



# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

**Friday 21st November**—Non Uniform Day—in support of Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 24th November**—Foundation Parents, information meeting about online Learning Journeys. 9.00a.m. or 2.30p.m. at the Abbey Fields site.

**Wednesday 26th November**—Open School 3.15–4.00p.m. (please pop in to speak to class teacher and look at your children's work)

**Friday 28th November**—Christmas Fair (Abbey Fields) 5.00–7.00p.m.

**Tuesday 9th December**—Flu immunisation for all children

**Tuesday 9th December**—Year 2 Production—It's a Baby, (adults and pre-school children) @ 2.00p.m.

**Wednesday 10th December**—Year 2 Production—It's a Baby (Adults and children of school age only) @ 6.00p.m.

**Friday 12th December**—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children—£1

**Friday 19th December**—Last day of Autumn Term

**Tuesday 6th January**—First day of Spring Term

### Remembrance

The 4th August 1914 marked the 100th anniversary of the day Britain entered one of the costliest conflicts in history—the first world war—with fighting continuing until the 11th November 1918, Armistice day. It was the Royal British Legion, founded by veterans of the first world war who adopted the poppy as their symbol of remembrance and hope.

On Tuesday, we took all of the children from Years 2–6 to the High Street to take part in the two minutes silence outside the Town Hall. The short ceremony ended with the epitaph 'when you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow, we gave our today.'

The children, as I'm sure you would expect, were impeccable and our few minutes of respect is scant consolation for those who so readily gave their lives for us. The following advert is well worth a look—

<http://www.msn.com/en-gb/video/tv/sainsburys-christmas-advert-dont-forget-your-tissues/vi-BBdvdmj2ocid=iehp>



### Colchester's Regalia

Taking part in the ceremony on Tuesday were the Mayor of Colchester, cllr John Elliot and the Deputy Mayor, cllr Theresa Higgins. To the left of the Mayor is the Town Serjeant—their role is as an official of court with ceremonial duties. He is holding Colchester's Mace. It is one of the largest maces in the country and is used in civic functions and council meetings. The mace is used as a symbol of authority from the sovereign—queen.



### Swimming

Please remember that if you decided to pay for swimming half termly then the second payment of £16.50 needs to be paid straight after half term.

### Year 6 Residential 2015—Kingswood

Please remember that the deposit of £40 needs to be paid to the school office by Friday 21st November.

### Year 4 Residential 2015—Danbury

Please remember that the deposit of £50 needs to be paid to the school office by Friday 21st November.

If parents have any questions regarding the flu immunisation could they please call 01206 518521 and NOT their GP.

### After School Clubs—Abbey Fields

Following some confusion this week, could I confirm that the decision has been made that when parents are collecting their children from after school clubs at the Abbey Fields Site—**they should come to the front of the school, by the main entrance.** Children will be brought out to you either via the double doors directly from the hall or from double doors into the Learning Bubble.

### After School Clubs—Town

Parents collecting children from after school clubs at the Town Site—should wait in the under cover area of the school by the Middle Playground. As with clubs at Abbey Fields—children will be brought out to you.

### Choir Club

From Tuesday 18th November, from 3.15–4.15p.m. a choir club will start run by Mrs. Rowe. The club will be at the Town Site and is for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. As always, please let the School Office know if your child would like to attend.

### Punctuality

Could I please remind parents that the school day starts at 8.45a.m. for children on the Abbey Site and at 9.00a.m. for children on the Town Site. Children should be at the relevant sites by these times so they are ready to go in when the bell goes. Please could parents, whose timings have slipped a bit, ensure their children are at school and on time. Many thanks.

### Foundation & Playgroup Fun

Yesterday morning, St John's Green



Playgroup came up to the Abbey Fields site to share some learning with our Foundation children. Once the children had shared a snack our Foundation children showed the Playgroup around their classrooms and their outside learning area and then finished with some quality learning and playing together.

### Christmas Fair



Friday 21st November is a non uniform day in aid of our Christmas Fair. Instead of sending money, could parents please send their children into school with either an item suitable for lucky dip, anything chocolate (boxes or individual chocolate bars) for the chocolate tombola, bottles or cans of soft drinks, sweets or biscuits.

Any glass items or breakable items must be handed in to the School Office.

We also urgently require donations for the raffle.

In addition, if you think you can help in the running/organisation of the Christmas Fair in any way—please let either school Office know. Many thanks in advance.



### Newsletter Challenge

Each week we will print a partial photograph of an object in the school. All the children have to do is say what the object is and where in the school the object is.

The partial photo from last week was of Mrs Taylor's right eye.

This week, a new partial photo....



If you are on Town Site—answers to Mr. Bates door. If on Abbey Site—answers to Mrs Smith's door.



And Finally...

One of the most important things in teaching is leading by example...it is even more important that you try to avoid getting photographed whilst doing that leading. Mrs Bullivant still has a lot to learn!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings