



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

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September

### Harvest Festival

**Thursday 5th October 9.00 a.m.**

We would like to invite parents to our school Harvest Collective worship next week. Each class will be sharing a harvest poem or song as it is also National Poetry Day. It would be lovely if the children could bring along a donation of non-perishable food to go to a local charity. Thank you.

### Fun Run

Well done to Year 5 for great effort and perseverance during the fun run on Wednesday. Special congratulations to the team running the B race who came 3rd and to Holly S for coming 3rd in the girls' race.



### Chamber Music Concert

On Thursday, Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed the annual concert by the Purcell School musicians at St Ethelreda's Church. They enjoyed listening to the string orchestra play Mozart and Vivaldi pieces, and were awestruck by dancers performing in the aisle. A magical morning!

### Netball

Year 6 netballers enjoyed their first 'skills session' at Stanborough with Mrs Moxham on Wednesday. They practised passing, shooting and dodging their defenders.

### House Captains

Well done to our newly elected House Captains for the year ahead!  
Brocket: Harry and Ellie  
Cowper: Livia and Charlotte  
Melbourne: Jamie and Violet  
Palmerston: Ethan and Holly



### 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** - Benjamin has settled so well into our class and routines. He is mindful of the feelings of adults and children and is quick to offer help when it is needed. He is a kind friend with a great sense of humour and a wonderful smile. He has shown good perseverance in some of our tricky learning challenges and we can't wait to see what he can do next.

**Class 2** - Jack for his fantastic attitude to learning and being a wonderful friend to everyone in the class. Jack's cheerful nature and kindness is greatly appreciated by his learning partner. When working on his maths challenges Jack has shown great resilience and has worked really well on his fact families.

**Class 3** - Morland - he has confidently shared his ideas and knowledge in class, using excellent reasoning skills in maths and drawing on his own experiences to further our discussions in history. He has created some fantastic work in English, using a rich variety of adjectives to use in his descriptions of Pompeii - and working alongside his partner to create an excellent addition to our class poem. He is always incredibly polite and represented our school beautifully during our visit to Hatfield House.

**Class 4** - Holly S - An all-round superstar! Holly always behaves impeccably and has beautiful manners. She has risen to the challenges of Class 4 brilliantly, and tackles her learning with a positive attitude. She was fantastic company at the fun run, showing great team spirit in cheering and encouraging her classmates.

### A message from the LSA:

Dates for your diaries

#### DISCOS 13th October

Class 1 & 2 4.15- 5.15pm

Class 3 & 4 5.15- 6.15pm

More details to follow



#### St John's School Firework Display

This event will be on the evening of Friday 10th November.

#### A reminder

Just a reminder of the email address for our local councillor following on from the email that was sent home this week relating to traffic issues:

[james.bond@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:james.bond@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

#### 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!

#### Sweatshirts and cardigans

We seem to have lots of the above items in school with no names on. Please would you check that all your child's clothes are labelled, especially sweatshirts and cardigans! All lost property is in the container by the dining room door.

#### Oven

Our cooker that is in the small kitchen leading into the hall does not work. If anyone has an electric oven that they could donate it would much appreciated.

### Dates for your diary

#### **Academic Year 2022/23**

##### **Monday 2nd October**

Quality of Education Governors' committee meeting 5.00 p.m.

##### **Tuesday 3rd October**

##### **Little Wandle phonics meeting**

for parents of children in Reception and class 2 3.30 p.m.

Finance and personnel Governors' committee meeting 7.30 p.m.

##### **Thursday 5th October**

School's Harvest Service at St John's 9.00 a.m. All welcome

National Poetry Day

Census Day

##### **Friday 13th October**

Discos organised by the LSA

##### **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

##### **Friday 10th November**

LSA Firework event

##### **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

##### **Wednesday 20th December 2023**

End of the Autumn Term

### A message from Rev Kathryn..



This message will appear for two weeks, as I'm off on retreat for the last week in September.

At the time of writing, it feels like Autumn is very much upon us. I have two huge oak trees directly in front of the vicarage, which are currently pelting the house with acorns as the wind and rain make their presence known! The squirrels are delighted!

This leads me neatly on to a reminder that it's **Harvest Festival time in church on Sunday - 1st October at 11am**

We can't wait to welcome lots of the children, who will be reading, praying and singing in the choir.

If you're able to come, please do bring along some non-perishable items if you can. Everything will be taken to the local foodbank.

We'll also be holding a bring and share lunch afterwards in the Annexe, to which everyone is invited. If you can bring something delicious to share that would be great, but please still come if you can't bring anything.

See you soon. Have a great weekend.

Kathryn

