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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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### School Expansion



You will have noticed that work on the school expansion at Abbey Field is now firmly underway.

Sadly it's unlikely to get any more exciting over the next few weeks as the works are all groundworks, which is basically the laying of the foundations and drainage. The steelwork is scheduled to go in during half term.

It is vital that parents and children remain vigilant, especially on the access road to the school at Abbey Field. Site traffic is likely to increase as the build progresses. Parents at Abbey please also make sure that children are not climbing on or banging into the Herras fencing when dropping off and collecting children at the beginning and end of the school day.



### Parking on Flagstaff Road

I do fully appreciate the premium for parking spaces in and around the school sites for parents when both dropping off and collecting their children from school.

Please could I just remind parents that when parking on Flagstaff Road, parents should park beyond the gates for Babcock's and the site access for Taylor Wimpey. There are vehicles of considerable size using this road and there is no way a car or more importantly a child is going to fair well.

**Please also remember that Babcock's staff car park entrance should not be restricted at the start or end of the day and that this car park is in constant use.**

I am planning on arranging a further meeting with the parking enforcement team as soon as possible as I do appreciate they have been quite visible in the last few days.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Skye Walker-Piper  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Harry Warren  
Year 4 (Castle) - Sandra Wellahewage  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Emmanuel Ojo  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Trinity Cottham  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Khanyi Kurys  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Ivan Yu  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Olivia Richer  
Year 2 (Romans) - Corey Allder  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Beau Sales  
Year 1 (Circus) - Bethany Hall  
Year 1 (Roses) - Aleksas Zadlavius  
Foundation (Chariot) - Rose Bate  
Foundation (Star) - Grace O'Malley  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Roman Stallard  
Attendance - Cavalier/Jumbo  
Heads-Trinovantes

### Egyptian Felting

As part of their work on Egyptians this Assessment Period, the Year 5 children spent the morning Egyptian Felting. In case you're wondering, they were making a replica of the 'Eye of Horace.'



### Egg-straordinary

A huge variety of eggs—thank you for all your cre-egg-tions. J-egg-ing is on Monday.



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: Solving Friendship Problems.

### Dodgeball

Many thanks to all the children and parents who collected sponsor money for the British Heart Foundation for The Dodgeball Competition. In total £806 was sent in.

If your child has a phone or tablet—do you know what they're doing online—have you checked?

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 18th April—Friday 21st April. Easter Egg Comp-egg-tition. Both sites. (Letter has been sent out)

Thursday 20th April. KS2 Athletics at Garrison Track starts. (Dates have been sent out by separate letter and are on the calendar of the school website)

Saturday 22nd April. Colchester United v Plymouth @ 3.00p.m.

Wednesday 26th April. Class Photographs.

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

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

Saturday 6th May. Colchester United v Yeovil @ 5.30p.m. (Last Game of the season)

Monday 8th—Thursday 11th May. Year 6 SATs

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June. Half Term

Friday 30th June—PTA Summer Fair

Thursday 20th July—Last day of the Summer Term

Wednesday 6th September—First day of Autumn Term

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

### Online Payment

Over the next few weeks parents will receive a letter from the school and see posters up that detail the school's new online payment system for parents and staff. In effect this means that payments for breakfast club, school dinners, trips and clubs etc can be made online through your bank cards/credit cards and you will no longer need to make payments at the school office.

More details will be included in the letter that will come to you and there will also be a transition period as we integrate cashless payments into the school systems.

### Hidden Picture Challenge

A slightly different challenge for the next few weeks.



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.

### Colchester United Girls Football

Colchester United have a new girls football session starting Monday 24th April for 5-11 year olds at Shrub End, costing only £1 a session. No experience needed. If you're interested please go to <http://www.cu-fc.com/news/article/2016-17/colchester-united-wildcats-football-scheme-3682434.aspx>

For further details, call 01206 755160 or e-mail [nikita.runnacles@colchesterunited.net](mailto:nikita.runnacles@colchesterunited.net).



### And Finally,

A small crisis on Tuesday morning when the extractor fan didn't come on at Abbey Field in the kitchen. No extractor fan, no gas as it's a fail safe system—which meant that we couldn't cook. Mr Bromley checked everything, before admitting defeat and an emergency service call was placed. Just as the engineers arrived, Mr Bromley realised that the reason why the extractor fan wasn't working was because he hadn't taken the system off its holiday setting! No lunch for Mr Bromley that day!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings