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Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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Please remember that today is the last day of the Summer Term. The Autumn Term starts on Tuesday 5th September.

Term Dates

Wednesday 19th July—Monday 4th September—Summer Holiday
Tuesday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th September—St John's Green primary School is 125 Years old today.
Thursday 7th September—Victorian/Edwardian Colchester talk by Patrick Denney at AF @ 7.00p.m. at AF.
Friday 8th September—Year 1 Victorian Dress up Day.
Friday 8th September @ 5.30p.m. @ AF—Year 6 Kingswood Final Information Meeting to Parents.
Saturday 9th September—One Square Mile—Town Site—Heritage Open day.
Wednesday 13th September—Year 5 Swimming starts.
Thursday 15th September—Year 2/3/4 Victorian Dress up Day.
Sunday 17th—Friday 22nd September—Year 6 Residential to Kingswood.

Assembly Theme for WB: 4/9/2023— One Square Mile— 125 Years Birthday Celebration

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Being me in our World.

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 17 (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

FGB Meeting—Monday 10th July

In the final meeting of the school year of the Full Governing Body, governors acknowledged the really positive ofsted report received this term. Many important topics were discussed including staffing, school finances and funding as well as future plans from the senior leadership team for the next academic year.

It was acknowledged about the positive impact of the PTA and parents support through what has been an extremely busy and turbulent term.

We discussed school visits and meetings with staff which have taken place by governors and discussed what a positive and inspirational experience that always is.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Lee Brooker.

Cleaner Vacancy

The school has a vacancy for a cleaner—2 hours and 15 minutes after school (Monday to Friday).

£5,328.31pa - pro rata

£444.03 per month

£10.60 per hour

If you are interested, please either call into either school office or e-mail in with your details and we'll send you an application form.



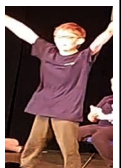
*BASED ON RECEIPTION FOR THE PERSON WHO RINGS THE SCHOOL... AND THEY GET ME TO DO!

Ellion

A huge well done to Ellion who has recently been tripping the boards at the Mercury theatre.

Ellion was recently acting on the Mercury Theatre Main Stage in a production about Climate Change as part of their DramaFest. He's 10 years old but acts with their official 11-13s Mercury Young Theatre Company.

A huge achievement so well done Ellion.



I'm an 11 Year Old Get me Out of Here!

A huge well done to our Year 6 children—who both regaled and dazzled us with their production last week.

A huge effort and no easy thing standing and performing in front of a packed hall. For those of you that were able to attend, my favourite scene—was the embarrassing parents one. Whilst the Year 6 children only covered four of these—the 'Good Housekeeping' guide has listed 9 of their top tips for how we, as parents, are just too embarrassing!

1. Dad/mum dancing - 42%
2. PDA - Public displays of affection (to children or with each other) - 41%
3. Using outdated slang and trying to join in with youth lingo - 38% (For those of you who do want to learn, have you read our Unofficial Dictionary of Teenage Slang? Your kids will be well impressed!)
4. Wearing age-inappropriate clothes - 23%
5. Telling cringeworthy yarns/anecdotes/baby stories - 21%
6. Tidying up after children - 20%
7. Joining social media and 'friending' children - 17%
8. Being useless at 'tech' in general - 16%
9. Birds and bees talk (facts of life) - 16%

So, really well done Year 6 and huge thanks and praise to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Woodham, Mrs. Wall and Mr. Bates and the rest of the Year 6 team for bringing it all together and having many a sleepless moment!

Goodbye Year 6

Dear Year 6,

So, it seems your time at St John's Green Primary School has come to an end. I have known many of you since you were born, some of you since you started in EYFS and some of you more recently. Whenever you started at the school, you all brought to your classes and to the school a very special uniqueness - because you are you. I have said this to you all many times, there is only one of you - with your quirks, your humour, your mannerisms, your thoughts, your personality, etc. And what you each brought to the school, is part of what makes the school so special. It is you that make the school, not me or the staff. It is your individuality that sets the school up to succeed as it has.

There have been some excellent times and there have been some not quite so good times - but fundamentally, I very much hope, you'll look back at your time at St John's Green and remember the good times. The friends you made, the memories you made. Friendship is so important. I had a conversation with an ex-pupil at the Summer Fair and he was showing me his Year 11 leaving photos of friends from the end of secondary school, friends whom he'd know since primary school. Your teachers and I have taught you how to be a good friend, how to respect each other and I very much hope you remember those lessons. You'll always have ups and downs, you'll always make mistakes - we as adults still do, so why shouldn't you. The important thing is to remember how to deal with it. Never hide away, take responsibility and tackle adversity head on.

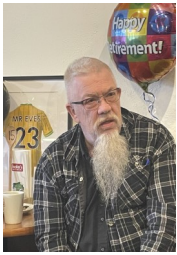
You are all capable of so many things, you can be and do anything you want to, but you must believe in yourself. Very rarely will something just be handed to you on a plate. Whatever your aspiration in life, whatever you want to be - believe in yourself and put the work in to achieve it.

I wish you all the very best as you move on to secondary school. Thank you for being you and the very best to you all.

Mr B.



Goodbye Mr. Eves



As I said in the last newsletter just over a week ago—it was almost 23 years ago that Mr. Eves started teaching at St John's Green Primary School.

Very sadly today is then the last day that Mr. Eves will be with us as he is now officially retired.

Mr. Eves has succeeded in so many ways at the school—perhaps most in his love and passion for reading and history which he has consistently shared with the children and inspired many of them to be more avid readers and to learn from history—a lesson perhaps that our politicians would do well to remember!

Mr. Eves was also never short of an anecdote or two and will happily wax lyrical over a range of topics—given half a chance.

There isn't a coffee shop in Colchester that Mr. Eves hasn't sampled, so he will still be around and will always happily give anyone from St John's Green a few minutes of his time to wax lyrical over a range of topics and the merits of supporting Norwich City!

Mr. Eves—thank you for everything you have done for the school over the years and the very best to you in your retirement.

PTA—Ice Cream

Huge thanks to our PTA who bought every child in the school an ice cream today—just to say well done and have a good summer.

A lovely way to finish off the last day of the Summer Term.



Sports Day

It does seem like a long time ago now—with so much happening in school over the closing weeks of the Summer Term, but nonetheless please see below the results from our recent Sports Days.

As Headteacher, I am still waiting expectantly for both our first Olympian and first Colchester United player. Luckily I still have a few years left in me—so have not yet given up on that dream.

The final results for our Sports Days are as follows.

- 1st, Abbey—6011
- 2nd, Siege—5968
- 3rd, Colne—5660
- 4th, Temple—5597
- 5th, Priory- 5582

A huge well done to Team Abbey for your success this year.



Castle Trips

We've had both Year 4 and Year 1 children visiting the Colchester Castle since the last newsletter.

Year 4 visited Colchester Castle as part of their history One Square Mile work where they have been learning all about local landmarks. The children enjoyed a range of activities including an interactive chariot ride, building Roman Villas and Iron Age Roundhouses. They also had a guided story tour down in the foundations learning all about the Temple of Claudius and life before the castle.



Year 1 had lots of fun looking at the things from the past and learning about the history of the castle. They also had the opportunity to role play attacking The Castle and go onto the roof and overlook Colchester.



School Meal and Breakfast Club

From September, the price of School Dinners and Breakfast Club will increase to £2.50.

Moving Site—Summer 2023, Social Stories.

Mrs. Bullivant has written social stories for the children and parents who may find them useful towards the end of the Summer Break as they get ready to return to school.

These will all be able to be found on the school website in the 'Special Educational Needs' link.

Awards

STAR— Whole Class (CC), CHARIOT— Whole Class (CC), JUMBO- Whole Class (CC).

EAGLES— Whole Class (CC), ROSES— Whole Class (CC), CIRCUS- Whole Class (CC).

MERCURY— Sofia (MM), CLAUDIUS- Whole Class (MM), ROMANS- Whole Class (RREX).

DUTCH— Whole Class (CC), ICENI— Kyra (MM), PAXMAN— Whole Class (CC).

CASTLE— Whole Class (CC), GARRISON— Leah (MM) & Leyre (CC), CAVALIER— Maynee (RROX)

OYSTERS— Whole Class (RREX), RAEDWALD- Whole Class (CC), MAGNETS- Whole Class and Sudheshna (CC).

TRINOVANTES— Whole Class (MM), CYMBELINE— Whole Class (RREX), LATHES— Whole Class (CC).

ATTENDANCE— Trinovantes LIBRARY—Dahlia, Aryan, Albert.

HELP YOUR CHILDREN ONLINE THIS SUMMER

#STAYSAFE

A practical guide on things you can do to make your child's devices safer when they are online.

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St John's Green PTA Newsletter

Summer Issue 2023

Thank you for all your support & generous donations throughout this term!

The term is almost over and the summer holidays are coming! We hope had fun at the events put on by the PTA. We have certainly enjoyed bringing some joy to the children and school community!

Events this term

Generational picnic
All the children had a great time even though we have to move inside due to the rain. All the children also received a coronation medal.

Quiz Night
The adults had fun at this event, there were plenty of laughs. Well done to the winners!

Summer Fair
One of the favourite events! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Don't forget about our uniform event!
Friday 21st July 10-1pm, at town site
Pop in to pick up uniform for the next school year
All uniform, coats shoes etc can be donated at both sites.

What we have raised this term:

- Quiz night: £170
- Summer Fair: £3900

What we have supported this term:

- The coronation medals
- Swimming lessons £3000
- School trips: up to £1000 per year group
- Ice-cream van £600 on last day of term

Have a lovely summer break, The PTA

Finally, just to wish you all the very best for the Summer Break.

As always, thank you for your support for our school and on behalf of all the staff—thank you for your kind gifts and tokens of thanks. All very much appreciated.