



St John's Green Primary School

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Newsletter

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Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term. The Spring Term starts on Tuesday 5th January.

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Diary Dates

Friday 18th December — Last day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th January 2016 — First day of Spring Term

Friday 22nd January 2016 — Non Pupil Day, The School is closed

Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February—Half Term

Friday 25th March—Friday 8th April—Easter Holiday



The Secret in the Shed

We were dazzled this week by our Foundation children who put on three fantastic performances of their Christmas Nativity, 'The Secret in the Shed.' From the poor innkeeper who kept having to send the visitors to the shed, to the dancing angels, drummers drumming to stars twinkling, the children gave their all. Very well done to all the children for their fantastic performances, to the staff for their hard work, effort and enthusiasm and to everyone who came along to watch the Nativity. My thanks as well to everyone's generosity. In total £212.65 was donated. I'm not sure which charity the children have chosen yet—they are a little bit distracted today as they are off on the Polar Express!



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.
Jane D. Hull

Parent Maths Classes

Please see the noticeboards at both sites for information on Maths Classes for parents. This course runs for 6 sessions starting 5th January from 9.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. at the Town Site.

App Attack

Each week we will feature an App for tablet or phone devices that have been trialled by a member of staff.

This week—"Learn times tables with Santa Claus."



Maths Challenge

Last weeks solution:

Father Christmas has to visit a lot of homes on Christmas Eve when he is out delivering presents. He usually gets a glass of sherry and a mince pie at each house too. Now, Father Christmas can manage the sherry, but finds eating all those mince pies quite difficult. So Hungry Horace helps him out.

Last year Father Christmas finished his rounds with lots of mince pies to spare. He gave 25 million (25 000 000) to Hungry Horace. It takes Horace just 10 seconds to eat a mince pie. How long did it take him to eat all 25 million? An hour? A day? A week?

To be exact—7 years, 338 days, 12 hours, 26 minutes and 40 seconds!

Christmas Mathdoku



A MathDoku (KenKen) puzzle is similar to a Sudoku except that they involve addition as well as logic. Complete the 5x5 grids by placing a number 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 in each square. The grids are divided into smaller 'cells' by the darker lines. Each cell has to include numbers that sum to the 'clue' number in the top left-hand corner of each cell. Importantly, just like Sudoku, any particular number cannot appear more than once in any row or column.

Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or maths prize.



Christmas Lunch

We all have to make sacrifices in life and as

Headteacher, it fell to me to test the quality of the Christmas lunches at both of our school sites. No one ever said the role of Headteacher was easy! My stomach aside, Mrs Burke and Mrs Blackery served us up a treat this Tuesday and Thursday as we thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas lunches. Supported by our staff and governors, there was certainly no excuse to go home hungry on those days and all topped off by our PTA who bought crackers for everyone. The worst of the jokes, What's a frog's favourite drink? 'Croakacola.'



He's Behind You

On Monday morning, our PTA treated the children to a pantomime of Beauty and the Beast. Even more special, was the fact that about

thirty of our own children took part in the pantomime as well. It was a great way to start the festive week and was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. My thanks to the PTA for paying for this for all the children.



Christmas Assembly and Twitter

We held our Christmas Assembly this morning for the whole school. We spent some time thinking about why we have Christmas and telling a Christmas Story, 'The Cat in the Manger.' To round our assembly off Mr Bates had chosen 'Dominik the Donkey.' If you want to see our rather fantastic rendition, then you need to go onto our Twitter account.

Abacus on Line & Bug Club

All class teachers will have set some Maths and reading activities for the children to engage with over Christmas. We do appreciate how very busy and exciting Christmas is, but if you could take some time to continue supporting your children in their learning, it really does make a difference. Twenty minutes a day is perfect. Many thanks.

And Finally ...

On behalf of all the staff at St John's Green Primary School, my thanks for your continued support to all the children in the school. We wish you an extremely happy holiday and the very best for the New Year.

Have a good Christmas

Simon Billings

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Christmas Quiz 2015

(After all you can't watch the TV all of the time!)

- 1, How many tentacles does a squid have?
- 2, Which children's classic book was written by Anna Sewell?
- 3, What is the policeman's name in the Noddy stories?
- 4, What does a 'numismatist' study?
- 5, Who captained Jules Verne's submarine Nautilus?
- 6, What do the British call the vegetables that Americans call zucchini?
- 7, In the popular children's nursery rhyme, what is Wednesday's child full of?
- 8, What letter is represented by a single dot in Morse code?
- 9, Who painted 'The Potato Eaters'?
- 10, What is the name of the Star Wars film, episode VII?
- 11, What are Rocky, Chase and Zuma all a part of?
- 12, What kind of animal is Peso?
- 13, Occurring twice yearly, what name is given to a day consisting of 12 hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness?
- 14, What did the first ever SMS text message, sent December 3rd 1992, read?
- 15, What is the name of the little boy in the filmed story of 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs?
- 16, In which mountain does the Grinch live in the film, 'The Grinch'?
- 17, What is 'Tiger' Woods' first name?
- 18, What is the only word in English ending in the letters 'mt'?
- 19, What is 'Triskaidekaphobia'?
- 20, On which street do 'Bert' and 'Ernie' live?
- 21, Who was the first man in space?
- 22, Which volcano destroyed Pompeii?
- 23, Whose ghost appeared to Hamlet?
- 24, What is the highest score you can achieve by throwing three darts?
- 25, In which year was the first World Cup?
- 26, Which English football club was originally known as Newton Heath?
- 27, Which story begins 'All children except one grow up'?
- 28, Name all of the Seven Dwarfs?
- 29, What is the normal amount of bones in a human adult body?
- 30, What is meant by 'Tempus Fugit'?
- 31, In which activity would one find the terms 'purl' and 'plain'?
- 32, Which liquid is sometimes called 'Adam's Ale'?
- 33, How many carats is pure gold?
- 34, In which cartoon are Lucy and Linus?
- 35, Which very famous song did the 'Hill' sisters write?
- 36, How many dots on two dice?
- 37, Who asked 'What's up Doc'?
- 38, What is an assembly of cardinals called?
- 39, What name is given to the rocky narrow gauge on the West Bank of the Nile used as a cemetery by the Pharaohs?
- 40, Which desert, covering more than one million square kilometres, is part of Mongolia and China?
- 41, By multiplying a number by nine, dividing by five and adding thirty two, what conversion have you achieved?
- 42, What is the only substance on Earth, that is naturally present in solid, liquid and gas form?
- 43, Who invented the parachute?
- 44, How many of his five stones did David use to slay Goliath?
- 45, In the cbeebies show, Sarah and Duck, 'what colour is Sarah's hat'?
- 46, Which Oscar winning movie was about a pig who could speak who was liked by a sheep?
- 47, Who wrote 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'?
- 48, What pet name for a dog is taken from the Latin for 'I Trust'?
- 49, In the Christmas song 'Jingle Bells,' how many horses pulled the sleigh?
- 50, What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

Christmas Quiz entries need to be handed into either school office by Monday 11th December.