



# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

We ♥ Maths

We are all writers ...

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### Diary Dates

Friday 27th November Christmas Fair 5pm-7pm (Abbey Field)

Tuesday 8th December @ 2.00p.m. — Year 2 Christmas Production—A Midwife Crises

Wednesday 9th December @ 2.00p.m. and 6.00p.m. — Year 2 Christmas Production—A Midwife Crises

Friday 11th December — Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation, Save the Children

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th December @ 10.00 a.m. Foundation Nativity — The Secret Shed

Friday 18th December — Last day of Autumn Term  
Tuesday 5th January 2016 — First day of Spring Term

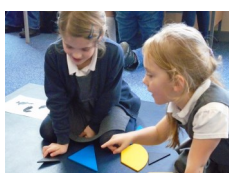
### NRich



All children, from Foundation to Year 6, had an opportunity to solve a range of maths problems at the NRich Maths Roadshow, delivered by Cambridge University on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.



The maths problems the children faced were age specific and challenged them in their reasoning and problem solving skills.



Thank you to the parents that were able to pop along to work with their

children and to those parents who then came after school to re-immers themselves in the challenges.

Coming home with your children is a problem solving help sheet for parents which talks through ways you can encourage your children to think, reason and explain. The 'Helping Your Child to Solve Problems in Mathematics at Home' sheet is year group specific and is packed with good ideas. They are also available on the school website under 'Maths.'

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

Jane D. Hull

### Heroes



As part of their work this assessment period on heroes Year 2 were visited this week by Sergeant Major Hobbs who came in to tell the children about his hero. The children were also given an opportunity to try on various bits of army kit, try and get into a sleeping bag and tasted the rations. Many thanks to Sergeant Major Hobbs and his colleagues for taking the time to come into the school.



### Parent Volunteers Needed!

The PTA are busy organising the Christmas Fair (Next Friday) and are desperate for some willing parent volunteers to help run stalls for an hour or so.

If you feel you could help out for an hour or so please could you let either school office know. The PTA are also having their final preparation meeting next Thursday, 26th November, at 9.00a.m. at the Town site so if you haven't volunteered yet, but have been thinking about it — now's the time. Please remember that all money raised is spent on the children of the school so a very worthwhile cause.

### Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who came in on Wednesday night to celebrate the excellent work and effort that their children had put in at school. Please as parents can you support your child in their learning in the ways suggested by the class teacher in the Assessment Period Report.

### Parking at Abbey Field

Whilst I do appreciate the frustrations of parking at Abbey Field when dropping off and collecting children can I please remind parents to both drive sensibly, park sensibly and be patient. We have a lot of young children leaving the Abbey Site and some parents are putting children's lives at risk with their impatience and dangerous driving. If a parent did hit a child with their car, it would be inexcusable. Please drive slowly and carefully and remember that every parent is just trying to collect their child safely and take them home — just like you.

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Alice de la Cruz  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Ellie-Jo Shipton-Cornell

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Leana Yasin  
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Laia Hicks

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Ruby Williams

Sully Award (Mercury) - Isabella Castagnoli

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Reese Merrifield

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Ellie Gray

Bumble Award (Circus) - Elliot Hutton

Simba Award (Roses) - John Wilkins

Stitch Award (Chariot) - Louie Galloway

Hathi Award (Star) - Jasmine Traynor

Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Scarlett Bloomfield

Heads' Award — Dutch

Attendance — Chariot

Spot— Ella Lovelock

### App Attack

Each week we will feature an App for tablet or phone devices that have been trialled by a member of staff.

Let's do Mental maths—ages 6—7

This app is available for ages 5-6 up to ages 10-11 all priced at £2.29

Also available as a whole bundle covering all ages for £6.99!



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Thank you to all the parents who completed and handed in the questionnaire from our Parents Evening. I will give a detailed breakdown next week.

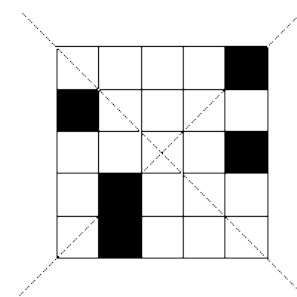
### Maths Challenge

B	R	A	V	E
V	E	B	R	A
R	A	V	E	B
E	B	R	A	V
A	V	E	B	R

Last weeks solution

This weeks challenge.

If you continue shading the squares so that the two dotted lines become lines of symmetry (mirror lines) of the completed diagram, how many squares will be left un-shaded?



Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from

each phase will get to choose a free book.

And Finally ...



If you have been anywhere near our Abbey Field site this week you will have noticed that we've had a bit of a leaf problem. In effect we seem to have received every leaf that exists on Abbey Field. It would have been possible to lose an entire class of children underneath the leaf mounds we accumulated.

Enjoy the weekend

Simon Billings

We are growing our learning



# Christmas Fair.



**FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER**

**5.00 – 7.00 p.m.**

**At**

**Abbey Field Site**

**Class Stalls with items designed and made by the  
children**

**Refreshments (Drinks/Burgers/Hot Dogs)**

**Raffle/Chocolate Tombola/**

**Sand Art/Lucky Dip/Various Games/**

**Cake Stall**

**(Donations of homemade cakes to be brought to  
the school office on the morning of the Fair)**

**Thank You!**

**Please come along and support the school!!**