



# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### Welcome

A very warm welcome to the Foundation children who started school for the first time this week.



After the shock of realising that they had to keep coming back to school and it wasn't for one day only, the Foundation children have begun to settle in really well and should be very proud of themselves. They've been learning this week how to safely use the equipment in the outside area and some of the different routines in the school. When they use the outside area, the children put on 'Smurf' suits which hopefully keep the majority of water from the water table, and mud from the digging area, etc off their school uniform!



At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

### Non Uniform Day to Support Save the Children Child Refugee Crises

Next Friday we will be holding a non uniform day to raise money and awareness of the refugee crises in Europe.

If children want to come to school in non uniform, they can but they must bring a £1.00 in which we will then pass on to Save the Children. The £1.00 should be passed to the class teacher NOT the school office.

### Diary Dates

Thursday 17th September @ 2.30p.m. at Abbey Field. St Helena Roadshow for Year 6 children and parents.

Friday 18th September—Non Uniform Day in aid of Save the Children Child Refugee Crises Appeal.

Sunday 20th September—Friday 25th September—Year 6 Residential—Kingswood.

Friday 25th September @ 9.00a.m. McMillan Coffee Morning—all welcome, Both School Sites.

Thursday 1st October—Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 7th October—Individual and Family Group Photographs.

### Parent Parking at the Abbey Field and Town Site

There has been some inconsiderate and dangerous parking at our two sites over the last few days.

Whilst I fully appreciate the frustrations of simply wanting to park to collect your children, there can be no excuse for parking that endangers the lives of the children and is a risk to other drivers.

Please park sensibly around the two schools and be vigilant at all times with regards to the children. Whilst we as a school and you as parents tell them to be sensible when crossing the roads, they still might run into the road and the effects of knocking over a child are something that no one would want to live with.

You will have received this week a data sheet. Please check the details on the school data sheet and return to the school as soon as possible. If we do not have your up to date contact details then we cannot contact you in an emergency.

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Ben Goodwin  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Millie Morgan  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Kirsty Turner  
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Mya Tyler-Lovett  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Harrison Green  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Ella Ojo  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Franky Lane  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Aws Al-Khalidi  
Bumble Award (Circus) - William Murphy  
Simba Award (Roses) - Fatma Shafiy  
Stitch Award (Chariot) - Aaliyah King  
Hathi Award (Star) - Emily Warren  
Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Demi Pudney  
Heads' Award — Foundation Classes—Star, Chariot, Jumbo  
Attendance — Jumbo & Claudius  
Spot— Dominik Novak

### School Job Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy in the following positions.

Breakfast Club Assistant, 1 hour 15 minutes daily from 07.45—09.00. Payable at Band 1 Point 9, £7.30 an hour.

Catering Assistant, 1 hour 30 minutes daily from 12.00—13.30. Payable at Band 1 Point 9, £7.30 an hour.

Mid Day Assistant, 1 hour 15 minutes daily, from 12.30—13.45. Payable at Band 1 Point 9, £7.30 an hour.

For further information and an application form please contact the school offices.

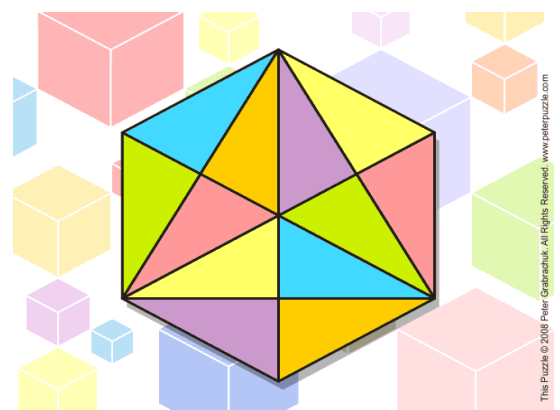
### Speaking and Listening

One of our school focuses this year is speaking and listening. Children tend to write as they talk, so it is important that, when speaking, we ensure they use the correct vocabulary and pronunciation. Please do keep talking to your children at home, the better and wider their vocabulary, the better their writing becomes.

Another focus this year is on the word practise. We know as adults that we become better at something, the more we practise. The same is true for children and is why we've introduced practise time at the end of the day. Please practise reading, spellings, x tables and writing daily with your children.

### Maths Challenge

How many outlines of triangles of all sizes and shapes can you trace in the figure?



Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green'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 ...

I accidentally dropped my season ticket on the way to one of the games in August and upon realising what I'd done hot footed it back along the road to try and find it. Fortunately, or unfortunately depending on which way you look at it, the season ticket was where I'd dropped it, so I had to watch the game. On a positive note, Colchester United can really now only go in one direction as they are already at the bottom of the table!

Enjoy the weekend

Simon Billings

### School Menus

Please could you make sure you return the completed school menu to the school office as soon as possible. If we do not get your child's menu choice then we will assume they are having the 'hot' main option each day. Many thanks.

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM

If you are interested in your child joining a club, please confirm your child's place with the School Office.

Parents do need to confirm their interest in these clubs. There are restricted numbers on all clubs. Places will be on a strictly, first come, first served basis. Waiting lists will be kept for some clubs if necessary! Please speak to the school office regarding payments for Football, Dance and Jumble Juniors clubs

The following clubs are all starting week beginning – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

DAY	CLUB
MONDAY – TOWN Years 2 + 3	Dance Club – Louise (Carolyn's School of Dance) – 3.30 – 4.30p.m - £27.50 for 11 weeks or £12.50 for first half-term.
MONDAY – AF - Years 5 + 6	CHEERLEADING – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. (SC)
MONDAY – AF – YEAR 1	JUMBLE JUNIORS – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - £27.50 for 11 weeks or £12.50 first half-term
TUESDAY – TOWN YEAR 2	LEGO CLUB – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (Limited places) (VJ)
TUESDAY – TOWN Years 3 + 4	FOOTBALL CLUB – Chelsea Foundation 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - £25.00 Whole Term
WEDNESDAY – AF Years 5 + 6	FOOTBALL CLUB – Chelsea Foundation – 3.15-4.15 p.m. – £25.00 whole term –
WEDNESDAY – TOWN Years 3 + 4	COMPUTER CLUB – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (MS)
THURSDAY – AF YEAR 1	DANCE CLUB – Taylor's Dance Company (Limited places available) - £27.50 for 11 weeks
THURSDAY - TOWN YEARS 3 + 4	CHEERLEADING – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (SC)
THURSDAY – AF YEARS 5 + 6	COMPUTER CLUB – 3.15 – 4.15p.m. (MS)
THURSDAY – AF YEARS 5 + 6	NETBALL CLUB (Miss Pickard) 3.15 – 4.15 p.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR ALL CLUBS CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE UNDERCOVER AREA AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL AT TOWN SITE AND FROM THE PLAYGROUND AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL AT ABBEYFIELDS SITE.

If any Years 5/6 pupils are interested in either Drama (Sue Chapman)- Free OR Dance (Taylor' Dance Company)(£2.50 per week) (to be run on a Friday) and (YEAR 6 ONLY) - Woodwork Club - Tues (£2 per week) (run by Mr. Bromley) – – The clubs will only run if there is enough interest!