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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st April—1.30p.m. & 6.30p.m.—Year 3/4 Production—
The Wind in the Willows

Wednesday 2nd April—6.30p.m.—Year 3/4 Production - The Wind
in the Willows

End of Term, Fri 4th April—Return Tues 22nd April

St John's Green—New Site



Four of our Year 5's were lucky enough to go to the new school site on Monday and be the first to walk in the building. The builders had created a special walkway which allowed us to go into the new assembly hall. Whilst there—some of the features of the new

school were pointed out to the children by the Site Manager—including the first floor balcony, central library/ICT room and classrooms. I'm sure many of you have seen the building begin to take shape over the last few weeks and as we get closer to its official opening—it is getting really quite exciting. More photos are available on the school website.



"You're the same today as you'll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read."

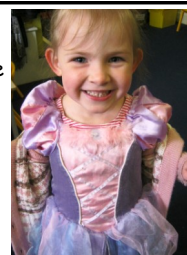
Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

Purple Pinkie



A magnificent effort from the children and you as parents today as 'purple, pinkie fever' took over the school.

This is all part of our annual support of the Rotary Club as we work with the local and



national branches to help eradicate polio in the world. When children are immunised, their little finger is dyed purple to ensure they don't get immunised twice—hence the name purple—pinkie.

Some of the pink/purple costumes were absolutely brilliant and the children looked fantastic—although I do wish you all luck in trying to get the hair dye and face paint off in the bath tonight.



In total you have raised over £215 which is a fantastic amount - thank you.



Class Castle—Recorder Assembly

Yesterday morning class Castle demonstrated to the Middle Phase and their parents how to play a recorder. They have been practising for the last ten weeks under the tutelage of Anne Ruddock, aided and abetted by Mr. Bates, and were quite frankly, brilliant yesterday. Really well done to all our Year 4s.



As an aside, the earliest English reference to a recorder was made in 1388—which means our children have (mastered) a musical instrument, that has been being played for over 600 years. King Henry VIII is possibly the most famous recorder player—he had over 76 in his collection when he died.

Year 4 Residential Danbury

Please remember that the next payment of £40 for the Year 4 residential is **now overdue**.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Ella Osborn-Hewes
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Siobhan Roper
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Ella Horgan
Lion Award (Dutch) - Elena Brown
Sully Award (Mercury) - Calli Ganley-Pintado
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Alisha Vivian
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Yehia Abou Wafia
Bumble Award (Circus) - Lily Hedges
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Cameron Harris
Mickey Award (Roses) - Quinn Yates
Simba Award — Castle
Spot Award — Gullu Cetinkaya
Attendance Award - Claudius

After School Clubs

Please note—there will be no 'After School Clubs' in the first week after the Easter Holiday.



Thai Cooking Afternoon

Mercury Class had a Thai cooking afternoon as part of their literacy

work—Around the World in 80 Days' which is all linked to their theme this assessment period. The children prepared the vegetables and watched Mrs. Dugdale and her family cook the dish. This was then followed by a feast of Thai Green Curry, and spring rolls. Disappointingly, the extra food didn't make it down as far as my office and instead somehow ended up in the staffroom...



Rota Kids

On Wednesday, the president of the local Rotary Club, came in to present our school council with a certificate and medallion as

we became the first school in Colchester to form a 'Rota Kids.' Rota Kids are directly linked to our school council and will be charged by the Rotary Club to think of ways to support the local Rotary Club in their work. Their slogan links directly to the school's Core Values of—Being Fair, Showing Respect and Supporting the Community.

Open Morning

Thank you to all the parents attending yesterday. The children love seeing their parents



in class and parents obviously enjoy touring the school. Parents filled out an evaluation form, so responding to comments made the next Open Morning will start with a bacon sandwich and veggie alternative (we aim to please!).

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 'yap' which means to bark shrilly.

And Finally...

Searching for a 'Y' word in my dictionary this morning Mrs. Bourne was very rude. After I commented on the fact that there weren't many 'Y' words to choose from, she rather rudely mentioned that bearing in mind the age of my dictionary (and therefore by definition—me) there were probably another 1000 'Y' words in the English language that had been added subsequent to my dictionary's publication.

Have a good weekend
Simon Billings



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Dear Parents,

I realise that Christmas was only yesterday but it appears that Easter is now upon us! This means I'm afraid, that once again it's egg decorating competition time.

Children and parents/carers are all invited to create and enter a decorated egg. This can be any style of creativity you choose.

There will be five different judging cat-egg-ories this year. Year 5/6, Year 3/4, Year 1/2, Foundation/Pre-School, Parents/Carers and staff.

Children and parents can bring their eggs to school from Wednesday morning to the lower hall where there will be five separate tables set up.

There will be a 50p entry fee per egg, which should be given to the PTA as you bring the egg in. Children and parents will then be given a slip of paper on which to put their name and the eggs can be placed on the tables. **No more than two eggs per entry, as otherwise it can get a bit expensive.**

The last day for egg entries is Friday morning and judging will take place later that day.

Could you please try to ensure that eggs are either 'blown' or 'hard boiled' as raw eggs don't bounce and should one be accidentally dropped or knocked it is much harder to clean up. However I must stress that every safety precaution will be taken to ensure the eggs live a long and prospereggous life!

I very much look forward to seeing everybody's eggciting creations, please don't be shy - enter away.

If you're after inspir- egg-tion - please go on the school website - <http://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/site/18056-photos/page-65096-easter-egg-competition> or just click on the Photos link on the welcome page.

Yours sincereggly,

Simon Billings.
Heggteacher.