



# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

Friday 31st January—Non Pupil Day—the School is Closed.

Tuesday 4th February—Reports out to Parents

Wednesday 5th February—Open School 3.15p.m.—4.00p.m.

Thursday 13th February (p.m.) - Class Dutch Assembly to Parents

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February—Half Term

Monday 7th April—Tuesday 22nd April—Easter Break

Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.'

Marilyn Jager Adams

TOMORROW Friday, 31st January

IS A NON-PUPIL DAY AND THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED

### THEMED COOKING FOR WORLD WAR I

Oysters and Trinovantes classes peeled, chopped and stirred ingredients to make an authentic Trench Stew. This supported their studies on World War One—100 years on. The stew consisted of parsnip, carrot and corned beef and seemed to go down well (no leftovers).



In addition, a tasty delicacy was dished up in the form of ANZAC Biscuits. ANZAC Day commemorates the service of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps in Gallipoli and the Western Front. The biscuits were truly delicious.



### Rock Project

All our KS2 children are engaged in learning acoustic and electric guitar, plus the drums today!

Full photos will follow next week, but in the meantime here is a taster of Jacob and Rosie on the drums!



### GO BANANAS!

Here are some pink-faced Year 6s after their mammoth session of jumping on, off and through Go Bananas play equipment for an hour last week. Well done for winning the Class with the Best Attendance Award last term!



### Park Safely Outside Our School

You may have read in the local paper that the new Park Safe Enforcement Vehicle is being deployed across Colchester, including outside schools, to help make streets safer.

The agreement that the school has with the local parking enforcement officers still stands, ie a period of grace is extended for the double yellow lines around the school from 8.40-9am and from 2.50-3.10pm. **You must park safely, without blocking the road and access. The Zig Zag lines at the front of the school is our safety zone—and you must not park here. Tickets will be issued.**



Officer in the Metropolitan Police. The children were in awe at the fantastic photo display of Mr Gammons with the Queen. Children were told about keeping themselves safe and talking to adults that you know.

### Police Visit

Retired police officer Mr Gammons came in to visit Years 2, 3 & 4 and talk about his experiences as a Senior Firearms

### Toy Museum Visit Reminder

We would very much appreciate payment of £6 for the Toy Museum exhibition next week in Foundation and Year 1.

Please pop into the office to pay cash, or leave a cheque in a labelled envelope in the postbox by the office door.

### Book Review by Ms Chapman

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, is a very funny yet moralistic book about a boy called Charlie who wins a trip to an amazing yet mysterious chocolate factory owned by the infamous chocolatier Mr. Willy Wonka. Charlie's family is very poor and he shares his tiny, ramshackle home with his impoverished parents and his four, frail and very elderly grandparents. He is a kind and loving boy and wants nothing more than to help his family out of poverty. One day, his luck starts to change when he finds one of only five golden tickets concealed in a Wonka Chocolate bar inviting him to an exclusive tour of Mr. Wonka's factory. During his visit to the chocolate factory, Charlie begins to experience a world beyond pure imagination and along the way realises that not all children are not as kind and loving as he is. What happens to the other four golden ticket holders along the way and will any of them ever be the same again at the end of the tour? Will Charlie's luck and life change forever?

I chose to write a book review about Charlie and the Chocolate factory as it is one the many stories written by my favorite children's author Roald Dahl but more-so because it holds a very special place in my heart and reminds me of some very happy memories as a child. As a child, I was very fortunate to be a member of a local theatre group and even more fortunate that the BBC found out we were performing the stage play of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory about the same time as they were filming a biography about Roald Dahl. So they came to film our little play. It was all very exciting and I was even more excited to see my face on television for all of 6 seconds on BBC2! This experience sparked an avid interest in Roald Dahl and his books for me and I became eager to read as many books of his that I could find. The more I read Roald Dahl, the more I enjoyed his stories and the more I found myself transported to different worlds and different places and to the farthest reaches of my imagination.



And Finally...

At the time of writing this newsletter the guitar chord sequence from 'Eye of the Tiger' is pounding through my head. The level of excitement in the upper hall is rising (as is the volume) and our children are getting a taste of what it is like to play in a rock band. Additionally, I have learned that some of our staff are very good at air guitar ... naming no names ... you know who you are.

Have a good weekend

Tina Bourne

### Newsletter Competition

Each week in the newsletter we will give you a single word. The challenge is to use that word correctly in a sentence.

Children should write down their sentence with the word correctly used. The prize each week will be a book. This weeks word is 'retinue' which means a group of advisers, assistants or others accompanying an important person.



# Your LIFE

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## On their days off teachers go to the beach in Egypt...or play lawn bowls

The adorable youngsters at St Johns Green Primary School, Colchester, spoke to reporter JAMES COX to discuss their teachers and what changes they would make to lessons if they were in charge for the day

### WHAT KIDS SAY...

**BROOKE, 7**

**What would you do if you were teacher for a day?**

Teach maths because I love it. I would be a kind teacher and wouldn't tell anybody off. If they were naughty, I'd just say 'please don't do that. It's dangerous.'

**What qualities do good teachers need to have?**

They have to be kind, because I don't want them to tell me off.

**What do teachers do on their days off?**

They mark our work and drink cups of tea.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A ballet dancer.



**THOMAS, 7**

**What would you do if you were teacher for a day?**

Turn it into a football school. Everyone would have a big football match, even if it's cold and raining. If you didn't want to play, you would be sent home.

**What qualities do good teachers need to have?**

They have to be good at PE and football.

**What do teachers do on their days off?**

The men all play football and girls do dancing or ballet.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A footballer for Ipswich Town.



**LEO, 6**

**What would you do if you were teacher for a day?**

I'd teach sports all afternoon and all morning. We'd play dancing and lots of football.

**What qualities do good teachers need to have?**

Kind, awesome, super and good.

**What do teachers do on their days off?**

They go to the pub or go on holiday to Egypt so they can go to the beach or swimming pool.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A footballer, a basketball player or play golf.



**CAMRON, 6**

**What would you do if you were teacher for a day?**

PE all day, but we'd have breaks when we got tired. We could learn street dancing.

**What qualities do good teachers need to have?**

They have to be kind, nice and clever.

**What do teachers do on their days off?**

The ladies watch girl movies.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A headteacher.



**HENRY, 6 1/2**

**What would you do if you were teacher for a day?**

First thing in the morning, I'd make everyone throw bananas all around the playground, then we'd play football. Then a little bit of reading, then watch a film, then have a food fight and a Nerf gun fight. I wouldn't clean up. I'd just leave it all messy.

**What qualities do good teachers need to have?**

They have to be kind, silly and funny.

**What do teachers do on their days off?**

They play a game where you throw a small yellow ball and then roll other balls and try to get closest to it.

**Lawn bowls?**

Yes. They play bowls.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

An explorer to explore the world.



**ELLA, "SEVEN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS"**

**What would you do if you were teacher for a day?**

I would teach reading and literacy because I love to read. My favourite book is the Magic Ballerina and I'd make everyone read it, even the boys.

**What qualities do good teachers need to have?**

They have to be patient in case some people are slower than others and help them catch up.

**What do teachers do on their days off?**

I think they have a food fight in their houses.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A vet. I love animals, especially kittens.



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# WEDDING SHOW

SUNDAY  
2nd  
FEBRUARY  
2014

10.30am - 3.30pm

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