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St John's Green Primary School

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Newsletter

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Please remember that next week is half term and the school is closed.

Monday 31st October is a Non Pupil Day. Children should return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

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Diary Dates

Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October. Half Term.

Monday 31st October. Non Pupil Day. The school is closed.

Wednesday 9th November. 6.00p.m.—Shared Supper, Abbey Field.

WB 21/11/16—Maths Week. Whole School.

Thursday 10th November. 2.00p.m. PTA Annual General Meeting. Town Site.

Thursday 17th November. 9.00/9.15a.m.—10.15a.m. Open Morning.

Thursday 1st December. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.—Open Evening.

Friday 9th December. Christmas Fair. AF.

Tuesday 13th December. Christmas Lunch for Abbey Fields

Thursday 15th December. Christmas Lunch for Town.

Friday 16th December. Non Uniform Day. Christmas Jumper and Bobble Hat. £1.00. In support of NSPCC & Save the Children.

Wednesday 21st December. Last day of Autumn Term

Thursday 5th January 2017. First Day of Spring Term

Aberfan

On 21st October 1966 a coal slag heap slid down into the valley and onto Pantglas Primary school in Wales. 116 children and 28 adults were killed. It was the last Friday before half term and school was finishing at midday. The disaster wiped out a generation and a community and the mining village of Aberfan became known worldwide.

Today marks the 50th anniversary and as a school, we commemorated those young lives by arranging the children holding hands in concentric circles on the AF playground. It is a small but hopefully poignant reminder of this tragic event and perhaps a reminder to us all, that we should be thankful for everything we have. We are all a part of the community of St John's Green and should appreciate and value our community and the strengths from its diversity.



Oddly Oddly Onker. My First Conker

Apparently, if you say 'Oddly, Oddly Onker, My First Conker,' when you find and thread your first conker it will bring you good fortune.

Mr Bates will again be leading the charge to find the annual conker champion of St John's Green and to the winner a cup, with their name engraved.

The competition will be open to all children from Year 3 to year 6 and will take place in the second week back after half term.

Children are welcome to practise their conker skills at school—on the playground, NOT in the classroom in the lead up to the big event.

Taylor Wimpey

Taylor Wimpey homes have sponsored luminous slap bands for children in years 1-5. The slap bands are part of Taylor Wimpey's 'Be Safe, Be Seen,' campaign, encouraging walking to school and being safe.



Swimming: Please remember that if you paid half termly for swimming, the second payment will be due after Half Term.

Attendance: We have started reviewing attendance for all children in the school, for this first half term. Please remember, that it is absolutely vital, that all children are in school. Going to school daily is a life skill and if children do miss a day it does affect their learning.

Steve Skinner, the school's Site Assistant, who is often to be found at the Town site has had to go into hospital this week for an operation. His operation went well and he is now starting his road to recovery. Steve is unlikely to return to work until the new year. We have put arrangements in place for the opening and closing of the Town site at the beginning and end of the day, but if the opening goes slightly wrong at any point please bear with us.

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

Jane D. Hull

Assembly Theme for after Half Term: Accepting that everyone is different—Celebrating Difference.

Hollytrees

Our Year 1 children all visited Hollytrees museum this week as part of their theme work, 'On Our Doorstep.'

Hollytrees House was built in 1718 and our children were transported back in time to the days when people had servants, there were no washing machines, beds were warmed with embers from the fire and toys were not electronic! All in all a brilliant experience for our children who engaged and be-



Year 6 parents please remember that the deadline for secondary admissions is 31st October 2016. Applications can be made via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Phoebe Barratt

Year 5 (Oysters) — Jadya Turay

Year 4 (Castle) - Abdul Quayyum

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Mila Lake

Year 3 (Dutch) - Lily Allen

Year 3 (Iceni) - Gullu Cetinkaya

Year 2 (Mercury) - Kushal Patola

Year 2 (Claudius) - Elliot Hutton

Year 2 (Romans) - John Wilkins

Year 1 (Eagles) - Callum McPherson

Year 1 (Circus) - Brandon McCree

Year 1 (Roses) - Ali Ahmed

Foundation (Chariot) - Bella Weir

Foundation (Star) - Myla Shields

Foundation (Jumbo) - Trae Daniels

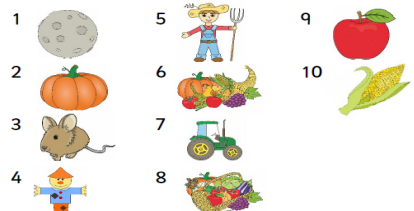
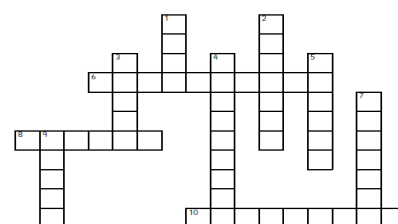
Heads' Award— Circus, Eagles, Roses

Attendance — Trinovantes

Crossword Challenge

There'll be a weekly crossword challenge this term.

Harvest Picture Crossword



As always, Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Town site.

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

And Finally,

Mrs Bourne was working at the far side of the Head's office at Abbey Fields today when a child came in to show some good work. I asked Mrs Bourne to pass me over my gold head teacher stickers which were next to her. It's not a huge distance but in gently lobbing the sticker box over, she not only totally missed my outstretched hands but also managed to create a streamer type effect of golden stickers—very autumnal it was too.

Have a good Half Term

Simon Billings



FREE – ALL WELCOME
COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER PARENTS

SHARED SUPPER

***You are all invited to a social evening at our school on
Wednesday 9th November 2016
from 6.00 – 7.00 p.m.***

Parents please bring a dish of food which can be shared. Please bring along anything from savoury to sweet e.g. pasta dishes/rice dishes/sausage rolls/egg sandwiches/cake/dessert. Only one dish per family!! Soft drinks will available on the night.

School children will be able to eat with you first and then will be taken away for a bedtime story with the teaching staff.

Children may wear their pyjamas.

Please complete the slip below to let the school office know if you can attend the evening.

Older children cannot attend unless an adult stays for the shared supper.

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 7th November

NAME OF CHILD: CLASS :.....

I/We will be able to attend the social evening on Wednesday 9th November.

Number of adults/pre-school children attending shared supper:

Number of children attending shared supper