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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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Please remember next week is Half Term and the school is closed. The second half of the Summer Term starts on Monday 6th June.

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period – How do I make Good Decisions?

Our Assembly Theme next week is: Being Active
Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Changing Me.

School Development Priorities—Priority 1
100% of pupils are able to share a book they have recently read and talk about the story, or the key features.

Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift.

Kate DiCamillo

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Term Dates
Half Term Break is 28th May—5th Jun
Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.
Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates
Tuesday's (Summer HT 2 - Year 6 will be using the Garrison Track for athletics)
Tuesday's—Year 3 Paxman Swimming
Wednesday's—Year 3 Dutch Swimming
Thursday's—Year 3 Icení Swimming

Monday 9th May—Forest Schools starts for EYFS children (Please note there will be no EYFS Forest School on Monday 6th June, it will be Wednesday 8th June for this week only)
Monday 13th June. 5.00p.m. @ AF. Year 3 Parent Information meeting for Year 4 Residential Danbury 2023.
Wednesday 15th June. Open School—your Opportunity to pop into school to look at your children's work, speak informally to the Class Teacher. AF & T—3.15p.m.—4.15p.m.
WB 6/6/2022—Year 1 Phonic Screening
WB 13/6/2022—Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Friday 24th June—Non Uniform day for Donations to Summer Fair
Friday 1st July—PTA Summer Fair 5pm
Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term. Non Uniform Day. Children, parents to give/donate to school any unwanted/un-needed school uniform.
Thursday 21st July. Free PTA School Uniform. 11.00a.m.—1.00p.m. @ AF.

Jubilee
It's not often we get to take part in/be a part of history. On the 6th February this year the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service.
The public are celebrating this over the next few weeks and for our school, this was today—with banners and bunting and children/staff dressed regally and decked out in red, white and blue. At lunchtime and supported by our PTA we had even more bunting and a very special picnic lunch where all the school came together at Abbey Field.
As part of the celebrations, the government has given every child in the United Kingdom a free commemorative book. The book includes famous quotes from the Queen, facts on the coronation ceremony, content on the lives of famous Commonwealth figures such as Nelson Mandela, notable kings and queens and a timeline of Queen Elizabeth's life. Your child will be bringing their free commemorative book home today. In addition, the children will also receive a 'Brilliant Bookmark' to support and encourage children to read.

For Year 6 Parents
The online shop for the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies is now open. The deadline for orders is Monday 13 June. Further information is being sent directly to parents. The website is: www.leavershoodies.com/st-johns-green-primary-school-2022-leavers/

A Plea from Mr Payne, Mrs Skinner, Miss Wiggins
Book Amnesty
Could we make a plea for you all to look at home for any school books? These might be library books or scheme books. If you could return them to either Town site or Abbey site, (there will be return boxes in both foyers) we would be very grateful.

Jigsaw—Changing Me
All parents EYFS-Year 6 will receive a separate e-mail today, detailing the areas the teachers will cover next Half Term in the 'Changing me' topic.

The science curriculum requires the teaching of human reproduction in KS2 and there is a lot of statutory learning related to Relationships Education in the updated scheme. As a school, we have decided not to teach any non-statutory content ("Sex Education") to pupils below Year 5.
There are two letters that will be attached to the e-mail. One which is an overview letter and the other, a parent leaflet which covers the knowledge and skills progression.

- Awards**
STAR—Boyd (RREX), CHARIOT—Preston (MLM), JUMBO- Blakeley (RREX).
EAGLES—Charlie (MM), ROSES—Finley (CC), CIRCUS- Austin (MLM).
MERCURY—Lilly (RREX), CLAUDIUS-Noah (MM), ROMANS- Ethel RROX).
DUTCH—Harley (RREX), ICENI—Zaryana (RREX), PAXMAN—Holly (MM).
CASTLE—Ody & Ned (CC), CAVALIER—Ava (MM), GARRISON—Viktoria (CC)
OYSTERS- Trae (CC), MAGNETS- Nicole (RROX), RAEDWALD- Max (RROX).
CYMBELINE—Aliyyah (MLM), TRINO-VANTES—Lilly-Sue (RROX), LATHES-Victoria (MLM).
ATTENDANCE—Roses & Icení

Team Points...
The results for our Teams this Half Term are as follows:
Abbey - 29235
Colne - 28745
Siege - 29260
Priory - 32703
Temple - 29483
So, well done Priory with the winners having a non uniform day - Monday 13th June.

Orienteering
Well done to our Year 6 children who were let loose in Castle Park this week as part of an all Colchester Schools Orienteering Competition. We haven't had the results as to how we fared yet but as we brought back the same amount of children as we took—we must surely have scored some success!



GET Outside!
So as we go into the summer a slight change of focus—things to do outside.
This week—Colchester for Free. Fully appreciating the challenges of having children at home over HT have a look at this website—which lists things to do and see in Colchester that are free.
<https://www.visitcolchester.com/things-to-do/free-days-out>
<https://www.facebook.com/VisitColchester/>

All Things Reading
Many of you will, I hope, remember that when I first meet you, just prior to when your child starts school I talk about how as parents we should want our children to succeed where we have failed—to do better in life than us.
With the older children in assembly on Monday, I talked about the importance of reading and how the amount children read, really can impact on what they want to achieve in life.
I shared the table below with them, which although a little old, does show how children who read regularly are far more likely to succeed.

Table 1: Enjoyment of reading and reading attainment in 2012 (N = 13,710)

	Below expected level %	At expected level %	Above expected level %
Very much	2.4	63.5	34.2
Quite a lot	4.2	83.5	12.3
A bit	17.4	75.8	6.8
Not at all	37.0	54.9	8.1

Fully appreciating that we constantly go on about reading but in the words of LeBron James, 'reading actually benefits athletes tremendously and books have become an essential part of his own pregame ritual'.
It is now a proven scientific fact that reading regularly enhances your ability to think on your feet and solve problems more quickly. And it's not just your English skills that it helps. Books and reading are shown to help you get better at loads of other subjects, including maths.

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.