



St John's School Newsletter

17th May 2024

Values of this half term Dignity and Respect

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



SATS Week Round-Up

Our year 6 completed their SATs this week. Throughout the tests they were calm, organised and positive in their attitude. No matter the results they should be very proud of the way in which they carried themselves - well done!

Many thanks to Miss Ng for providing a nutritious and delicious breakfast complete with a daily menu! Fantastic!



Fete part 2!

Last Friday afternoon the sun came out and we were able to enjoy the dances the children had prepared for the fete. What a joy to see! Thank you to the LSA for providing the stalls that were also part of the afternoon.

We have popped a few of the images from the day on the back page of this Newsletter.

Musicale

Musicale would like to offer St John's pupils in Years 3-6 the opportunity to learn the violin, saxophone, clarinet and flute starting in September 2024!

Please see flyer attached to Newsletter email.

Census Day - 16th May 2024

Thank you to all those children who had a school meal on Thursday 16th May, your support really does make a difference to our funding. 75% of the children took part - fantastic.

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Micky who has been enjoying interacting with more of our classroom activities this week. He had a brilliant music session joining in with the actions for our 'Sleeping Bunnies' song as well as having a little go on one of the drums and a xylophone. He also enjoyed a yoga movement session with the class, trying out different moves. We love what he adds to our class and school life.

Class 2 - Emma who is so consistently brilliant in her attitude to everything she does. Each day Emma comes in with an enthusiasm for learning and she has particularly enjoyed learning about crocodiles and alligators in our English topic. When completing work in a group or in learning partners Emma is caring and considerate offering her help to others in a kind and generous way. Emma has completed some tricky maths work on multiplication and has successfully used resources and also shown her knowledge of her 2's and 10 times tables.

Class 3 - Alex whose enthusiasm for learning has shone this week and his confidence in sharing his ideas, particularly in the way he has articulated and explained them, has been brilliant. He has been drawing on previous knowledge to find patterns in his learning, showing great chronological awareness in History and working well alongside his partner in Maths to tell the time. He has been really mindful of others, his choices and has been a fantastic friend.

Class 4 - Leo was cool, calm and collected during SATs week! Leo shows great interest in our learning, he works hard in class as well as during focussed work with an adult. We have noticed a real growth in his maturity over the year; in his positive attitude to learning, his growth mindset, and his ability to concentrate and focus. All will all stand him in good stead. He is a lovely friend who has kept spirits high this week with his cheerful nature. Brilliant!


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

John 10:10


Top Tips and Word of the Week

Alphabet lists. Choose a category: it might be clothes, food or TV programmes. Then choose a letter. See how many words you can think of from that category that start with the target letter e.g. clothes starting with 's': scarf, socks, sweatshirt.

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
disguise		You try to look different, so people do not recognise you.	What disguise would you like?

This week's word for older children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
descent		Moving down.	What things can you make a descent in or on?

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.

Keeping Everyone Safe

Safe Governors - Our link Governor for Safeguarding is Luca Rastello - Luca is a former St John's parent and is a passionate supporter of looking after the whole child. He often pops in to see more about how we keep each other safe at school. Do you know who our Governors are? You can find them [here](#) as well as information on joining them!

@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!

Attendance

As you know good attendance at school gives children the best possible start in life. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. We would encourage all families to aim for the highest attendance at school that is possible. Missing a few days here and there soon mounts up and impacts the children's ability to socialise, progress and achieve.

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.

Wrap Around Club - Updates

On Tuesday morning we said a very sad goodbye to Mrs Turcu, who had worked in our Breakfast Club and After School Club for 3 years.

On Tuesday afternoon we said a very warm welcome to Miss Higgins, who joins us as our new Club Assistant.

May Half Term Holiday Club

Thank you to those parents who have booked places in our Holiday Club. We have some availability Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th. Please let the school office know if you wish to secure a place.

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

23rd May - LSA Cake Sale (Class 2 to provide cakes)
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
18th July - Rock Steady Concert
18th July - LSA Cake Sale
19th July - Reserve Sports Day
22nd July - Leavers Assembly 2pm
23rd July - Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

A Message from Herts Music Services - Events and Classes

HMS are pleased to invite children and families to our free taster sessions for their brand-new music ensembles starting at Mid Herts Centre for Music and Arts centre after half term.

They have an **Open Evening on Tuesday 21st May 3.30-6pm** where you will be able to talk to our experienced teachers for advice and try out a variety of brass, percussion, woodwind and string instruments. Please register your interest here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/887694487107?aff=oddtcreator>

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

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This Sunday its Pentecost, which is like a birthday party for the church.

Our Connect@4 gathering at 4pm THIS SUNDAY will be exploring Pentecost with the aid of a birthday cake and outdoor trail in the churchyard. This relaxed service is brilliant for families, including those who go to other churches on a Sunday morning, or have never gone to church before. There's no sitting in pews, or sitting still for a long time, so it's ideal for children of all ages. St John's is your church, so do come along and say hello.

On Thursday in church we explored the need to think before we speak and act, with the aid of a description of my 'gone wrong' morning and a tube of toothpaste.

This helped us think about the half termly values of respect and dignity.

I'm sure your mornings never go as badly as mine. But just in case, here's version of the prayer we said:

Dear God,

We are sorry for the times when we blurt out angry, disrespectful words without thinking and upset other people.

Please help us always to think before we speak.

Please help us to use our words for good.

Please help us to encourage others and help them to feel good.

Amen.

Rev'd Kathryn



FETE Part 2

Friday 10th May 2024

