



# St John's School Newsletter

## 3rd May 2024

### Values of this half term

#### Dignity and Respect

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



#### Lemsford Fete - Bank Holiday Monday!

Thank you so much for all your efforts with providing donations for the fete. Your generosity is much appreciated and is a huge help towards, what will hopefully be, a very successful event. Please make sure that the children are in ASC by 1.40 p.m. on Monday so that we can be ready for our dancing and singing performances at 2.10 p.m.



Yesterdays rehearsal of one of the Maypole Dances.

#### TESCO Award

Many thanks for all your collecting of Tesco Blue tokens. We came second which means we will receive £1000! We are going to develop a garden area so will be looking to purchase tools, containers and storage. It will hopefully be an area that all classes will be able to enjoy.



#### Beacon Pupils

**Class 1 - Pemisire** has been working so hard in our phonics sessions and is taking great care in her writing. In our practices for the fete, she has been listening really carefully and has learnt the dance brilliantly as well as singing beautifully in our whole school songs. She has settled in so well, keep up the good work Pemisire.

**Class 2 - Daphne** has had a fantastic week regarding her enthusiasm for learning. Every day she comes in with a cheerful smile and a readiness to learn. During group discussions the adults are starting to see her take a more active role and it's lovely to hear her ideas. In Maths she has been concentrating on creating fractions both with shading shapes and with working out fractions of numbers. With concentration and hard work she now recognises how to make halves, quarters and thirds. She is a kind and caring learning partner and friend to everyone in the class. She has great ideas and it's lovely to see her progress this term.

**Class 3 - Alex** has shown real determination in his learning, employing all our devices in English to create a fantastic piece of work in the style of the text we have been reading - his imagination really shone through. In maths, he has been using all his previous understanding to work through our new topic, tackling tricky questions independently. It has been fantastic to see Alex putting himself forward for activities, joining in discussions and being an integral part of our Maypole rehearsals.

**Class 4 - Gitish** is a lovely member of class who has really impressed us over the year with his growing maturity and positive attitude to learning. He manages distractions well and is focussed on his learning. He asks for feedback and works hard on it, making small changes to his work that add up to lots of great progress over time. A conscientious and hardworking member of class who is really flourishing over time! Well done.

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

John 10:10

## Top Tips and Word of the Week

One for the bus or a car journey. Start with calling out 'a'. Everyone then tries to spot something that starts with an 'a'. When someone has called out an item starting with 'a', you can move to 'b' and so on, through the alphabet.

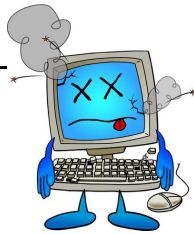
### This week's word for younger children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
determined	When someone is sure they want to do something, even if it is difficult.	Ask someone at home to say the word <b>determined</b> in a sentence.



### This week's word for older children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
defective	Not working, something is wrong.	Do you have anything at home that is <b>defective</b> ? What happened to it?



### 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.

**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 you 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.

Here is the link to the latest online safety newsletter from Herts for learning: [hfl-online-safety-newsletter-spring-24-parents-or-carers \(thegrid.org.uk\)](https://www.thegrid.org.uk/hfl-online-safety-newsletter-spring-24-parents-or-carers)

### 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.

### Magazines for Art

If you have any school suitable magazines with colourful pages, please pop them into Class 4. We will be using them for collages in Art. Thank you!

### Perform workshops

Today we welcome Perform into school, classes 2,3 and 4 took part in creative workshops. The children have brought home promotional leaflets about the company and related local opportunities.

### @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!

## DIARY DATES

6th May - Lemsford Fete  
8th May - Assembly led by students from Knightsfield School  
8th May - KNEX Challenge for Class 4  
13th May - SATs week  
16th May - Census Week, 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)

### Count down to the Lemsford Fete - Bank Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

A huge thank you to all the families who have an Estate Agent board in their front gardens. This has raised an incredible £450.

Thank you for all the donations of chocolate, bottles and bric-a-brac.

### PGL - Residential Trip

A reminder for the parents of children in Class 4 that we have a Information Meeting about the upcoming Residential Trip on 8th May 2024 at 4.30pm

### 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.

Hello

I've just returned from a holiday in Porto, which is famous for port amongst other things (it was a tough week!). This tied in brilliantly with this week's Bible reading in which Jesus says 'I am the vine'. So that's what we thought about this week in Thursdays **Collective Worship** - why did Jesus say he was 'the vine', as well as other symbols like 'bread', 'door', or 'light'?

It's nearly time for the BIG WEEKEND when school and church join together for our fantastic **fete**.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all there. Last year I came away with a microwave, so I'm sure my family can't wait to see what I come home with this year!

Do come and say hello to me if you see me on a stall or wandering around.

As if the fete wasn't exciting enough, it's also our **All-Together service on Sunday at 11am**. This lively, interactive service offers a monthly chance for all ages to worship together. So whether you're 1, 10, or 100 years old (or somewhere in between) do come along for this intergenerational time of connecting to God and each other.

It's the perfect way to get ready for the fete!

Have a great bank holiday 'fete' weekend.

Rev'd Kathryn



**All-Together Worship**  
A service with something for everyone aged 0-100+

**5th May 2024  
11am**  
All welcome - always.