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our learning

# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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### Life Bus

This week, all the children in the school have had an opportunity to experience the 'Life Bus' and meet Harold the Giraffe. Different year groups covered different areas.

Foundation—All About Me, Year 1—My Wonderful Body, Year 2—Feelings, Year 3—Meet the Brain, Year 4—It's Great to be Me, Year 5—Friends, Year 6—Decisions.

The children's work with the Life Bus, builds on their previous years experience and is also followed up in the classroom. I know a few parents took the opportunity to pop in and have a look. If you haven't spoken to your children about their experience, please do, every class definitely went into the Life Bus this week!



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 next week: I try to keep myself and others safe.

### Danbury 2017

Please don't forget that I'm holding an information meeting for all parents of Year 4 going to Danbury this year. The meeting will be on Monday 20th March at 6.00p.m. at the Town Site. This is a change in date from the original meeting that was on the school calendar.

### Diary Dates

Saturday 11th March—Colchester United v Portsmouth. 3.00p.m. KO.

Tuesday 14th March—Colchester United v Mansfield. 7.45p.m. KO.

Thursday 16th March. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.—Open Evening. Both Sites.

Monday 20th March @ 6.00p.m. Danbury Information Meeting for Year 4 parents. Town Site.

Tuesday 21st March—Whole School—Dodgeball.

Friday 24th March, Non Uniform day -Purple. In support of Rotary Club 'End Polio Now.' £1.00

Tuesday 28th March @ 6.00p.m. Wednesday 29th March @ 2.00p.m. & 6.00p.m. Year 4 Production. Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

Tuesday 18th April—First day of Summer Term.

Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday Monday. The school is closed.

Tuesday 2nd May—Friday 5th May—Year 4 Residential to Danbury.

**PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM AND NEXT.**

### Open Evening

Please don't forget our Open Evening next Thursday from 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m. at both sites. Your children want to show off their learning to you and show you their successes. Children's AP2 reports and a letter from them inviting you to come to Open Evening will come out next Tuesday.

It's not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can't tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it myself.  
—Joyce Maynard

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### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Amara Flaherty-Downs

Year 5 (Oysters) - Francesco Wilson-Turco

Year 4 (Castle) - Marcel Rayner

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Tristan Williams

Year 3 (Dutch) - Tierney-Rose Beattie

Year 3 (Iceni) - Charlie Fisher

Year 2 (Mercury) - Mackenzie O'Shea

Year 2 (Claudius) - Nathan Ivanauskas

Year 2 (Romans) - Madison Middleton

Year 1 (Eagles) - Jack Christie

Year 1 (Circus) - Charlie Hodgson

Year 1 (Roses) - Oliver Belsey

Foundation (Chariot) - Tommy Randall

Foundation (Star) - Mollie Everett

Foundation (Jumbo) - Jacob Sorrell-Wright

Heads' Award—Harold the Giraffe and all children for engaging so well on the Life Bus.

Attendance—Castle

Life Bus Link—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPReAO88Qec>

### St John's Green PTA

The Parent Teachers Association met yesterday for a meeting over coffee and whilst there, discussed a number of ways that they could support the school. Below is only a brief summary and more information will be provided in their newsletter. Please do pop along to the next meeting to be more involved.

**Their next meeting is on Thursday 23rd March at 9.00am at the Town site.**

-The PTA are keen to support the further development of the playground spaces for the children at lunchtime. They are putting a sum of money aside for benches, storage and materials/equipment. The playground is an area that the school council have been working on this term.

-They are going to pay for stage lighting for the hall at Abbey Field

- Paying for a Michael Morpurgo production (Farm Boy) for Year's 4,5 and 6 and are looking at sourcing a production for the rest of the school.

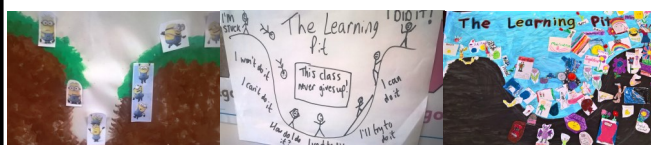
- Pay for an arts week at school, where resident artists come and work with the children.

-Crazy hair for the Summer Fair (watch this space)

- Easter Egg Hunt for Foundation and Easter Egg Competition (Whole School)

### The Learning Pit

You will remember, I'm sure, that last week I mentioned 'The Learning Pit' and how the bottom of the pit is where we are challenged with our learning. Class teachers have started developing Learning Pits in their classrooms with their children and talking with the children about: when they're challenged, there are different ways and strategies that they can use to help them succeed in their learning, and meet the success criteria or Eureka moment. Eureka means—I've got it, I've solved the problem. Class teachers are in an early stage of developing this in their classrooms but worth having a look at Open Evening next week.



### Hidden Picture Challenge

A slightly different challenge for the next few weeks.  
Can you find the following objects in the picture?

Tube of toothpaste, question mark, book, crown, pennant, scissors, ring, house, golf club, spoon, butterfly, vacuum cleaner, rabbit, baseball cap, artist's brush, dolphin, pie, worm, baseball bat, and megaphone



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,

It doesn't seem that long ago that Mrs Burke was in the 'and finally' for her pancake flipping. Luckily I had this photo in my archive. Keen to show off her hula hooping skills Mrs Burke was quick to demonstrate to the children her prowess. Unfortunately Mrs Burke took it upon herself to use a hoop that was possibly a little snug. Getting into the hoop was easy—getting out again however...

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

