



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

Start of School Day

Please could parents make sure that they make every effort to ensure that their children arrive at school by 8.50a.m. We have seen quite an increase, in the last few weeks, of children arriving after the bell has gone. This lateness impacts on their learning as the children do start their lessons as soon as they get to the classroom. Punctuality is also an important life skill—which is important to embed.

Please remember that today is the last day of the Spring Term. The Summer Term starts on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.50a.m.



The Wind in the Willows

Our Year 3 & 4 children were absolutely fantastic this week as they put on



a performance of the highest calibre. For just over an hour and 25 minutes, the children sang and acted their way through Kenneth Grahame's book, with a professionalism which was spell binding. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and I know the parents/relatives that were fortunate enough to come and see it would say the same thing. Well done to all the children for such a dazzling show and huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to help make it the success it was.

In total, £315.23 was raised from your contributions at the door. Regrettably—at least for me, the challenge I laid down to

Mrs. Bourne as to whose collection would be highest, saw me once again floundering in last place. However, in an unlikely moment of weakness Mrs. Bourne did confess—that both she and at least one governor had colluded against me—so I can at least claim a small moral victory. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.



After School Clubs

Please note—there will be no 'After School Clubs' in the first week after the Easter Holiday.



Egg-straordinary

A plethora of eggs in a range of designs and colours descended on the school this week—as our annual Egg Decorating Competition got under way. Thank you to everyone who worked so tirelessly to put to-egg-ther some marv-egg-less cr-egg-tions.



The winners were

Parents/Staff

Andy/Sarah Singleton

Foundation/Pre- School

Noah Cahill

KS1

Sam Levrack

LKS2

Megan Burell-Poole

UKS2

Oscar Bailey-Joyce

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 'zephyr' which means gentle wind.

Lightning McQueen

Class Mercury have been doing some literacy work based around the Pixar movie 'Cars'. As a special treat—and to inspire the children in their writing—the real Lightning McQueen popped in to the school all the way from Radiator Springs. As I'm sure you can imagine—the children might have been a tad excited.



Attendance

All the totting and totalling took place this morning as we announced the winners of the class with the best attendance overall for the Spring Term and that trip to 'Go Bananas'. Really well done to class Eagles—who with 98% attendance will be going to Go Bananas at the start of the Summer Term. Well done as well to class Mercury, who had 12 children with 100%. Please make every effort to make sure your children

Class	% attendance	No of 100%
Roses	96.1%	8
Daffodils	96.2%	8
Eagles	98%	8
Claudius	96.5%	7
Circus	94.5%	9
Mercury	94.6%	12
Dutch	95.9%	5
Castle	96.7%	7
Oysters	95.9%	7
Trinovantes	97%	10
Total	96.14%	81

dren attend school every day in the summer term. This is the term when all their learning for the year comes together and days of absence do make a difference.

Reading %

It's been absolutely brilliant to see how our children are improving in reading and I fully appreciate the huge part you as parents play in listening to your children at home. There has been a marked difference this term in children reading 5 x a week at home—so thank you and please keep it up. The class with the best reading for this term is class Mercury with an average of 99.2% of the children reading 5 x a week. Really well done to class Mercury—who were all able to choose a free book today.

Class	% Reading
Roses	95.6%
Daffodils	90.6%
Eagles	94.9%
Claudius	88.5%
Circus	90.2%
Mercury	99.2%
Dutch	98.6%
Castle	93.7%
Oysters	95.4%
Trinovantes	97.1%
Total	94.37%

Cleaning Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a new cleaner at the school. The job is for 2 hours a day after school 3.00-5.00 and is payable at £237.96 a month. If you're interested please see the School Office for an application form.

And Finally...

Mr Bromley and I were chatting this morning about when we should do the fire drill today. I asked him whether it would be possible for him to stay on for a bit after his normal morning finishing time so we could have the practice before lunch. At this point a pained expression crossed Mr Bromley's face—"I really can't today he said, I've got to go shopping with my wife!" Fire drill this afternoon it was then...

Have a good Easter break

Simon Billings

Easter Writing Competition Challenge

You will all be very aware that each week we have been putting a word in the newsletter for the children to enter a competition with that word put/written correctly in a sentence.

For the Easter Holiday—the challenge is for children to put everyone of the 26 words we have given—in a piece of written work. It does not need to be a story—the children can use any text form they like—narrative, report, recount, poetry, non chronological report etc

Every child who enters and uses the 26 words correctly—will be able to chose a free book.

From the entries an overall winner will be chosen from each school phase in the school and that child, as well as their free book for entering, will also receive a book voucher.

All entries need to be handed in to the School Office, with the child's name and the challenge words underlined.

Arcane – mysterious
Bamboozle – hoax/mystify
Cozen – cheat/defraud
Diplomatic – being tactful
Eldritch – weird/hideous
Flummox – bewilder
Gumption – common sense
Hooey - nonsense
Immutable – unchangeable
Jape – practical joke
Kerfuffle – fuss/commotion
Larrikin – hooligan/vandal
Miscreant – villain
Natter – aimless chatter
Obstinate – stubborn
Pandemonium – uproar/confusion
Quiescent – inert/dormant
Retinue – group of advisors
Skulduggery – underhand dealing/trickery
Tenterhooks – in suspense
Urchin – mischievous child
Verve – enthusiasm/energy
Xylophone – musical instrument
Yap – Bark shrilly
Zephyr – gentle wind

New Baby

Congratulations to Mr. Green and his partner Jo who welcomed the first of their family into the world yesterday afternoon. As of yet we don't have a name—but we do know that the baby boy was born at 1.45p.m. yesterday afternoon, weighing in at 8lbs 10oz. Both mother and baby are fine -Mr. Green's still recovering.

