



## St. John's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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### Happy Half Term!

We hope that you all have a very lovely half term.

### Many thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the LSA for their funding of a number of items for us recently. These have included a set of Djembe drums and tuned percussion for class music lessons. As you know we have a new Music teacher, Mr Rapson. His lessons are a great mix of practical rhythm work, singing and playing instruments. The children are learning about Tonic Sol Fa and music notation; having the instruments makes all the difference to the children's musical experience.



### value of the Month



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

John 10:10



### Hope and Aspiration



'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'

Jeremiah 29:11

### Congratulations to our Beacon Pupils

**Class 1** - Kalia- has been a really cheerful member of our class this term. She has shown a great understanding of our routines and an understanding of how to look after our classroom. Kalia has an amazing imagination in her role play and likes to include all of the class in her games. We love her enthusiasm and perseverance when things are tricky, well done Kalia.

**Class 2** - Pippa - for her fantastic and positive attitude to her learning. She has worked very hard to learn her phonics and put them into practise with her reading. She contributes brilliantly to discussions about the book and listens to the responses of others carefully. Pippa has worked very hard on her subtraction work using a number line to complete subtractions and working independently. Well done Pippa.

**Class 3** - Evie S - She has shown fantastic focus and motivation during class discussions, paired and group work and in independent activity. She was able to draw on her understanding of the text to convey characters' emotions and she has written a well-informed conclusion to our investigation of evaporation in science. Excellent hard work and attitude to learning and behaviour, well done Evie.

**Class 4** - Alexa - showing great interest and enthusiasm for all of our learning. Really impressed with how she is joining the class discussion more and sharing her ideas. Alexa has shown great perseverance and determination in the Bikeability sessions this week, and the instructors have been very impressed with her progress, listening skills, and growing confidence on the bike. Well done!



October is **Black History month**. In many subjects we will be including aspects of Black History for example in Science, English and History.

**Open Days**

We will soon be holding Open Days for the new reception class due to join in September 2024. Our Open Days are:

**Monday 30th October 10.00am**

**Tuesday 31st October 1.30pm**

**Wed. 1st November 1.30pm**

**Thursday 2nd November 10.00am**

Please encourage any families you know that have reception aged children to come along - thank you!

**A message from the LSA:**

Date for your diaries

**St John's School Firework Display**

This event will be on the evening of Friday 10th November. More information to follow.



Deadline for secondary applications is 31/10/23 - please follow the link below...

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-and-upper-school-places.aspx>

**Dates for your diary**

**Academic Year 2023/24**

**October Half term**

23-27 October 2023

**Wednesday 1st November**

Class 3 trip to Welwyn Roman Baths

**Thursday 2nd November**

Book Looks in classrooms - for parents who took part in the on-line Teacher meetings.

**Friday 10th November**

LSA Firework event

**Friday 17th November**

Children in Need

**Friday 1st December**

Occasional Day

**Wednesday 6th December**

Class 3 last swimming session of the term

**Tuesday 12th December**

Nativity performances given by class 1 and 2  
2.30 p.m. and 5.30 p.m.

**Wednesday 13th December**

Pantomime at Campus West

**Thursday 14th December**

Rock Steady Concert

**Monday 18th December**

Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday 19th December**

Christmas concert (am)  
Carol Service (2.30pm)

**Wednesday 20th December 2023**

End of the Autumn Term

**A message from Rev Kathryn..**



Hello

This week in Collective Worship we've been thinking about what it means to respond to God's invitation to come to his Kingdom Party. There was some great acting by children from all classes!

When we return to school, we'll be nearing Remembrance Season. This begins on 29th October at 4pm with a short, reflective service of thanksgiving and remembrance for those who we have loved and lost. If you'd like to come and remember someone, you'd be very welcome. If the weather is fine we will be outside, or we'll head into the church if it's too cold or wet.

On 5th November at 11:00am it's our next All-Together service on the theme of 'Saints'.

On 12th November at 10:50am it's our Remembrance service (Sunday Club will be meeting as normal).

On 26th November at 4pm it's the first of our new TOGETHER@4 informal, interactive services on the theme of 'light in the darkness'. More details to follow soon!

Have a great half-term.

Rev. Kathryn