

# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

Monday 12th May—Thursday 15th May—Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 13th May—6.30p.m.—Final Information Meeting—Year 4—Danbury

Wednesday 14th May—2.15p.m.—PTA meeting

Monday 19th—Wednesday 21st May—Year 4 residential—Danbury

Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May—Half Term

Friday 6th June—Abbeyfields- Sponsored Walk

Friday 18th July last day of Summer Term

"You're the same today as you'll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read."

Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

### Middle Phase Debate

The whole of middle phase packed into the council chamber at the Town Hall yesterday morning. The children were finishing off their PSHE work on topical debates. Mrs. Bourne chaired the meeting, whilst the children eloquently debated whether cars should be banned from Colchester High Street.



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### Class Circus

Class Circus 'Open School' will be next Thursday 15th May, from 3.15p.m.—4.00p.m.

### Kingswood

Please remember that the next payment of £65 is now overdue.

### Open School

Thank you to everyone who braved the elements and stayed at school yesterday to spend time talking to your child's class teacher and looking at their work. It was lovely to see so many parents spending a few minutes in the classrooms, celebrating the success of their children. So thank you, to all those parents who were able to come.



Whatever your children may say, it does mean a lot to them when we praise them for their efforts and we see a significant positive difference when children know that their parents are engaging with what goes on at school.



### All things PTA

The school PTA will be meeting next Wednesday at 2.15p.m. at the school. If you are in any way interested in supporting the school and working with other parents to help raise funds then please pop along to the meeting.

On the agenda for this meeting will be the Abbeyfields Sponsored Walk—which will be on Friday 6th June and a quiz night, with a date yet to be arranged.

### New School Uniform

I am very aware that many parents have been asking about purchasing school uniform and specifically the coloured P.E. Tops for the school teams. We have just confirmed a new school uniform supplier and they are in the process of setting up everything on their website. I will write specifically to all parents when this is confirmed but we expect it to be the week beginning 19th May. The new uniform system will allow parents to order all school uniform on line and have it either delivered directly to your home or to the school.

### Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Mac Colman
- Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Charlotte Swain
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Serkan Roper
- Lion Award (Dutch) - Katie Roberts
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Leo Morley-Robertson
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Jack Harris
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Caitlyn Smith
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Joseph Abbott
- Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Marlie Wigley
- Mickey Award (Roses) - Joe Turner
- Simba Award — Roses & Daffodils
- Spot Award — Wyatt Swain
- Attendance Award - Roses and Trinovantes

### We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Yesterday afternoon, our Foundation children had an open afternoon with parents where everyone went on a 'Bear Hunt.' This session was to finish their theme from the last assessment period on animals. As



well as acting out the story, parents took part, with their children in a variety of craft activities which included making caves, picture painting, bear masks and play dough. The day finished with parents reading with their children. My thanks to all those parents who were able to come and join in with their children and the 'Bear Hunt.'



'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' as told by Michael Rosen, which was the version used by Mrs Bullivant and Mrs O'Shea is on the school website under, 'Listen to a Story.'

### Paying of Monies

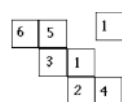
It would be really helpful if parents could pay any monies to us by putting the payment in a named envelope, stating what the payment is for and with the correct money. Parents would then be able to post this payment in the secure letter box in the entrance lobby by reception. Many thanks.

### Maths Challenge

A new set of challenges for this term—as always answers to Mr. Bates door.

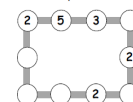
The answer to last weeks challenge was

As on a dice opposite sides add up to seven.

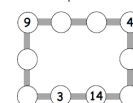


### Number lines

1. Make each line add up to 16.



2. Make each line add up to 20.



3. Make up your own puzzle like this. Ask a friend to do it.

And Finally...

Many of you will remember that I commented in the past about the number of pairs of shoes that Mrs. Hawkins kept secreted in her closet. I learnt the other day that our very own Mrs Bibby is also a secret shoe collector and has in excess of 30 pairs of shoes hidden around her house—I am struggling to comprehend just what you'd do with 30 pairs of shoes—there are only some many days in a month...

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings