



St. John's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome

We would like to welcome two new members of staff to St. John's - Mrs Maher and Mrs Wallace who have both started working in class 1.

Open Days

It has been lovely welcoming our new Reception children and their families to St John's. We had a lovely cheese and wine event earlier this week followed by a very successful and informative LSA Annual General Meeting. 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!

Music - First Access

Class 3 will be beginning to learn to play the ukelele, this is replacing previous cello and violin tuition. Year 3 and 4 will have separate group lessons beginning next Thursday. Initially the children will not be bringing their instruments home but will do so in due course. We look forward to hearing how they get along!



Dulcie Class 2

We are very sorry that Dulcie is leaving us. She is going to be attending a primary school in Harpenden nearer the family home. We wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing how she is getting on. Good luck Dulcie!



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 - Florence - has settled in to our routines brilliantly. Her smile is infectious as is her great attitude to learning. She has shown great enthusiasm for all of our lessons so far and is a kind friend. She has learnt where all of the toys go and is brilliant at encouraging her friends to tidy up.

Class 2 - Josie - Brilliant attitude to learning! Showing a great understanding in maths when counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and confidently making groups with these numbers. She has also worked incredibly hard in her writing, using different adjectives and showing great care.

Class 3 - Finley - has shown excellent enthusiasm in lessons - listening, focusing and contributing both in whole-class discussions and also in partnered work. He has shown excellent problem-solving in maths, really persevering to answer our reasoning place-value work. It has been fantastic to see Finley really settle into his new year group and class, with a fantastic attitude to learning.

Class 4 - Jamie - We have been really impressed with Jamie's mature and hard-working approach to learning. He shows great enthusiasm for all of our learning and always shares fantastic ideas. He is showing brilliant leadership skills - in his caring nature towards his buddy, when being a great help to his Year 5 learning partner, and in his Young Leader training.



A message from the LSA:

A date for your diaries:



St John's School Firework Display

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

LSA AGM

The LSA AGM was held on Tuesday evening, attached are the minutes and reports.

Keeping in touch!

Just a reminder of the different ways you can keep in touch with things going on at school.

Miss Ng has been busy keeping the school twitter feed up-to-date: @StJohnsLemsford please have a look.

Our LSA have a Facebook page. The new noticeboard outside the dining room has messages and the latest newsletter on it.

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

Thank you to Mrs Gammon

In next Friday's Celebration Assembly we will be celebrating the 20 years that Mrs Gammon has worked in education in Hertfordshire. In her time as SENCO at St John's she has worked tirelessly for so many children and their families. If you are able to join us to be part of the celebration it would be lovely to see you.

PS We are hoping to surprise Mrs Gammon!

Dates for your diary

Academic Year 2022/23

Monday 25th September

Doodlebug mental health and well-being drawing workshops

Tuesday 26th September

Governors' Premises Committee meeting 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 28th September

Chamber concert at Hatfield House
Classes 3 and 4

Friday 29th September

Year 5 Fun Run at Stanborough

Sunday 1st October

Harvest Festival at St John's Church-choir to sing

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

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

16th—20th October

BikeAbility week for class 4

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 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



Harvest

The choir will be singing in the Harvest celebration at the church on Sunday 1st October. If any children would like to read a lesson or lead the prayers, please let us know.