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St John's Green Primary School

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We ♥
Maths

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Newsletter

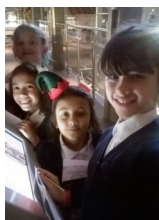
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Year 4—Colchester Castle

Year 4 had a brilliant time at Colchester Castle on Tuesday. Their visit was part of their theme this Assessment Period 'The Romans v Boudicca.' The children were able to go down into the foundations of the castle and listened to the story of how the Romans came to Britain and built their temple in Colchester. They also



School Website—Meet the Staff

New to the school website this week is an identity parade of some of the staff at our school. If your child often mentions someone but you're not quite sure who they are or what they look like, then please have a quick look. The new section is in 'Parent Information.'



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: Try to Use Kind Words

Article 23: You have the right to special education and care if you have a disability, as well as all the rights in this Convention, so that you can live a full life.

Calling all Bears— Teddy Bear Tombola



Do you have one or two or three teddy bears at home that are perhaps surplus to requirements. NEW for this year at the Christmas Fair will be a 'Teddy Bear Tombola' If you do have a few extra bears that you would be willing to donate to enable them to seek new homes, it would be much appreciated.

Bears can be brought into the school offices any day next week. Please could you just make sure they're clean.

Vacancies

The school now has the following vacancies. If you're interested, please contact either school office for an information pack and application form.

Mid Day Assistant. 6.25 hours, £7.90 p/h.
£2,128.83

Breakfast Club Assistant. 6.25 hours, £7.90 p/h.
£2,188.10

Bar Modelling

Bar Modelling is a key mathematical strategy used by children to visualise mathematical concepts and solve problems. Bar models are pictorial representations of problems or concepts that can be used for any of the operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In word problems, bar models hold the huge benefit of helping children decide which operations to use or visualise problems. We have started to train all the staff in teaching bar modelling and they will then begin to teach the children how to apply it in their work. Exciting times!

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Yasir Slimani

Year 5 (Oysters) — Abdul Quayyam

Year 5 (Magnets) - Sreekar Bandura

Year 4 (Castle) - Dante Miller

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Sienna Smith

Year 3 (Dutch) - Maria Mocanu

Year 3 (Iceni) - Lacey-Marie Durrant

Year 3 (Paxman) - Elif Goksu

Year 2 (Mercury) - Dylan Shields

Year 2 (Claudius) - Daisy Laverick

Year 2 (Romans) - Callum McGuire

Year 1 (Eagles) - Niamh Cook

Year 1 (Circus) - Harry Hughes

Year 1 (Roses) - Conner Marples

Foundation (Chariot) - Jack Evans

Foundation (Star) - Florence Butler

Foundation (Jumbo) - Harry Freebody

Heads' Award— Claudius

Attendance — Claudius



Could you Bake some Cakes for the Christmas Fair?

One of our Christmas Fair stalls is a Cake Sale. Ideally, for this to be successful, we need people to bake and make a selection of cakes for us. If you can bake a cake, that would be brilliant and much appreciated.

Cakes to be brought in to either office on Friday morning please.

The cake baking H&S requirements are on the reverse of the newsletter!

Cyber Safety Event

On Thursday 7th December, Will Quince is hosting a free cyber safety event for parents at North Primary School. The event will look at risks to children on-line, what makes some sites riskier than others. It will also tackle on-line extremism and confident digital parenting. Well worth going along to. More information is on Page 2 of the newsletter.

Diary Dates

Thursday 30th November—PTA Coffee Morning—Christmas Fair, 9.00a.m. @ Town.

Friday 1st December—Xmas Fair, 5-7pm

Wednesday 6th December—Open Evening, 5.00-7.30pm

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th December @ 9.30a.m. and Tuesday 12th December at 2.15p.m. Foundation Nativity, 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel.' AF.

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December @ 6.00p.m. and Wednesday 13th December @ 2.00p.m. Year 2 Production, 'Prickly Hay' T

(Please note pre-school children including babies are not permitted in the evening productions)

Wednesday 13th December (AF) and Friday 15th December (T) - Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December. Christmas Jumper/Non Uniform Day in aid of Save the Children. £1.00

Friday 15th December @ 9.30a.m. and 2.30p.m. Year 1 Christmas Concert. AF

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.

Wednesday 3rd January—First Day of Spring Term.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM

Reminders

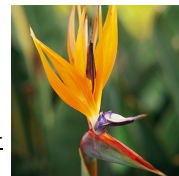
- Year 5 Parents. Kingswood deposit for Year 6 residential £40—due by Friday 1st December.
- Xmas Fair—Friday 1st December 5-7pm—Abbey Field
- If you are having any problems with the on-line payment system 'Sims Agora' please refer to the trouble shooting guide in 'Parent Information' on the school website. There is also a fault reporting form here.
- Reminders are still being sent to those parents who have not yet completed, signed and returned photographic consent form. If you're one of the guilty parents—please return as soon as possible.
- Year 4 Parents. The second Danbury instalment of £55 is now overdue.

A Picture and a Meaning.

A slightly different challenge moving forward to the end of this term. Every flower, has a meaning. For example if you give a red rose to someone, it means you love them.

Our challenge for the rest of this term is.

1. Draw a brilliant picture of the flower pictured.
2. Write a sentence about what the flower means.



Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mrs O'Shea's door if you are at Town site.

The winning entry each week from each Year Group will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

And Finally,

Mrs Bullivant has acquired a new fish for her office at Abbey Field. Yesterday afternoon we took the fish into Year 6 for them to look after and make sure he keeps wagging his tail. The children took this very seriously! Miss Salmon on the other hand was caught red handed having lifted the fish out of the water; she was holding it by his tail trying to work out how it worked as its tail had stopped wagging. The fish is now safely back with Mrs Bullivant and Mr Bromley has ordered it some new batteries—Miss Salmon is banned from all fish care!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings



Books are the bees
which carry the pollen
of thought from one
mind to another.

James Russell Lowell (Poet.)

EXPERIENCE SAFETY

FREE information and advice

- **ONLINE RISK**
Looking at the risks to children and what makes some online spaces riskier than others.
- **ONLINE EXTREMISM & RADICALISATION**
How it happens and what parents can do to respond.
- **CONFIDENT DIGITAL PARENTING**
Encouraging parents to take their offline parenting into the online world.

THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2017
7.30pm-9pm

COME TO

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John Harper Street
(parking via Victoria Chase)
Colchester CO1 1RP

HOW TO BOOK

BOOKING IS REQUIRED.
call **01206 545990** or email
kate.randall@parliament.uk
to confirm your place



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Food Hygiene Guidance for Volunteer Caterers

Keep yourself clean and wear clean clothing.

Ensure hands are washed thoroughly before handling food, after using the toilet, handling raw foods or waste, before starting work, after every break and after blowing your nose etc.

Do not prepare or handle food if you are unwell with stomach or bowel trouble, or have been unwell with any form of vomiting or diarrhoea illness within the last 48 hours.

Ensure cuts and wounds are covered with a waterproof, high visibility dressing.

Do not smoke, eat, drink when handling food and never sneeze or cough over food.

Store raw and cooked food separately and covered, to prevent cross contamination (raw food below cooked food in the refrigerator).

Cook food thoroughly, for example cook burgers/sausages until no pink areas remain.

Do not re-heat food more than once before serving. When re-heating, especially meat joints, poultry and meat dishes, an internal temperature of at least 70°C must be achieved. Use a meat thermometer to check this.

Do not prepare food too far in advance of the event. For most foods this means within 12-24 hours of the event, if refrigerated.

Cool and refrigerate food as soon as possible, and at least within 90 minutes of its preparation. Protect cooling food from contamination by flies, pets etc.

Keep your refrigerator or cool box at a temperature of 5°C or less (use a fridge thermometer to monitor the temperature).

Use cool boxes or cool bags with ice packs to transport foods from the preparation area and for storage at the serving point.

Clean and disinfect work surfaces. Use a spray sanitiser such as detox. Clean and disinfect utensils, especially knives and chopping boards between preparation stages e.g. between handling raw and cooked foods, to prevent cross contamination.

Keep pets away from food preparation areas. Ensure that all food is protected against flies.

Ensure with canned, packaged food or ingredients that the "Use By" or "Best Before" dates are not exceeded. Ensure that packaging is not damaged before use.