



# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### Daffodils Coffee Morning

On Thursday, Daffodils parents joined us for an informal coffee morning. This was an opportunity for parents to meet with Dianne Bibby, the school SENCo, Diane Parker-Nicholls, Speech and Language and Tracey Clarke, our School Family Worker. As well as chatting informally, parents spent some time with their children reading and sharing books. Thank you to those parents who were able to pop along.



The Roses parent Coffee Morning is next Thursday.



Let's face it: Most of us don't realise it, but we are failing our kids as reading role models. The best role models are in the home: brothers, fathers, grandfathers; mothers, sisters, grandmothers, mums and dads, it's important that your kids see you reading. Not just books - reading the newspaper is good, too.

James Patterson



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### Diary Dates

WB 26/1/15—Footpath at Abbey Field Closed

Tuesday 10th February—PTA Meeting 2.15pm Abbey site

Wednesday 11th February—Open Morning 9-10.15am

Thursday 12th February—Roses Parents—Coffee Morning

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February—Half Term

Friday 27th February—Purple Pinkie Day—Wear it Purple £1

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April—Easter Holiday

### Netball Match

The netball team are going from strength to strength, winning their second match out of four. Good team work and excellent defending skills resulted in a home win for us.

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### PTA Meeting— Tuesday 10th Feb

The next meeting at 2.15pm will review the Christmas Fayre fundraising event and begin planning for the AGM for election of Chair and officers after half term. Meeting is at Abbeyfield site 2.15—3pm.

### Invite to Open Morning Weds 11th Feb

Next week's Open Morning is from 9-10.15am at both Town and Abbeyfields sites. Parents start with refreshments and biscuits, then you are free to go into all the classrooms and experience lessons.

### External Moderation of Marking

This week we welcomed a visitor from Essex County Council who was invited in to review the feedback given to pupils in their Maths books. Robin Tavener met with Senior Leaders to talk about our action plans and spent the afternoon looking through Maths books with Mr Bates and Mr Green.

### \*\*\* CLUBS \*\*\*

All Clubs will continue after Half Term. Plus NEW AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS STARTING AFTER HALF-TERM...

ABBEYFIELD SITE - 3.00 - 4.00 p.m.

FOUNDATION CHILDREN— \*NEW CLUB - STARTS WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, DANCE CLUB WITH TAYLORS DANCE COMPANY - Children will be introduced to all different forms of dance including freestyle and ballet - Club opened to boys and girls - Fee £10.00 for 4 weeks up to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested, please give your child's name to the school office - places will be given on a first come first serve basis.

FOUNDATION—JUMBLE JUNIORS - RE-STARTS ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - Exercise and games with Dawn Pilkington. Club open to boys and girls. Fee £10.00 for 4 weeks up to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please give your child's name to the school office. Places will be offered to children on waiting list from this half-term initially then on a first come first serve basis.

YEAR 1 - DANCE CLUB - THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT ABBEYFIELD SITE with Louise. Places are still available for this club. Please ask at the school office for details. £10.00 for second half-term (4 weeks).

\*Year 1 NEW CLUB - LEGO CLUB - STARTS WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - Children can join to have fun with Lego. Club will take place in Eagles classroom. Places will be limited. Please give your child's name to the school office and places will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

### Children's University, Coming Soon...

<http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/>

We are looking to partner with The Children's University Trust to offer our pupils exciting and innovative learning opportunities and experiences outside of school hours. More details will follow for the Summer Term.



### Yr 4 Danbury

Next £50 payment for the Danbury residential trip is overdue. Please make payment to the school office asap.

### KS2 Swimming Badges

Deadline for swimming badge orders is Weds 11th Feb. Badges are £1.50.

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Thomas Gee  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Ava Dawson  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Tilly McIver  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Zara Hearn  
Lion Award (Dutch) - Calli Ganley-Pintado  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Maisie Hainsworth  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Abed Ali  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Millie Self  
Bumble Award (Circus) - Niamh Collopy  
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Aden Read  
Mickey Award (Roses) - Freya Cairney  
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Nate Lindstaedt  
Heads' Award - Dutch  
Attendance— Roses  
Spot— Amanda Dugdale

### News Letter Challenge

Each week, I will put in a sentence or phrase which will act as a story starter.

The challenge is to write the next part of the story but you can use no more than 100 words. Lower Phase children need only write a sentence. Middle and Upper Phase will need to write a paragraph.

This weeks' starter:

*Tom was sure he had closed the back door but the hall was full of leaves.*

As always—answers on Mr Bates door if you are at Town site and on Mrs Smith'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 ...

When is a door not a door—when it's ajar. Alternatively, when is a door impossible to open—when you use the wrong key! This happened to Mr Bates and Mrs Simmons this week; both adamant that they had the correct key for the iPad cabinet, they had to concede defeat when neither could gain access to the iPads, as the key did not fit the lock. Thankfully, another member of staff pointed out that there was another lock on the other side of the cabinet which the key would fit into and Hey Presto!

Have a good weekend

Tina Bourne