



St John's Green Primary School.

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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

Jane D. Hull

Job Vacancy

Please don't forget we have a vacancy for a school cleaner at our Abbey Field site. The position is for two hours daily, term time, 3.00p.m.—5.00p.m. and is payable at Band 1 pt 5, £7.00 an hour. Application forms are available from either site and the closing date for applications is today.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 28th April—Assessment Period Three Reports to Parents
 Wednesday 29th April—Class Photographs
 Wednesday 29th April 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. Informal Parents Evening
 Wednesday 29th April 6.30p.m. Danbury meeting @Town for Year 4 Parents
 Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday
 Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May—Year 6 SATS
 Tuesday 19th—Friday 22nd May—Year 4 Residential Danbury
 Monday 25th—Friday 28th—Half Term
 Friday 5th June—PTA Quiz Night (Teams of 6)
 Monday 8th—Thursday 11th June—Year 2 SATS
 Thursday 18th June—Sports Day
 Friday 17th July—Last Day of Summer Term

Mrs Bullivant

Congratulations to Mrs Bullivant who has been appointed the permanent Assistant Headteacher at our school.

Unfortunately having been appointed, the week didn't go according to plan as she was arrested this morning for leaving the kitchen light on.

Sergeant Murphy from the Met had popped in to school to talk to the children about his job as a police officer. This is all linked to the children's learning of the world and the different jobs that people do. Apparently they all want to be police officers—so our school will be very safe.



Year 4 Parents—Danbury

Please don't forget that on Wednesday 29th April at 6.30p.m. I am holding the final information meeting for parents for the Year 4 residential to Danbury. Please do come along as I will furnish you with all the bits and pieces of information you need. Please also remember to complete and return your medical consent forms as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Year 2 Eggs

As part of their PHSE and Core Value work about caring for others, the children in Year 2 were given an egg to look after during the Easter holidays. The children took their roles very seriously by making special nests for their eggs, and naming them! The children learnt about how you can be 'broken' on the outside if you hurt yourself, as well as being 'broken' on the inside if your feelings are hurt.



Fun 4 Kids—After School Club

Fun 4 Kids currently has some limited availability on spaces at our after school club. The club runs from 3pm -6pm every school day, caring for children ages from 4 - 11 years. We are situated in two rooms on the Town Site and collect from the Abbey Fields site daily. If you require after school care and are interested please contact Sonja Chenier on 07539440606 for more information.

Playground Design Competition

Please don't forget about the playground design competition. We will be having the playgrounds marked at the Abbey Field site this summer.

We would like the children to come up with a design of anything they chose that they think would be perfect for our playground.

There are three categories—Lower Phase (F & Yr1), Middle Phase (Yr2, 3, 4), Upper Phase (Yr5, 6).

Entries should be A4 size and in colour and handed in to either school office. Please make sure that children put their name and class on the back. Entries need to be handed in to the school by Tuesday 5th May.

The winning entrants will get their design marked onto the school playground.

Kingswood

Year 5 parents please remember that the next Kingswood instalment of £60 is due today.

Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Mackenzie O'Brien
- Pluto Award (Iceni) - Kira Robinson
- Eyore Award (Oysters) - Liam Mitchell
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Zachary Dixon-Fleming
- Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Francesco Wilson-Turco
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Leon Chapman
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Ruby Knight
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Scarlett Hosier
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Trinity Cottham
- Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Rose Warnock
- Mickey Award (Roses) - Daniel Caniparu
- Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Delany Dinoulis
- Heads' Award - Castle
- Attendance— Claudius
- Spot— Joshua Baldry

Lost Property at Town Site will be on display in the playground next Friday 1st May.

Children's University: A fantastic 73 children have so far signed up to Essex Children's University and have received their Learning Passports. Please remember that all our in-school clubs are accredited and children can get their passports signed each week to build up to their first 30 hours of learning.

Foundation Stage Development

It's all getting very exciting in the Foundation Stage at the moment as the workmen are installing the new play apparatus for the children and staff.



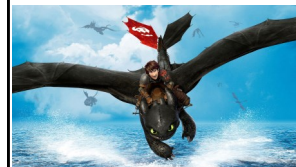
Also being installed is a tree house. Two days ago, new balance bikes arrived for the Foundation children and these will be out next week—although for photographic purposes a couple of children and myself did test them out this morning.

'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I Learn.' Benjamin Franklin

Newsletter Challenge

Each week, I will put in a sentence or phrase which will act as a story starter.

The challenge is to write the next part of the story but you can use no more than 100 words. Lower Phase children need only write a sentence. Middle and Upper Phase will need to write a paragraph.



This weeks starter: Hiccup and Toothless flew closer and closer to the crystal blue sea. Behind them...

As always, answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mrs Smith's door if you are at Abbey site.

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

And Finally ...

I love my son dearly but he does exasperate me. One of our conversations this week. Me, 'Did you have a good day?' Tom, 'Yes.' Me, 'What did you learn at school today.' Tom, 'Errr, can't remember.' Me, 'You must have learnt something at school today. Tom, 'Yes.' Me, 'Well what did you learn at school today.' Tom, 'I played with George.' Me, 'What's that got to do with what you learnt at school today?' Tom, 'Can we play on the Xbox later?'

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings