



St John's School Newsletter

24th May 2024

Values of this half term

Dignity and Respect

'Treat others as you like to be treated yourself'
Matthew 7:12



School Council

The School Council have been making plans and consulting with their classes over the following initiatives:

Food Bank Fridays

We would like to reintroduce Foodbank Fridays. 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 7th June Class 4

Friday 14th June Class 3

Friday 21st June Class 2

Friday 28th June Class 1

St John's Charity Bake Off

The School Council would like to hold, with the support of our LSA, a St John's Charity Bake Off to be held on the first Friday after half term. We are inviting the children to make **cakes, buns, cupcakes or biscuits** with a **book theme** and to bring them into school on Friday 7th June. Children should bring a **list of ingredients** as well as an **explanation** about the ways in which the cooking relates to the book theme. Judging will take place by the School Council and the School House Captains during the day. At 3.15 p.m. we will be selling the cakes and the LSA will be serving drinks, it should be a lovely tea party! A flyer is attached with this newsletter. All funds raised will go to the Isabel Hospice as the school council would like to support a charity which helps those people families struggling with cancer.

Home Skills Club

The children attending Mrs Shannon's club on Wednesdays after school have had fantastic time learning all kinds of skills. This week they prepared healthy alternative to our usual snacks. They prepared a range of items including making their own humus and fruit salad - delicious. Many thanks to Mrs Shannon for giving the children these lovely opportunities.

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Isabella has been listening carefully to feedback and applying this to her work. Her writing is showing all of her phonics skills, as well as using finger spaces, making her writing really clear now. She is a thoughtful member of the class, thinking about her friends as well as listening to adults and having a go at challenges the class have been given. Keep up the good work Isabella.

Class 2 - Max for his improved concentration and attention to detail in his work this week. He has taken time and care over his presentation when creating a wanted poster for our character Alan. Max has enjoyed making groups in Maths and has worked well with his partner and his group. In the playground he is learning to take on the ideas of others, listening to their ideas and sharing his ideas for playground games. Max always comes to school with a big smile on his face ready to start the day.

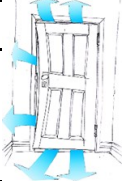
Class 3 - Evie W has had such a positive attitude to all aspects of her school day, from her hard work in planning and writing a narrative through to her determination in reading time and in Maths. She has been a fantastic friend and learning partner, showing fantastic confidence in reading her ideas to the class, and thinking deeply when taking on the role of an historic figure during our Viking topic. Excellent hard work Evie, well done.

Class 4 - Demi is a caring friend who is supportive and encouraging to all. She has been working incredibly hard on her independent learning skills and we have been impressed with how she has applied these to further her learning and progress in class. She used resources and class discussions well to help her write a fantastic balanced argument, and has shown great understanding in recent Maths topics too. Demi is laying brilliant foundations for her next step into secondary school. Well done!


Top Tips and Word of the Week

Team Topic: On the bus or in the car, think of a topic and see how many things you can think of as a team in a set time. You can choose any topic but here are some ideas : living things, things with wheels, things that make a loud noise or things made of metal.

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
draught		A stream of cold air that comes into a room.	Ask someone at home to find out what draught means by looking up the word on their phone and tell you what it says.

This week's word for older children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
dwindling		Getting less and less.	Look up dwindling in a thesaurus. Find a synonym that you know well and talk about how the two words are the same and different.

LSA Café

Many thanks to the families of children in class 2 who brought in cakes for yesterday's cake sale. The sale raised £170 - amazing. Many thanks to the member of the LSA who organised the event and to the parents that supported it.

Keeping Everyone Safe

Safe Visitors - this week we had another visit from Hattie the dog, some of our children have had some calm time reading to Mary and Hattie. 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?

Outdoor Learning Week

We would like to celebrate and enjoy our lovely school grounds by having an outdoor learning week during the second half of the term. During the week beginning Monday 17th June, weather permitting, as much learning as possible will take place outdoors; this will include our usual curriculum and topics as well as special activities including visits to Lemsford Springs. We will share further details with you nearer the time. If you have any skills or interests that could be shared with us during the week, please do let us know, it would lovely to have parents leading or participating in activities.

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. Many thanks

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!

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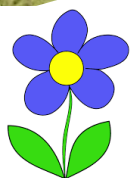
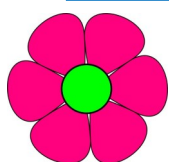
Just a reminder to key an eye on our school X feed. Miss Ng frequently updates the feed with news about our latest ventures at St John's!

Our new school garden

Mrs Shannon has been busy creating a school garden area. This week each class planted out seeds and young plants as well as explored ways of recycling rain water with the aim of self sufficiency.

We were able to use funds from our Feeling Good Week to purchase gardening tools and equipment for the children to use.

We look forward to the results in the coming months.



DIARY DATES

27th-31st May - Half Term
3rd June - Inset
4th June - Children back to school
6th June - Class Photos & Whole School Photo
7th June - School Council Cake Competition & LSA tea
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
29th June - Camp St John's
21st June - Book Fair 3.15pm in Hall
11th July - Full Governors Meeting
12th July - Sports Day
15th July - Year 6 Play - more details to follow
16th July - Year 6 Play - more details to follow
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)

In terms of All-Together worship, would you ok to put a call out for readers, people do prayers etc for 2nd June?

Do you think there's any chance of St John's choir participating in the final All-Together worship in July? It would be lovely to have a kind of end of term celebration.

Hello

This week, it's all been about Pentecost - the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples, and the birthday of the church.

At Connect@4 on Sunday we had an incredible birthday cake, and enjoyed getting messy with an interactive Pentecost trail around the churchyard.

There are a few pics here so you can see the kind of thing we got up to. **Our next Connect@4 is on 21st July at 4pm.** Pop the date in your diary now! Hopefully we will be outside again.

This Thursday in church, we sadly didn't have another enormous chocolate birthday cake. But we did share the story of Pentecost together, focussing on the power of the Holy Spirit, seen in the fire which appeared over the disciples heads.

Coming up at St John's we've got our **All-Together worship on 2nd June**, when we'll be thinking about generosity, and how we can give our time, talents, skills etc.

It would be great to have lots of people there from school. Children can join in as much or as little as they feel comfortable with.

Have a great weekend. Hopefully the sun will reappear.

Rev'd Kathryn

