

# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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"You're the same today as you'll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read."

Charlie "Tremendous" Jones

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### Diary Dates

Wednesday 26th March—2.15p.m. PTA meeting, all parents welcome

Wednesday 26th March—School closed for children in Foundation and Year 1 (Strike Action)

Thursday 27th March—Whole School Open Morning 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m

Thursday 27th March—Class Castle—Recorder Assembly to parents—straight after Open Morning.

Thurs/Fri 27th & 28th March— PTA Uniform Sale & Tuck Shop, after school

Friday 28th March—Non Uniform Day—Pinkie—Purple—£1

Tuesday 1st April—1.30p.m. & 6.30p.m.—Year 3/4 Production—The Wind in the Willows

Wednesday 2nd April—6.30p.m.—Year 3/4 Production - The Wind in the Willows

End of Term, Fri 4th April— Return Tues 22nd April

As per the letter that was sent out this week—please note that due to strike action by teaching staff, the school will only be partially open next week. **The school is closed for children in Foundation and Year 1.** The school will be open for children in Year's 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

### Shared Supper

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and join us on Wednesday night for our shared supper and bedtime story evening. I'm at a loss for words with regards to the quality and variety of the food—which was quite exceptional. Thank you so much to those parents/relatives that put in so much time and effort. Whilst the adults enjoyed the food downstairs, the children headed off upstairs with teachers and LSA's to enjoy a variety of sandwiches and snacks as well as a reading hour. All in all, it was a brilliant evening. My thanks to the PTA who organised the event and all the staff who put in their time and effort to make the event the success it was. A special mention as well to those parents and those onesies...do

have a look at the school website for some dazzling dressing gown and onesie pictures.



### KS1 Football Tournament

On Wednesday afternoon six of our Year 2 children represented the school in the schools consortium KS1 football tournament. The children were brilliant and ran their hearts out on the pitch—just losing out on being champions by a narrow defeat against Old Heath. The highlight, was obviously beating North 4-0 which secures me some bragging rights over Mr Garnett. Really well done to the children who took part.



### Year 4 Residential Danbury

Please remember that the next payment of £40 for the Year 4 residential is **now overdue.**

### Newsletter Competition

Each week in the newsletter we will give you a single word. The challenge is to use that word correctly in a sentence. Children should write down their sentence with the word correctly used. The prize each week will be a book. This weeks word is 'xylophone' which is a musical instrument.

### Dog Trust Visit to Year 1

Our Year 1 children received a visit yesterday afternoon from the 'Dog's Trust' as they learnt all about caring for animals—dogs in particular. They learnt all about the food dogs need, that they need exercise and giving the dog lots of love. The written work that the children have done is quite brilliant.



### Bake Off Week



As part of 'Bake Off' week, on Tuesday the children visited classrooms around the school to find out about different types of bread and their country of origin. Amongst the breads on offer were—chapattis, naans, soda bread, bagels, rye bread and ciabatta. The children were also treated to a bread making demonstration by Mrs. Burke during our whole school assembly—which resulted in each class having a loaf of bread to share. According to Mr. Bates—the day was the best thing since sliced bread...!



### Cake-tastic

A huge variety of cakes with some tantalising designs and tastes arrived at school this morning as the PTA organised a 'Bake Off' for Sports Relief. Mrs. Bourne, as the cake connoisseur of the school, aided and abetted by Mrs. Burke had the unenviable challenge of tasting and judging the cakes, no mean feat considering the variety and quantity of cakes—but someone has to do it.

There can, though, only ever be one winner.

Parent—Yoshiko Lever—Chocolate Eclairs

Child—Grace Cooper—Strawberry Fairy Cakes

Staff—Miss Salmon—Mini Smarties Chocolate Cake

Thank you to everyone who took part and for your time and effort. Please don't forget that the cakes and/or slices of them will be on sale after school today in the Lower Hall.



### Internet Safety

A really useful link [www.theparentzone.co.uk/factsheets/3701](http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/factsheets/3701) which has a host of very useful tips and factsheets for keeping children safe on-line.

### Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) -Emma Mitchell
- Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Nina Preston
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Ethan Readhead
- Lion Award (Dutch) - Tasfiah Quddus
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Henry Aitken-McKenty
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Fern Flemming
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Freddie Szaj
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Ruby Williams
- Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Riley White
- Mickey Award (Roses) - Thomas Philpin
- Simba Award — Year 2 Football Team
- Spot Award — Shay Gilbert
- Attendance Award - Eagles

And Finally...

According to unconfirmed sources, there was a very healthy interest by members of staff in what was going on in class Dutch during our 'Bread' day. This was apparently all due to Mrs. Shah's Mediterranean herb bread—which was by all accounts quite delicious—disappointingly I didn't get a slice, although I did get a piece of pizza from class Claudius yesterday.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

# The Rights of the Reader

by Daniel Pennac

illustrated by Quentin Blake



1 The right not to read.



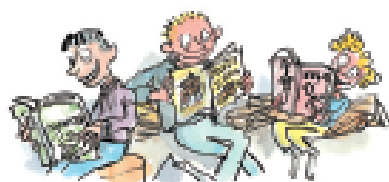
2 The right to skip.



3 The right not to finish a book.



4 The right to read it again.



5 The right to read anything.



6 The right to mistake a book for real life.



7 The right to read anywhere.



8 The right to dip in.



9 The right to read out loud.



10 The right to be quiet.

10 rights — 1 warning:  
Don't make fun of people  
who don't read —  
or they never will

