



St John's School Newsletter

7th 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 Charity Bake Off

It was fantastic to receive 23 cakes, biscuits and cupcakes for our St John's Charity Bake Off today.

The School Council and House Captains have been busy judging the entries this afternoon. They marked them for effort, taste and appearance.

The winners will be announced next week and all entrants will receive certificates.

As you know all proceeds from the cake sale will go to Isabel Hospice.



Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Tilly is such a wonderful calm presence in our class. Her focus in lessons has shown in her quick responses in phonics lessons and her thoughtful writing in the last few weeks. We love how carefully she listens and is keen to help adults and friends alike. Keep up the good work Tilly!

Class 2 - Maya for her kind and calming influence in class. She has a great attitude to learning and always takes her time to be careful and considerate in her work. This week she has grown in confidence ensuring that she puts her hand up and contributes to the class discussion and group work. In our paired work Maya has demonstrated the ability to explain tasks clearly and kindly to her partner. In our art work she created a beautiful sketch of the natural objects and used a range of shading skills.

Class 3 - Zach has shown fantastic enthusiasm for his learning this week, working well independently and with his talk partner - creating a brilliant rhyming couplet poem and confidently performing it. He's been a good friend, conscientious both in class and outside. He has been confident to join in class discussion, finding patterns in our new maths topic of angles.

Class 4 - Holly H is a lovely, calm presence in the classroom and can always be relied upon to be responsible and make good choices. She is hard-working and diligent, paying close attention to detail in her learning and always wanting to improve. Holly has impressed us with her growing confidence in speaking up in class and sharing her brilliant ideas. We were really pleased with her effective suspense building in her writing this week, and her creative and beautiful weaving. Well done!

Food Bank Fridays

Thank you to Class 4 for getting us off to a good start. Next week is Class 3'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 14th June Class 3

Friday 21st June Class 2

Friday 28th June Class 1

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

John 10:10

Top Tips and Word of the Week

Charades: Have fun acting out and guessing famous characters, films or books that your child is familiar with. Harry Potter is always a good one, or Elsa from Frozen.

This week's word for younger children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
dread	Worried about something because you think it will be bad.	Everyone dreads something. Ask people at home what they might dread .



This week's word for older children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
Eavesdrop	When you listen secretly to what people are saying.	Try eavesdropping on a conversation. What can you find out?



School Photos

The children looked lovely and tidy yesterday for the whole school, school council and sport team pictures photos. Thank you to Nic Sanders and Gina Butler for their organisational skills!

These will be available to purchase soon.

General Election

Miss Ng would be extremely grateful for any election material that is posted through your letterbox, to be given to Class 4 for a topic they will be doing regarding the General Election. Thank you

@StJohnsLemsford

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!

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.

Wool for Art

If you have any wool at home, please pop them into Class 4 or the office. We will be using it for a colourful weaving project in Art after half term. Thank you!

Keeping Everyone Safe

Safe Friendships - lots of our classes are learning the skills needed for safe friendships: listening to others and standing up for yourself or considering how to manage peer pressure. See what you child is learning in PSHE [here](#). Friendships can be hard to navigate, at St John's one of the ways we support these skills is by knowing our children really well - all our Lunchtime staff are also class TAs and of course Mrs K is with some children from Breakfast Club to ASC, this helps us really understand our children and support them in a social context as well as with their learning.

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.

Nut Free School

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free environment, packed lunches and snacks must not contain nuts. Many thanks

DIARY DATES

10th June - Phonics Screening Week
13th June - Class 1 trip to Mill Green (am)
13th June - Full Governors Meeting
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)

Outdoor Learning Week

17th June - 21st June

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 week in church, we thought about the part each of play in the community of the school or church, with the aid of that great song 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes'. It can be easy to think that some people's parts are more important than others, but we need EVERYONE to make a whole and healthy community.

I hope you all had a great half term. As it's the first week back, I thought I'd give you a run down of what we have on 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 on **1st September**, just before we return to school.

There will be **Sunday Club this term on June 9th and 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, and we'll have a **barbecue straight after the 11am service** that day to welcome everyone back. Looking forward to seeing you over the summer!

Rev'd Kathryn

