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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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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: Help Others to Achieve their Goals.

Article 14: You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong and what is best for you.

Reminders

From Wednesday 3rd January, cash payments will no longer be taken for Breakfast Club. Parents must pay for this please by Sims Agora.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 30th January—Thursday 1st February. EYFS Technology Afternoon @ 2.15p.m. Please see school calendar on website for class days.

WB 5th February—Poetry Week.

WB 5th February—Safer Internet Week.

6th February. Safer Internet Day.

Thursday 8th February. EYFS. Shipwrecked at Sea Day.

Friday 9th February. Non Uniform Day (Purple) as part of Rotary Club—End Polio Now. £1.

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February. Half Term.

Tuesday 20th February—Year 3 visiting local Synagogue.

Wednesday 21st February—Open School. 3.30p.m.—4.15p.m. AF & T

Thursday 1st March. World Book Day. Book Character Day. Come to school as a book character.

Thursday 29th March. Last day of Spring Term

Tuesday 17th April. First day of Summer Term

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/INFORMATION

Christingle

We were very fortunate this week, to have guests from the Maldon Road Chapel, lead assemblies at both our sites on 'Christingle.'

Christingle is an event organised by the Children's Society with decorated oranges. Each part of the orange symbolises something:

The orange represents the world

The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ

The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations

The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.



Go Banana's

On Wednesday, class Claudius headed off to 'Go Bananas' as their reward for their excellent attendance last term. Claudius had 98.8% attendance, which is absolutely fantastic. The big question is whether they can keep their attendance crown or whether another class is looking to usurp them as attendance champions!



As an aside, please remember that the school will only authorise leave of absence requests if attendance is over 97%. Our attendance policy is on the school website, but for parents thinking ahead, please bear the % attendance figure in mind and have a read through the policy. The school is legally bound to request penalty notices for children taking un-authorised 'holidays' during term time.

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Leo Morley Robertson
- Year 5 (Oysters) — Harry Gillon
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Alliyah Famuyiwa
- Year 4 (Castle) - Alex Ward
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Sofia Helene
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Talia Phillips
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Benjamin Slapin
- Year 3 (Paxman) - Nida Amir
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Jasmine Traynor
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Danny Scotting
- Year 2 (Romans) - Taliyah Dixon
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Freddie Pinner
- Year 1 (Circus) - Mathilda Vote
- Year 1 (Roses) - Kezia Massey
- Foundation (Chariot) - Oscar Tokley
- Foundation (Star) - Leila Dixon
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Ela Goksu
- Heads' Award— Claudius
- Attendance — Dutch



Forest School

Class Paxman have been bonding with the woods this week, as they went to the Forest on the second of their visits. I won't wax too lyrical—the pictures speak for themselves. An excellent time was clearly had!



Danbury

The final Year 4 Danbury Payment of £55 is due by Friday 9th February.



Vasant Panchami

Monday was Vasant Panchami, which is a Hindu festival highlighting the coming of Spring. This was celebrated on Monday.

The celebration of the Vasant Panchami is centered on the Hindu goddess Sarasvati. Sarasvati is the goddess of wisdom. She embodies the different facets of learning such as the sciences, arts, crafts and skills. She is said to be calm and collected. She is often pictured seated on a lotus or a peacock, wearing a white dress.



Prayer Space

All classes have attended a session at Prayer Space this week. Children were able to reflect on isolation, loneliness and homelessness during the session. They thought of others and themselves. Activities involved shredding your worries, thinking deeply and making an impression. We are very grateful to Maldon Road Chapel volunteers for running these sessions over 3 days.



Vacancies

Please see page 2 of the newsletter with regards to cleaner vacancies. Please note we have changed the timings of this role.

In addition, we also have the following vacancies.

MDA—Hourly rate £7.90 or £2,128.83

1 hour 15 minutes a day, 6.25 hours per week (Term Time Only)

Breakfast Club Assistant—Hourly rate £7.90 or £2,188.10, 1 hour 15 minutes a day, 6.25 hours per week (Term time plus NPDs)

Please contact either School Office for more details and application forms.

Bar Modelling Challenge

Can you answer the question below using Bar modelling?

A book costs £5

A magazine costs £2

Henry buys 4 books and 7 magazines

How much did Henry spend in total?

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,

If you see Miss Wiggins, perhaps you could ask her why she was crawling across the floor, like a commando, of the Head Teachers Office at the Town site. Now admittedly I wasn't there, so I am hearing this second hand and I'm sure there is a very logical explanation...I just haven't asked her what it is yet!

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.)



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23rd January 2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to make you aware of the following Cleaner vacancies at St John's Green School:

Abbey Field Site

7:30a.m. – 8.30a.m.

One hour per day – Monday to Friday

Band 1 Point 6, £7.78 per hour

Town Site

7:45a.m. – 8.45a.m.

One hour per day – Monday to Friday

Band 1 Point 6, £7.78 per hour

The successful candidate will be assigned a set area in which they are to clean during their shift.

All successful applicants who have children attending St John's Green Primary School, will be offered Breakfast Club, for those children, free of charge. This is a gesture of good will which is offered to all staff. Breakfast club is open from 7:45 – 9:00 every day but will start at an earlier time of 7:30 for cleaning staff children only. If the successful candidate is contracted to work at the Town site, you will be able to drop your child off at Breakfast Club before your shift and then make your way to Town site.

If you are interested in applying for any of the above posts, please go to either school office and collect an application pack. The pack includes a job description and Child Protection Policy. Please take the time to read through the documents and refer to them when you complete your application.

The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and clearance and satisfactory references.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Simon Billings
Headteacher

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