



St. John's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Young Leaders

It has been great seeing the Young Leaders from class 4 leading all kinds of games and activities for the younger children during lunchtimes. They are doing a fantastic job!



Times table Rockstars

We are entered into a friendly times tables competition - schools all over England will be participating! This is a great way to motivate your child to practise their all-important times table facts. From Tuesday 14th November to Thursday 16th November, please encourage your child to regularly log onto TTRS. Every correct answer earns the school a point!



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 - Rory - always comes into school with a smile on his face, ready to listen and learn. We have seen amazing perseverance from him with all the tricky challenges in our class, including working on writing his letters and learning his sounds. He is kind and helpful towards everyone in the class and is a delight to teach. Keep it up Rory!

Class 2 - Jonah - for his fantastic attitude to his learning this week. He has been a productive learning partner ensuring that he makes himself understood clearly and sharing his knowledge with others. Jonah is a kind friend to everyone with endless energy and enthusiasm for everything he does.

Class 3 - Samuel M - has been a fantastic role-model in class, enthusiastic in lessons and learning, showing excellent focus, hard work and resilience. He has been able to draw on all his previous learning to create and share detailed explanations, and solve worded problem questions. Thank you for the big smile and positive attitude both in class and outside.

Class 4 - Teddy - shows real maturity in class and around school. We have been really impressed with his attitude to learning and his understanding. He has also generously taken the time to help his partner and classmates in their learning, from checking maths calculations to editing writing together. A kind and caring buddy, looking after them on the playground and checking in that they are happy and playing.



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:

Dates for your diaries

DISCOS Today!

- Class 1 & 2 4.15- 5.15pm
- Class 3 & 4 5.15- 6.15pm

St John's School Firework Display

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



A reminder

Morning break snacks should either be fruit, vegetable or plain biscuits. We have to be very careful with any cereal bars that are brought in as we can not have food with nuts in in school. Thank you.

Parents Evening/Clubs

There will be no Badminton or Running Clubs on 19th October due to Parents Evening. Netball will go ahead as planned.

Dates for your diary

Academic Year 2023/24

16th-20th October

BikeAbility week for class 4

Tuesday 17th October

Online Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 19th October

Face to face Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 19th October

Full Governors' meeting 7.00 p.m.

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.

Tuesday 7th November

WGC Male Voice choir workshop with the school choir.

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

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas concert
Carol Service

Wednesday 20th December 2023

End of the Autumn Term

A message from Rev Kathryn..



Hello,

Your Harvest gifts from last week have safely reached the foodbank - thank you again for your amazing generosity.

Last week in church, I took two baptisms, and as part of these we thought about who Christians think that Jesus is.

So that's what we talked about in collective worship this week - how do we know if Jesus was real, and who do Christians believe that he is?

The children's answers, comments and prayers are always brilliant, and this week was no exception.

I particularly enjoyed the game of 'real' or 'not real'!

We're hoping that questions and discussion will form a big part of our new child-friendly, informal TOGETHER @ 4 gathering which we're launching on Sunday 26th November.

Pop the date in your diary now, and watch this space for more info.

Have a great weekend. It might finally be time to put the shorts away...

Rev. Kathryn