

St John's Green Primary School.

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Newsletter

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'The Most Important Thing is not to Stop Questioning' Albert Einstein.

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Diary Dates

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

Curriculum Letters

All children will have brought home this week their curriculum letter for the final nine weeks of learning this term in our last assessment period. The letters detail what your children will be learning about this term and continued expectations with regards to reading/PE kit.

The letters will also be on the school website—please follow the link 'Curriculum 2013/14' which is on the top toolbar.

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) - Whole Class
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Damia Ambrose
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Ayana Curtis
Lion Award (Dutch) - Nathan Read
Sully Award (Mercury) - Jadya Turay
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Sophie Olivera-Smith
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Naomi Hearn
Bumble Award (Circus) - Oliver Smith
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Emilia Fabi
Mickey Award (Roses) - Tierney-Rose Beattie
Simba Award — Trinovantes
Spot Award — Faisal Almuneef



through a hedge backwards. I wouldn't want to make any comparisons with our Foundation children—but it is probably safe to say—that, without exception, they managed to find mud in places that it shouldn't exist and the mud managed to find parts of their bodies which it had no right to get to! Suffice to say our Foundation children had a brilliant time when they headed off to Forest Schools for the first time this week. Log leaping, puddle jumping, mud throwing and pie making—were all the order of the day as the children explored the Forest Schools area for the first time—roll on next week.

Forest Schools

My children can be beautifully presented when at the front door ready to leave—by the time the front door is closed a miraculous transformation seems to come over them and simply by crossing over the threshold, they look like they've been dragged



Class Photographs

All children should have brought home this week a class photograph proof. Large versions are available to view in the entrance lobby of the school. Photograph orders need to be returned to the school by Friday 23rd May. Cheques need to be made payable to 'Van Cols Ltd.'



Holiday Requests/Leave of Absence

Please remember that in line with Government Policy and the school's own policy, I cannot authorise holiday requests. The school will however authorise 'Leave of Absence' requests for up to ten school days providing that there is an exceptional circumstance for the request. Leave of absence requests will only be considered if a child has 94% attendance in the 14 weeks preceding the request and will not authorise any requests in September as this is the start of the academic year and when children are settling into school after the summer break and getting to know their class teachers. For more information please speak to the School Office.

Kingswood

Please remember that if you haven't paid the last instalment of £65 this is now very overdue. The final payment of £60 is due by Friday 13th June.

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.

Maths Challenge

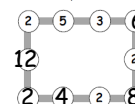
A new set of challenges for this term—as always answers to Mr. Bates door.

The answer to last weeks challenge could of been

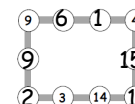
There are however a number of different solutions

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.

Calculator - words

Did you know that you can read words on your calculator? You can if you turn it upside down! Find a calculator. Got it? Good. Now type in 0.7734 Turn the display upside down. Hello! Try these sums on your calculator. Turn the answer upside down and you should get a word. We have given you some clues so you may be able to guess the word before you start.

- 39459 ÷ 7 =
(Spiders have 8 but millipedes do not have millions)
- 15469 x 5 =
(Put it to your ear and you may hear the sea)
- The square root of 59876644
(It sounds like he invented the telephone)
- 10 000 - 9 393
(It's easy to fall off this)
- 1792202 x 3 =
(Put these on to see underwater)

There are loads more words you can make up. Try them for yourself. Can you make a five letter word? Can anyone make up a whole sentence? Can anyone find another 7 letter word, or even more?



And Finally...

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's Mrs O'Shea at Forest Schools....

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

