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St John's Green Primary School

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Newsletter

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Maths

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writers ...



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Christmas Fair

Please don't forget our Christmas Fair tonight from 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. at Abbey Field. There's an amazing array of different things going on all cunningly designed to get you in the festive spirit and encourage you to spend money.

An absolute must are the class stalls as all the children have been working incredibly hard on a variety of things to win the coveted most money raised award.

I'm not allowed to show bias but if you like marshmallows then it might be worth having a look at Oysters class 'Do you want to build a snowman?'

In addition—burgers and hot dogs, Santa's photo booth, crafts and games, cakes, a raffle and a chocolate tombola. Where else could you possibly want to be?



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

Jane D. Hull

Assembly Theme for next Week: Celebrating Difference.

Mathematics focus for next week: Maths Stories—Always, Sometimes, Never!

Are the following statements always true, sometimes true or never true?

How do you know?

The sum of three numbers is odd.

The sum of three consecutive numbers is divisible by 3?

Christmas Post Boxes



From Monday, our Christmas Post Boxes will be out and available at both sites.

At Abbey Field the post box is in the main library area and at Town in the Top Hall.

Please could you make sure that you write both the first name and surname as well as the class to where the card is going.

Brilliant, though our Christmas Elves are, even they struggle if a card is just addressed by a first name.

We have sent out class lists with all the children's names on to help parents in supporting their children write their cards.

Christmas Jumper/Bobble Hat Day



Next Friday 16th December is our Christmas Jumper & Bobble Hat Day in aid of the NSPCC and Save the Children.

It's only a £1 to come in non uniform and finishes off a very festive week perfectly.

See How Our Writing Grows. When you're at Abbey Field tonight have a look at our writing progression from Foundation to Year 6—helped of course by the Jolly Postman!



Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Katie Roberts

Year 5 (Oysters) — Aimee Philpin

Year 4 (Castle) - Miarah Valencia

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Surayyaa Hasanally

Year 3 (Dutch) - Mrs Shah

Year 3 (Iceni) - Reese Merrifield

Year 2 (Mercury) - William Gledhill-Wrag

Year 2 (Claudius) - Jamie Burke

Year 2 (Romans) - Robbie Short

Year 1 (Eagles) - Maisie Forsyth

Year 1 (Circus) - Arslan Polyok

Year 1 (Roses) - Caleb Dean

Foundation (Chariot) - Madison Ring

Foundation (Star) - Lucy Folkard

Foundation (Jumbo) - Freddie Reames

Breakfast Club

Just to make breakfast club parents aware **from after the Christmas Holidays** the main entrance to breakfast club will be via the main entrance to the school and NOT via the playground.

I would ask parents please to park on the road having driven round the roundabout and use the main path.

We have had a number of near misses in the car park recently with children and with cars. The combination of children/parents and staff arriving for work is making the use of the school car park unsafe and I need to put the children's welfare first.

Please note that this does not take effect until after Christmas.

Winter in Wartime

Year 5 had a visitor yesterday to talk to the children about winter in wartime. They were spoken to about the Essex Records and the information that they keep in Chelmsford. The children were also told about the oldest birth certificate they kept which was over 1000 years old. This was kept amongst 7 miles of shelving! They also compared current Christmas celebrations to what we thought it might have been like in the war.



Curriculum Letters

On Tuesday, all children will have brought home a curriculum letter that details all the learning that they are going to be undertaking in our next assessment period.

If you think you might be able to help in any way, please let the class teachers know.

If you filled in and completed our parent survey, then we may be coming straight to you. The Office Staff are just finalising the spreadsheet. Thank you to every one who completed and returned it.

Curriculum Letters are also available on the website in Curriculum Maps.

Diary Dates

Friday 9th December. Christmas Fair. AF.

Tuesday 13th December. Christmas Lunch for AF

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th @2.30p.m.—Year 1 Christmas Concert (Please note change of date)

Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th @10.00a.m. Foundation Nativity, 'The Secret in the Shed.'

Thursday 15th December. Christmas Lunch for Town.

Friday 16th December. Non Uniform Day. Christmas Jumper and Bobble Hat. £1.00. In support of NSPCC & Save the Children.

Saturday 17th December @3.00p.m.—Colchester United (at home) v Notts County.

Monday 19th @6.00p.m. Tuesday 20th @ 2.00p.m. & 6.00p.m.—Year 2 Production. 'Lights, Camel, Action!'

Wednesday 21st December. Last day of Autumn Term

Thursday 5th January 2017. First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 17th January. Internet Café. 4.30p.m.—5.30p.m. AF.

Please note that Monday 12th December is the last day in which to order a Christmas Dinner.



WALT: We Are Learning To

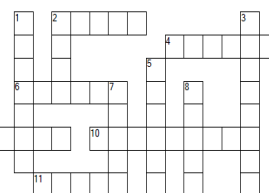
Please keep asking your children what some of their WALTs have been in school. If you can get it out of them—their learning is amazing! WALTs are on Twitter!

Crossword Challenge

There'll be a weekly crossword challenge this term.

Name: _____
Date: _____
Twelve Days of Christmas Crossword

Complete the activity.



ACROSS

2. a-laying
4. piping
6. dancing
9. hens
10. in a pear tree
11. a-leaping

DOWN

1. birds
2. rings
3. drumming
5. doves
7. a-swimming
8. a-milking

Partridge	Calling	Swans	Lords
Turtle	Gold	Maids	Pipers
French	Geese	Ladies	Drummers

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,

We are having my daughters room painted next week. When else would you do it, other than the week before Christmas! (to be fair it is her birthday). My responsibility with regards to all this was buying the paint. Feeling especially proud of myself, I reported to my wife last night that I had brought the paint. Marriage has taught me many things and although I may have hoped for a 'well done I'm proud of you darling,' what was actually said was 'I may not like the colour.' I could perhaps have argued that the easiest solution would be for my wife to buy it herself, but self preservation and a desire to see out a few more years took over! The paint I hasten to add is still in the car—plenty of time to change it!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings