



# St John's School Newsletter

## 8th 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



### Beacon Pupils

**Class 1** - Toni has been so thoughtful in school this week, she has been great at noticing when other children are not happy and working hard to cheer them up. She is asking adults so politely for help when she needs it as well as working hard on her independence skills. Her cheery personality is such a joy in class one, keep up the good work Toni!

**Class 2** - Joselyn for her fantastic attitude to learning this week. She has been incredibly focused on finding expectational vocabulary. She created a great Calligram thinking about how she could make the word look like the word using both drawings and colours. In maths she has been a great learning partner. In Art, Joselyn has shown great listening skills and created a beautiful cityscape picture using pastels. She made sure that she concentrated on blending the colours to create the sunset effect. Joselyn is a great friend and has shown lots of kindness in the playground and in class.

**Class 3** - Skyla has really extended on her learning, asking further questions and thinking deeply about the content we are learning. She has shown fantastic determination in our maths topic comparing fractions, using her previous knowledge to make links to support her. Her creativity in English has really wowed us, and it has been fantastic to see her imagination shining through. She continues to be a fantastic learning partner and contributor to class discussions throughout subjects, well done Skyla.

**Class 4** - Vinnie has been a wonderful addition to Class 4 and the school. He is a calm, kind and caring member of class. We have been so pleased to see him settle well into new routines and expectations, he has made many friends quickly, and his confidence is growing each day. We were thrilled to see him join the football club and enjoy his first match! In just a few short months, he is growing in confidence and we can't wait to see this progress continue.

### World Book Day 2024

We have celebrated World Book Day in lots of fun and interesting ways. We enjoyed a whole school book, 'The Word Collector.' Classes were inspired to 'collect' words, write poetry, stories and poems and much more! It was great fun seeing the children coming to school in their pyjamas, onesies and dressing gowns. Lots of stories were shared including in church where Jo read while the children sat and lay comfy in the pews! Thank you to parents who came in to share stories with the classes. There is a display in the school hall as well as photos on the school website.



### Mothering Sunday - Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Could those children taking part in the Mother's Day service at St. John's Church on Sunday please be at the church ready for a rehearsal at 10.40 a.m. Many thanks!


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

John 10:10


## Top Tips and Word of the Week

Keep on reading. Amidst the business of family life, it is hard to always find time to read to children. If you read to your child for 15 minutes per day, in a year they will have heard 1.5 million words. Reading slightly more challenging books to your child than they can read will help boost their reading too.

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

Word	Definition	Challenge
Creep 	To move somewhere quietly and slowly.	Act out <b>creep</b> . Can others at home guess the word you are acting out?

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

Word	Definition	Challenge
Content 	Happy and satisfied	When is it good to feel <b>content</b> and when is it not so good?

### Reminders

#### 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.

### Red Nose Day Friday 15th March



For Red Nose Day next Friday, if they would like to, children can add a red item to their school uniform. It could be an accessory or a piece of clothing. We will make a donation to the Red Nose Day charities and would appreciate a donation on the day from each child.

### School of Rock—Harry Beart

Harry has been hard at work in rehearsals for a youth theatre performance of 'School of Rock'. Throughout the three performances on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, he will be playing three instruments! Please find attached a flyer with further details about the show and how to book tickets.

Harry has also been nominated as one of Welwyn Hatfield's inspirational Young people as a result of his charitable fundraising. Well done Harry!



**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)

### Lemsford Fete - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

The count down for the fete has well and truly started! Today you will have received an email with information about donation and non-uniform days.

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, class reps or members of the LSA.

### St John's Netball and Football teams.

Well done to the Netball and Football teams who have played matches against other schools this week.. We are very proud of the effort and sportsmanship that you showed! Great work!



## 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

### 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 10th March**

Mothering Sunday

#### **Monday 11th March—Friday 15th March**

Science Week

#### **Wednesday 13th March**

'Rhyming Bible' performed by Saltmine Theatre

#### **Friday 15th March**

Red Nose Day

#### **Thursday 21st March**

Rock Steady Concert 10.00 a.m.

#### **Friday 22nd March**

Chocolate Donation Day for the Fete

#### **Tuesday 26th March**

School concert

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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 after Church Service

#### **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.



Hello

We're really looking forward to seeing lots of you at our **all age Mothering Sunday service this week at 11am**. The children will be involved in all sorts of different ways in the service, including giving all adults some flowers.

This week in collective worship, we heard the story of **Moses and the Ten Commandments**, and brainstormed some of our own rules for the best way to live in school and the rest of our life. Expect some amazingly well-behaved children this weekend!

We've also been learning the more contemporary version of the **Lord's Prayer** in church recently, which I've included below. Rather than just learn the prayer off by heart, we've also been thinking about how it's the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked him how to pray. We've also been chatting about how it forms a pattern for prayer for Christians:

- We bless God and pray for our world, our communities and our lives to be shaped by God's will;
- We pray for daily needs to be met,
- We pray for forgiveness for the things we've got wrong, strength to resist temptation and protection from danger.

### **The Lord's prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

Have a great weekend whatever you're up to.

Rev. Kathryn

