



St John's School Newsletter

10th May 2024

Values of this half term

Dignity and Respect

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



K'nex Challenge

Class 4 took part in the annual K'nex Go Construct challenge. This year, they had to build a bulldozer!

Children worked in pairs to design and make a bulldozer—it needed to have a cab for the driver, be able to shift earth and have a study structure.

Congratulations to Suzy and Ellie who were the class winners. Pop to our website to see more photos.



Lemsford Fete

Once again many thanks for all your support in the lead up to, and on the day of the Fete. If you have not collected your raffle prize, please pop into the office. We also have a couple of cake boxes to be collected.

Knightsfield School

On Wednesday a group of students from Knightsfield School in Welwyn Garden City came with member of staff from the school to lead an assembly about Deaf Awareness. They explained what it is like being in school if you are deaf, the range of hearing aids that they use and the ways in which we can help a deaf person understand what we are saying when we are communicating with them.

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Florence has been such a super role model this week. She was impeccably behaved during our fete performance, despite the weather, representing our school beautifully. She continues to be a super helper in class. She is thoughtful towards adults and friends and watches out for anyone who might need some help. She carefully listens to adult guidance and has improved her writing by listening to advice, especially about finger spaces, and she is using her phonics to great effect. Keep up the super work.

Class 2 - William for his constant enthusiasm for learning and for consistency being a great learning partner. He has a great thirst for knowledge and enjoys sharing his ideas with others. William has completed some excellent fact finding in our non fiction topic this week and is able to find and share ideas from the text. In maths he has been able to use his multiplication and division facts to complete fractions of numbers. during playtimes William has ensured that everyone is playing fairly and has encouraged good sportsmanship from his teammates.

Class 3 - Yulana has shown fantastic determination and hard work in his learning this week, tackling tricky money questions in our maths topic and finding features of playscripts in English. It has been fantastic to see Yulana's confidence grow, working well alongside his learning partner and asking questions to support his learning. Yulana is always very thoughtful and conscientious in class and a fantastic friend.

Class 4 - Frankie is a wonderful addition to our class and school! He is a kind and gentle soul, and has thrown himself into life at St John's, and has already made lots of friends. We have been really impressed with Frankie's hard working attitude and how well he has joined in with our learning and class discussion. We are so pleased to have him with us and really proud of you! Well done!


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

John 10:10


Top Tips and Word of the Week

Get your child involved in planning parties or trips. This involves lots of talking, thinking and planning. 'Who will be coming? What will you need to do? What food will you need? What can you do before? Who needs to do what?' Maybe even ask 'How can we keep costs down?'

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
discover		When you find something that you did not know before.	Imagine you found an old box in a cupboard. What do you think you could discover inside?

This week's word for older children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
derelict		Empty and in a bad condition because it has not been used or lived in for a long time.	Think of three other adjectives you would use to describe a derelict house.

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.

Grant Shapps visit

<https://www.grantshapps.com/news/st-johns-c-e-primary-school-pupils-question-local-mp>



May Half Term Holiday Club

Last chance to request Holiday Club places for dates between Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May, we can offer AM / PM or full day. Please see details attached to today's Newsletter email.

Responses by Wednesday 15th May please.

DIARY DATES

13th May - SATs week
16th May - Census Day, help by having a school meal
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
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
21st June - Book Fair 3.15pm in Hall
11th July - Full Governors Meeting
12th July - Sports Day
19th July - Reserve Sports Day
23rd July - Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

Census Day - 16th May 2024

For children in Class 2, 3 and 4.

Please support our school by asking your child to have a school meal on Census day. Part of our funding is linked to the uptake of meals. Thank you.

Menu for the day

Beef Burger in a bun
Tomato pasta with cheese topping (v)
Cheese spread sandwich (v)
Jacket Potato with cheese and/or baked beans (v)
+ a selection of puddings and fresh fruit

A school meal is £3.30 a day (Year 3-6), payment made via Arbor from 17th May.

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.

We also 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>

Hello

We owe you an apology... The St John's church tent at the **fete on Monday** was based on the theme of Noah's Ark and it all became a bit too realistic!

Despite the weather's best attempts, it was a fantastic afternoon and proof that people are brilliant! I couldn't believe how many people came through the gates to support the school and church and to show that there's lots of fun to be had if just have the right wellies. Thank you to everyone who came, helped, spent money and waded through the mud! I hope you're now thoroughly dried out and enjoying the mistimed sun.

This Thursday in church we thought about **Ascension Day** - the day that Jesus leaves behind his disciples and ascends to return to God in heaven. The children did a great job of acting out the story, and joining in with the 'left behind' prayers.

It's **Sunday club during our 11am service this week**, and we'd love to see you for stories, games, chat, crafts and more. You're welcome to either remain in the communion service whilst the children head to the Annexe, or go to Sunday club with them if they'd feel more comfortable with that.

Finally, don't forget that on **19th May at 4pm it's our Connect@4 worship gathering**, when we'll be having fun on a (hopefully) outdoor trail designed to help us explore the meaning of Pentecost.

Have a great weekend.

Rev'd Kathryn

