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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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Maths

We are all  
writers ...



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Please remember that today is the last day of the Spring Term. The Summer Term starts on Tuesday 18th April.

### School Expansion

Work on the school expansion starts over the Easter Holiday at Abbey Field. As per the information on the school website, (Abbey Field Expansion), the expansion will create a dance studio, additional children's toilets and two new classrooms. All of the work will be centred around the back of the Abbey Field Hall.

The majority of the work over Easter is about setting up the site for the expansion work.

Please note:

- The school staff car park will become significantly smaller as the far end becomes the build-ers compound.
- The area behind the school hall, where there are no playground markings will be fenced off, as this is the area for the school expansion.
- For Year 1, there will be no exit or entrance from either the hall or the double doors at the bottom of the stairs. All Year 1 children will exit from the first classroom to the left of the hall.
- Year 5 and 6 will exit from the Year 6 classroom.

- There will still be entrance to the school via the alley way on the school's south boundary but only to the playground. You will not be able to access the front of the school from the side entrance. Parents will need to walk around via the southern footpath to the front.

We will obviously be speaking to the children at school but could I please remind parents to make sure that children do not climb on the boundary fencing. Please also remember to be extra vigilant at the start and end of the day when collecting children as, although the school and contractors have stipulated that deliveries need to be made only at certain times, delivery drivers don't always listen. The access road is narrow enough as it is, without coming head to head with an arctic lorry.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Millie Morgan

Year 5 (Oysters) - Leana Yasin

Year 4 (Castle) - Rosie Whitwell

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Yehia Abou Wafia

Year 3 (Dutch) - Zander Hart

Year 3 (Iceni) - George Tyler

Year 2 (Mercury) - Blaize Newman

Year 2 (Claudius) - Daniel Caniparu

Year 2 (Romans) - Lacey Scriven

Year 1 (Eagles) - Lui Holloway

Year 1 (Circus) - Alex Zhou

Year 1 (Roses) - April Kenyon

Foundation (Chariot) - Uazuva Hambria

Foundation (Star) - Anna Hearn

Foundation (Jumbo) - Dominic Uzukwu

Attendance - Trinovantes

Head-Castle & Cavalier

### Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Any body that was fortunate enough to have gone to our Year 4 production this week would have been absolutely blown away by the quality of the performance.

The solo singing, the singing the dancing and the acting were second to none and in my humble opinion it rivalled anything that you would see in London.

Huge thanks and congratulations to all the staff and parent volunteers who worked so hard to bring it all together and a special mention to the children fantastic!



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

Jane D. Hull

A Parents Role is to Parent.  
It is not to allow social media to do that for you!

### Victory for the Football Team

Having been narrowly beaten by Bishop William ward at our Home fixture, our Football Team went to Bishop William Ward with



a score to settle.

A brilliant throw in from Calli, led to our first goal. The opposition quickly rallied (a lucky goal so I'm told), bringing the score back to one all.

Intense pressure in the second half and a good run and shot from Leo saw us take the lead with five minutes to go.

The team held on to record a stunning victory.

Really well done to Calli, Leo, Adam, Harry, Tobi, Philip and Stanley.

**KEEP  
CALM  
AND CHECK YOUR  
SUCCESS  
CRITERIA**

£420.10 was donated at the end of our productions this week. A huge amount and exceptionally generous. Thank you.

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Friday 31st March 2017

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### Diary Dates

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

Saturday 8th April. Colchester United v Stevenage @3.00p.m.

Friday 14th April. Colchester United v Doncaster @3.00p.m.

Tuesday 18th April—First day of Summer Term.

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 will be sent out by separate letter and are on the calendar of the school website)

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

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

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

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

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

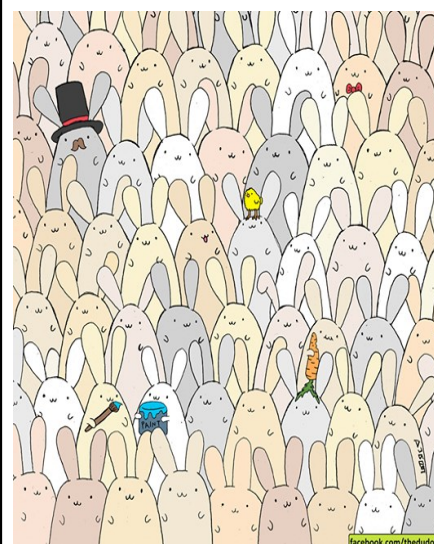
### WALT: We Are Learning To

Please keep asking your children what some of their WALTs have been in school. If you can get it out of them—their learning is amazing!

### Hidden Picture Challenge

A slightly different challenge for the next few weeks.

Can you find the egg hidden in this picture?



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.

And Finally,

As you may have heard from your children, yesterday, I again celebrated my 21st birthday. To celebrate in the evening, I loaded the dishwasher, hoovered and put two loads of washing on, whilst my daughter slept upstairs. My wife and son had gone to the O2 to see Olle Murs!

Have a good Easter Break

Simon Billings

### Chair of Governors Summary of Full Governing Body Meeting on Monday Night.

The Full Governing Body met on Monday. We were all prepared for a bit of a marathon session because we have recently changed the set up of our meetings. We no longer have separate finance and curriculum committees, but instead have increased the number of full governing body meetings to 5 or 6 year (depending on need) where we now discuss all aspects of the governor role.

Our March meetings are set to be one of the lengthiest of the year because we need to have important discussions on both the finance and curriculum side; because we are nearing the end of the financial tax year, we need to approve the budget plan for the coming year, and having just had the end of Assessment Period two we need to look at the data.

We started the evening by analysing the progress children have made over the last assessment period. We compared this to data from the previous assessment period and also to data we have for those groups of children at the end of previous key stages. Our focus as governors is to ensure the teachers are helping the children achieve their potential. Each year group has a target that at least 80% of children will be at age related expectations at the end of the year, so we look at all groups of children across the three key areas of reading, writing and maths, and where we find the children are not making expected progress we ask for details about what the school are doing to ensure these children reach their potential. If you would like to know a bit more about this process, we conducted a similar exercise at the end of assessment period one and the approved minutes from this meeting on the 12/12/16 are on the school website.

We then moved on to talk about the budget, and discussions included our plans for staffing, catering and premises maintenance, amongst other things. We discussed staffing recruitment, and how we will ensure we have enough teachers and LSA's for the coming school year, the need for having robust contingency funds, should the school face any unexpected expenses, and the need to prioritise jobs that need to be carried out around the school.

The board were also very pleased to welcome two new governors. Patrick Shields, our newly elected parent governor, and Geoff Beales, our new co-opted governor. Patrick agreed to take on governor responsibilities for the school website and Geoff will become the new maths governor.

Various other standing matters were discussed, and some new policies were approved. I also signed off the Minutes from our last meeting on the 6th February and these are now on the school website.

Our final topic of conversation was, and always is; 'What have we done to advance the education of the children in this meeting?' It's always a good reminder to return our focus to the ultimate reason we are all there, and Monday was no exception. After over two and a half hours of discussions it was good to produce a nice long list of what we had achieved for the children; this included ratifying the budget, agreeing the Financial Action Plan, agreeing our self assessment evaluation, ensuring there are governors to oversee all important parts of school life and analysing what the children have achieved.

Nicola Roberts

Chair of Governors

28/3/17



## Physical Fun

**St John's Green School (Town Site), Colchester, CO2 7HE**

Please note there is no parking on site and limited parking on local streets, nearest car parks are Napier Road and Southway

**Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30am  
TERM TIME ONLY**

Come and have fun singing, dancing and being active with your child using a variety of equipment to promote your child's physical development.  
For ages 1-5 years.

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### Foundation/PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Huge thanks to our PTA who organised an Easter Egg Hunt for our Foundation children yesterday in their Learning Garden.

All the Foundation children had made Easter baskets, and were primed and ready as the PTA hid the eggs in various cunning locations.

It's a bit difficult to decide who enjoyed it more the children or the members of the PTA. Huge thanks to the PTA for arranging this.



### Attendance

Attendance at school is key to learning, the children that do best both at school and in the future are those children that attend school regularly and develop resilience.

We want your children to do well and to succeed at school and I'm very aware of those parents who ensure their children are at school and on time every day.

Those children are being set up to succeed.

As always, at the end of term, we celebrate those classes who have the best attendance and put in a reward for their efforts this last term.

Really well done to class Romans and class Roses, two of our youngest classes with attendance of 97.8% for the Spring Term. Outstanding.

Going into the summer term, please remember that in line with the school's policy, I cannot authorise any holiday applications.

The school will authorise leave of absence for exceptional circumstances but only if attendance is above 97%.

**Please note that the school has had to seek a number of penalty notices this term because of poor attendance.**



### Year 5 Egyptian Day

Egypt came to Abbey Field this Tuesday as our Year 5 children immersed themselves in the sands of time at the start of their AP3 Egyptian Topic.

The children had a whistle stop history lesson of ancient Egypt before completing a quiz with different boards based around the room. They measured the Egyptian way in cubits, palms and fingers. They also played an Egyptian board game and were given the opportunity to look at several artefacts.

Our Year 5 Governor, Annette Whitwell popped in for the afternoon and commented on how engaged the children were with their learning. They also learnt how to spear a hippo, (not really sure if this is a useful life skill!)



### Spring Term 2017 Attendance

	Class	%
1	Romans	97.8%
1	Roses	97.8%
2	Castle	97.7%
3	Cavalier	96.9%
3	Claudius	96.9%
4	Trinovantes	96.8%
5	Dutch	96.7%
6	Mercury	96.6%
7	Iceni	96.4%
8	Eagles	96.1%
9	Jumbo	95.9%
10	Star	95%
10	Chariot	95%
10	Circus	95%
10	Oysters	95%