising his spellings, times tables and column addition. Mason has completed beautiful writing this week about our pirates using excellent adjectives and expanded noun phrases. In class and in the playground Mason continues to be a great friend and keen sportsman ensuring all his friends are involved and cheering everyone on. Keep up the great work.


Class 3 - Lillia has shown real determination in her learning, working hard both independently and with her learning partner. She has used resources well to support her learning in maths, building on her understanding and tackling tricky questions. She has been a fantastic friend, checking in on others and offering help. Her confidence in joining in class discussions has also been brilliant. Well done, Lillia.

Class 4 - Jamie as staff across school have commented on Jamie's maturity, positive energy, polite manners and helpful nature. He is keen on all of our learning, and this week he showed fantastic understanding and team work when using equipment to measure mass and weight. We have also been impressed with how well he has been learning his lines and songs for the play, and been particularly impressed with the kindness and support he has shown others in helping them learn their parts too. Jamie is a thoughtful and encouraging friend as well as a fab role model. Well done!


Top Tips and Word of the Week - Terminology

Phoneme: The smallest unit of sound that can be identified in words. We also use the term 'sound' but your child may use the word 'phoneme'. There are 44 phonemes or sounds in the English language.

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
drifting		To float along in water or in the air.	How does the word drifting make you feel? Why?

This week's word for older children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
euphoric		You are really, really happy or excited	You were euphoric after watching a game of football, netball or other sport. What happened during the game?

Skills Club with Mrs Shannon

This week we talked about food waste in the UK and what we can do to help reduce it, including how to store and reuse leftovers so we don't waste food at home. All the children created their own recipe using leftover vegetables, carbs and proteins and promise to try out their own creation at home and send in some photos. As a group we created our own dish of Chicken and Egg Fried Rice... everyone helped make the dish and they all tried it! Great job everyone!!!



Being Safe online

Please follow [this link](#) to our website to see a great range of parent info posters on the various Apps and games your children might be using. At the bottom of this page are 2 different games your children can play to support their understanding of being safe online. This is also something we regularly cover in our PSHE lessons, see what your child is learning in PSHE this term [here](#). As always, if you are worried about your child's safety for any reason, please contact us straight away for support.

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.

Food Bank Fridays

Thank you to Class 3 for continuing with the excellent work. Next week is Class 2's turn. It would be appreciated if the children could bring in food in tins or packets or toiletries on Fridays. Here is the suggested timetable of giving days for classes:

Friday 21st June Class 2

Friday 28th June Class 1

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

DIARY DATES

17th June - Arts & Outdoor Learning Week
19th June - Class 4 Cathedral Away Day 10-2.30pm
19th June - Sports Leaders from Knightsfield School leading PE
20th June - Isabel Hospice Fundraiser Meeting our School Council
29th June - Camp St John's
21st June - Book Fair 3.15pm in Hall
7th July - All Age Service at St John's Church
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
19th July - Reserve Sports Day
22nd July - Leavers Assembly 2.30pm (time changed)
23rd July - Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

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Just a reminder to key an eye on our school X feed. Miss Ng frequently updates the feed with news about our latest ventures at St John's!

Grass Cutting

If any parent has a contact who can cut our school grass ready for sports day, and beyond, please get in touch with the school office.

Outdoor Learning Week

17th June - 21st June

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help. If any other parent has some time, we would welcome parent volunteers into school during the week beginning 17th June.

If any parent is able to lead any group activities that can be completed outdoors like gardening, bug hotel making, den building - we would welcome them to join us during the week.

Please let us know via email to:

admin@stjohns561.herts.sch.uk

Parish Magazine Link

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

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

