



St John's School Newsletter

15th March 2024

Values of this half term

Love and Forgiveness

'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other.'

John 13: 34



Happy Easter!

This is the last newsletter of the Spring Term and what a busy but lovely term we have had! We have enjoyed performances by our children and by visitors including the Saltmine Company with their performance of the Rhyming Bible. Classes have enjoyed History workshops and Class 4 plus members of the school choir have even performed at the O2! During our Feeling Good Week we had some exotic animal visitors and were also able to enjoy our school grounds through the forest school sessions that Mrs Maher led.

Between now and the end of term we have the following events to enjoy:

Music Concert Tuesday 26th March 9-9.30am

Each class to share the music they have been creating with Mr Rapson.

Easter Service Thursday 28th March 9.00 am

Please join us for our Easter Collective Worship at St John's Church, the children will be reading, leading the prayers and singing.

Easter egg hunt Thursday 28th March during the morning.

End of the Spring term 1.30 pm

We wish you and your families a very Happy Easter and hope that you have a lovely couple of weeks.

Rock Steady Gig

The school enjoyed performances our budding rock bands this week. It was great seeing and hearing the children in their performances of Fireworks and Shotgun. They played keyboard, drums, lead and bass guitars with confidence all of which provided the accompaniment for super singing. Well done everyone that performed!



Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Nicole - has been a great help in our classroom this term, remembering our daily routines and helping to tidy away each day. She is also a thoughtful talk partner, listening carefully and asking what her friend thinks. Her learning skills have shown in how she is able to apply her phonics in reading and writing to increasingly good effect. Well done Nicole.

Class 2 - Aashi - for her excellent can do attitude this week. Aashi has shown great kindness to her friends and has matured as a learning partner. She is able to share ideas thoughtfully and listen to the ideas of others. During our English writing about our 'Disgusting sandwich' Aashi showed great development in her vocabulary and has ensured that her writing has some great adjectives. Aashi is a hard worker and always tries to complete tasks to the best of her ability. She has shown some great resilience in her maths work and completed good problem solving in our measuring this week.

Class 3 - Lillia - she has shown fantastic resilience in her learning this week and has worked very well with her talk partner in class discussions. She has been very thoughtful with her friends and with other children especially during playtimes. She has been very independent in her learning in class.

Class 4 - Ruth - a calm presence in the classroom and someone who is always kind and caring to others. She is hard-working and cares about her learning. She can always be relied upon to do the right thing and to make good choices, and gently guides others to do so too. We love Ruth's creativity and imagination - we see this in her brilliant art work and in her fantastic writing. We have been so pleased to see Ruth's progress this year and to see her confidence grow.


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

John 10:10


Top Tips and Word of the Week

Words we think of as 'English' quite often originate from abroad. 'Ketchup' comes from Malaysia, 'bacon' is French, 'chocolate' is from Mexico, 'barbecue' from the Caribbean and 'pyjamas' from India. Do you know where other words come from?

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
curious		You are interested and want to know more.	Act out curious , showing how you feel with your face and body language.

This week's word for our older children

Word		Definition	Challenge
crestfallen		You are sad and disappointed about something.	If you were feeling crestfallen , what might have just happened?

Parking

Parents are not permitted to use the staff car park between 8.45 and 3.15 to turn around, drop off or collect their child, unless you have a pre-booked appointment with a member of staff. Parking is available by the Church or Village Hall. Please be considerate to other road users and also ensure that children stay on the paths and pavements ra-

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://thegrid.org.uk/hfl-online-safety-newsletter-spring-24-parents-or-carers)

Netball tournament

On Wednesday the school netball team took part in a tournament at Stanborough School. Our team played 6 matches, they won one, drew one and lost 4. Overall, they came 7th out of 14 and reported back that they worked hard and had fun! Mrs Redmond was impressed with the resilience and stamina that the team showed. Well done!

Lemsford Fete - Monday 6th May

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children. If you would like some more, please see Miss Lewis in the Office.

Ask a School Nurse a question

The School Nurse team are excited to announce our first live Q&A on Instagram. This will take place during the Easter Holidays, 10.4.24. Two school nurses will host the session and will be able to answer questions submitted on the day. The session is aimed at parents, children and young people who have questions about our service or health and wellbeing. Details attached to newsletter email.

A local estate agent will be letting us use their For Sale signs to advertise the fete. If you live on a road that has passing traffic and would be able to display one of these signs, would you please let us know, either via the school office,

People who help us

Mrs Ching has asked if any parent is a Dentist or has a Dentist in the family or a friend who would be willing to visit us, to please let her know.

Building work

We are having the flat roof at the front of school replaced in the coming weeks. Work will begin in the Easter holidays with the roof above classes 1 and 2 being impacted first, however by the start of the summer term, although the project will continue, the rooms will be back to normal.

TESCO Stronger Starts

Ends this month. Vote for St John's next time you are in any of these stores...

Hatfield AL9 5JY
Hatfield Express AL10 8FH
Shire Park Express AL7 1TW
Welwyn Express AL6 9EQ
Welwyn Garden City Exp AL7 2BQ

The project that receives the most votes will receive £1,500, your support would really help us to create our School Garden and enhance Science, Design and Technology for all our pupils.

DIARY DATES

Sunday 24th March

Connect@4, St John's Church

Tuesday 26th March

School concert 9am-9.30am

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Class 4 Dance Festival at Campus West

Wednesday 27th March

Class 3 & 4 Young Shakespeare performance

Thursday 28th March

9am Easter Service at St John's Church - all parents welcome.

Easter Egg hunt during the morning.

Thursday 28th March

End of the Spring term 1.30 p.m.

Monday 15th April

INSET DAY—school closed to children

Tuesday 16th April

Children return to school for the start of the summer term.

Easter Holiday Club (2nd-5th April)

The club will run 2nd, 3rd and 4th April. If you wish your child to join in, please let the School Office know.

Hours and costs would be:

8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.	£35
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1.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.	£25

Hello

This week in **collective worship** we began to think about Holy Week, which begins on Sunday with 'Palm Sunday'. The children provided some brilliant sounds effects for our interactive Palm Sunday story, with the donkey being my personal favourite!

Next week at **9am on Thursday 28th March**, we'll be holding our **school Easter service**. Parents and carers are very welcome, as always.

We'll be exploring the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection, with the aid of my washing pile (it makes perfect sense - I promise!) and some wonderful readers, leaders of prayers, and volunteers.

I know I've already shared details of our very child friendly **Connect @4 service this Sunday (24th March at 4pm)**, but just in case you missed it...

During this informal worship gathering we'll be heading off on an interactive journey towards Easter. There will be activities, stories, food, music, Easter egg prayers, and hardly any sitting still. This is the perfect way for families to explore the events leading up to Easter together.

Finally, do join us on **Easter morning at 11am for our All Together service of Holy Communion**. If there are no Easter eggs left on the shelves, it's because I've bought them all for my Easter talk.

If I don't see you before the Easter holidays, have a blessed time and make sure you eat lots of chocolate and hot cross buns.

Rev'd Kathryn



LSA NEWS

Planned LSA events

The following school events are being planned by the LSA:

Saturday 23rd March

LSA Parent Social at The Crooked Chimney

Thursday 28th March

Easter egg hunt after church service