



# St John's Green Primary School.

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# Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 20th January**—Assessment Period 2 Reports to Parents

**Wednesday 21st January 5.00p.m. —7.00p.m.**—Informal Parents Evening

**Monday 16th—Friday 20th February**—Half Term

**Monday 30th March (My Birthday (21) - Friday 10th April**—Easter Holiday

### Breakfast Club

A reminder please to all parents that the cost of breakfast club is £2.00 and that this money needs to be either paid on the day or in advance.

Please also note that if parents chose to build up a small amount of credit by paying in advance then this is absolutely fine but we will only issue refunds at the end of the academic year.

**Reading Stars:** Log on to [www.premierleaguereadingstars.org.uk](http://www.premierleaguereadingstars.org.uk)—click on your favourite club/player and complete the challenge. There are three levels Professional, World Class and Legendary—Legendary being the hardest.

Once children have completed the challenge, they can watch a football tip from their favourite player and possibly win a prize. The school code is E3295

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### Victory for the Netball Team—Mr Billings Banned!

Last Friday we hosted St John's C of E Primary School in our second home game of the season. The children were fantastic and by the end of the first half, we were narrowly leading by 4-3. In the second half, the children steamed forward completing a rather stunning 9-4 victory. As I was present at the previous two matches when we lost, but not at the match last week which we won—Miss Pickard and Mrs Cooke have banned me from supporting, or if I do come—must now sit very humbly and quietly in the corner!

Really well done to the netball team—onwards and upwards—with my very quiet support.

Let's face it: Most of us don't realise it, but we are failing our kids as reading role models. The best role models are in the home: brothers, fathers, grandfathers; mothers, sisters, grandmothers, mums and dads, it's important that your kids see you reading. Not just books - reading the newspaper is good, too.

James Patterson

### Christmas Quiz:

Please see page two for the answers to the Christmas Quiz. Unfortunately for my father who was adamant he had scored 100% this year—he again fell short. For some strange reason he thought Mr. Tickle was brown. It's his age!



### Netball

Please note that there is no netball practise next Thursday 22nd January.

There is a netball match next Friday.

### Sticks and Twigs

Should you go out to the woods today... could children and parents collect over the weekend a few sticks and twigs (those that have fallen off trees please, as opposed to pulling them off) for our Foundation Stage Outside area. As many or as few as you like and please nothing that Foundation stage children couldn't lift! If they can be dropped off in the outside area of the Foundation Stage on Monday morning—that would be excellent.

**Muddy Monday:** Foundation parents please make sure your children come to school with a change of trousers and their wellington boots on Monday...It will be muddy!

### Open Morning



Many thanks to all those parents who were able to spend some time with us on Wednesday morning. Parents were able to support their children in their learning, (in most cases—I promised I wouldn't mention the parent in the Year 4 class who was corrected by her child) and learn a bit themselves as they watched the teachers in action.



**Please don't forget it's our Informal Parents evening next Wednesday from 5.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. Please come along to celebrate the successes that your children have—it means so much to them—all they want to do is show you their work.**

### Fire and Rescue Service—Industrial Action

Further to the industrial action that the Fire and Rescue Service have been taking this week, we have been asked to remind all parents to check that your smoke alarms are working and to practice your escape routes in case of a fire.

### School Closures

Essex County Council have changed the way that schools need to advise parents should they have to close. Local radio will no longer be used—instead parents will need to go to [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk) then click on Education-Schools, Schools, Dates, Emergency School Closures. The school would also state on our website if we were closed. We have not had to close for the weather yet—and do not intend to but please be advised of the above.

### St Helena—Trampolining

Our Year 5 children headed off to St Helena on Tuesday for the first in a series of trampolining lessons. The school is striving to further develop its links with St Helena and this is one of a few initiatives that are in the pipeline.



### News Letter Challenge

As always, a new challenge for the new term. Each week, I will put in a sentence or phrase which will act as a story starter. The challenge is to write the next part of the story but you can use no more than 100 words. Lower Phase children need only write a sentence. Middle and Upper Phase will need to write a paragraph.



This weeks' starter:

As always—answers on Mr Bates door if you're at Town site and on Mrs Smith's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each Phase will get to chose a free book.

### Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Michael Wu
- Pluto Award (Iceni) - Andy Lever
- Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Kalaum Corani
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Grace Cottham
- Lion Award (Dutch) - Thomas Stubbings
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Katherine Thompson
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Rosie Whitwell
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Harvey Feasey
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Naomi Roberts
- Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Ore Odunaik
- Mickey Award (Roses) - Lewi Cook
- Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Corey Adler
- Heads' Award — Netball Team
- Attendance— Trinovantes, Circus, Claudius
- Spot— Ben Goodwin

### Amazing Facts

1, About 1,900 volcanoes on Earth are considered active and likely to explode again. 2, The world's largest active volcano is Mauna Loa in Hawaii standing at 4,169m. 3, The 'Ring of Fire' a 40,000km Horseshoe shaped area of the Pacific Ocean is home to 90% of all volcanoes on the earth.

And Finally...

Much to Mr Bates delight and pretty much at his insistence—I need to take the plaudits for an 'and finally' this week. On Wednesday, whilst attempting to recover a coat hood which had become separated from its owner and was on top of the shelter in the KS2 playground at Town site, I gingerly tested the trellis to give myself some purchase to reach up. Unfortunately, it would appear, that the trellis and I were not compatible and the piece I stood on very quickly became separated and I ended up hanging in the air. Looking at Mr Bates, all I saw was him with his hands over his eyes shaking his head in despair.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

## Mr B's Christmas Quiz - 2014 - Answers

- 1, What is the name of Peppa Pig's brother? *George*
- 2, Who created the children's book character Tracey Beaker? *Jacqueline Wilson*
- 3, Which galaxy is Earth located in? *The Milky Way*
- 4, What disastrous fate befell Peter Rabbit's father? *Killed and Put in a Pie*
- 5, Who is the leader of the Octonauts? *Captain Barnacles*
- 6, Whereabouts in Europe is the Blarney Stone? *Ireland*
- 7, The Soup Dragon was a character in which classic children's TV series? *The Clangers*
- 8, In which sequence of novels is Frodo a central character? *Lord of the Rings*
- 9, What green coloured substance is supposedly fatal to Superman? *Kryptonite*
- 10, What is Paddington Bear's favourite food? *Marmalade*
- 11, What is Kylie Minogue's middle name? *Ann*
- 12, Rikki-Tikki-Tavi, created by writer Rudyard Kipling is what kind of animal? *Mongoose*
- 13, What is measured on the Mohs scale? *Hardness*
- 14, What did Colonel Thomas Blood try to steal in 1671? *Crown Jewels*
- 15, Which is the only planet in the solar system not named after a classical god? *Earth*
- 16, The Green Goblin is the sworn enemy of which superhero? *Spiderman*
- 17, In the Mr Men books, what colour is Mr Tickle? *Orange*
- 18, Which singer, usually known by her first name, has the second and third names Giselle Knowles? *Beyoncé*
- 19, Which cartoon character has the catchphrase, 'Ssssh! Be vewwy, vewwy quiet. I'm hunting wabbits!?' *Elmer J Fudd*
- 20, What is the sport of Kings? *Horse Racing*
- 21, Which plot planned the murder of James I in 1605? *Gunpowder Plot*
- 22, What was the magic phrase Ali Baba uttered to open the cave of the Forty Thieves? *Open Sesame*
- 23, Which is the only bird that can swim but cannot fly? *Penguin*
- 24, In which Disney cartoon film are Perdita and Pongo central characters? *101 Dalmatians*
- 25, Which biblical figure was found as a baby in the rushes? *Moses*
- 26, What does HB on a pencil stand for? *Hard Black*
- 27, What is the name of the boy spy created by Anthony Horowitz? *Alex Rider*
- 28, What feature of a medieval castle appears on a 1p coin? *Portcullis*
- 29, How many hours are there in a week? *168*
- 30, Which is the deepest of the world's oceans? *Pacific*
- 31, Which car company has a name that translates from Latin as, 'Let it be done?' *Fiat*
- 32, What did Dorothy need to steal from the Wicked Witch of the West? *Broomstick*
- 33, What kind of musical instrument is a bodhran? *Drum*
- 34, No number between one and ninety-nine contains the letter A - true or false? *True*
- 35, In which 2005 film was the galaxy engulfed in the clone wars? *Star Wars Revenge of the Sith*
- 36, in which season did Colchester United first play in the football league? *1950/51*
- 37, Which monster is the leader of the super moshis? *Elder Furi*
- 38, How many brothers does Prince Hans of the Southern Isles say he has? *12*
- 39, Which Disney character is hiding on one of the shelves in Oaken's store? *Micky Mouse*
- 40, In the poem, who set sail with the pussycat in a pea-green boat? *Owl*
- 41, Which ballet features a Sugar Plum Fairy? *Nutcracker*
- 42, According to the rhyme, what is Friday's child? *Loving and Giving*
- 43, Violet Beauregarde, Veruca salt and Augustus Gloop are characters in which children's book? *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
- 44, What is No 1 Canada Square better known as? *Canary Wharf*
- 45, Which fictional character has a best friend called Rude Ralph and enemies called Miss Battle-Axe and Great Aunt Greta? *Horrid Henry*
- 46, Who finally managed to eat the Gingerbread Man? *Fox*
- 47, What name is given to the rearmost mast on a three-masted ship? *Mizzen Mast*
- 48, Which legendary king had a horse called Lamri? *King Arthur*
- 49, What are the names of the Three Good Fairies? *Flora, Fauna, Merryweather*
- 50, What says Oh Oh Oh? *Santa Walking Backwards*