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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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### New School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected by their classmates as our new school councillors.

Foundation: Koumba Sylla, Tabitha Norton and Matilda St Ledger

Year 1: Niamh Long, Freya Hodges and Max Swash

Year 2: Jack Christie, Bella Guest and Mila Turner

Year 3: John Wilkins, Kitty McNally and Yan Ouyang

Year 4: Trinity Cottham and Joseph Andrews

Year 5: Finley Greenleaf and Olive Alderton

Year 6: Philip Wu and Kirsty Turner

Our school councillors, led by Mrs Corani will be working on our 'Rights, Respecting School Application and also spending some of the PTA's money on playground games and resources.

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: Work well with others

Article 15: You have the right to choose your own friends and join or set up groups as long as it isn't harmful to others.



### Sims Agora—Online Payment

Parents will, I hope, be very aware that payments to the school must now be made on-line.

This has not been without it's problems and I apologise for the inconvenience this has caused.

We have been in regular touch with Sims Agora to try to resolve some of the problems that parents have been having.

On the reverse of the newsletter and on the school website, in 'Parent Information' 'Sims Agora' is a help sheet that addresses the main questions we've had.

If this doesn't help please use the reporting sheet, in the same place on the school website or call into the school offices to let us know what the problems are.

No child will go without a school dinner or breakfast if you're having trouble with Sims Agora but obviously that money would still be owing.



### When we went Down to the Woods.

It is now the time of class Circus to start their Forest School sessions. Off they trooped yesterday afternoon to see what mud they could discover in the woods! Drilling, mud,



necklace making, collecting, climbing, more mud etc were all on offer and what a time was had. Class Circus have two weeks left of Forest Schools and then it's class Roses turn.



### School Timings

Please remember that if your children are at Abbey Field they need to be on the playground for 8.45 a.m. in the morning ready for the bell, not still walking into school. If your child is at Town, then children need to be on the playground for 9.00a.m.

I do appreciate that there is some quite considerable disruption at the moment with the gas works on Berechurch Hall Road and also now with Mersea Road but please could parents leave a few minutes earlier to try to ensure children are on school in time.

The PTA will be holding their AGM on Thursday 9th November at 4.00p.m. at the Abbey Field Site. Please come along if you can.

### Photographic and Film Consent

We are changing the photographic consent form that parents sign.

The new form will make our internal systems more robust and clarify how we might use images and/or film of children.

The consent form will be sent out to parents next week. Could I please ask all parents to sign, date and return the form to the school as soon as possible.

Many thanks

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Whole Class

Year 5 (Oysters) — Sam Laverick

Year 5 (Magnets) - Jamie Humphrey-Johnson

Year 4 (Castle) - Elliot Bridges

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Joseph Andrews

Year 3 (Dutch) - Elliot Hutton

Year 3 (Iceni) - Ben Slapin

Year 3 (Paxman) - Evie-Anna Smith

Year 2 (Mercury) - Oscar Waltho

Year 2 (Claudius) - Oliver Belsey

Year 2 (Romans) - Brandon McCree

Year 1 (Eagles) - Chloe Adamson

Year 1 (Circus) - Lorenne Beswick

Year 1 (Roses) - Samuel Cornell

Foundation (Chariot) - Charlie Gray

Foundation (Star) - Phoebe Randall

Foundation (Jumbo) - Lenny Doyle

Heads' Award— Circus

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 11th October—9.00-10.15am Open Morning, both sites

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—Half Term.

Wednesday 1st November—Open School, 3.30-4.15pm

Wednesday 6th December—Open Evening, 5.00-7.30pm

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.

Wednesday 3rd January—First Day of Spring Term.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM.

### Please Remember

• Payments to the school must now be made on-line via Sims Agora

• Swimming Payments for Yrs 3& 6 are overdue

• Data Collection sheets need to be returned by next Weds please, even if the details are correct. Please check contact details, especially mobile numbers. Also ensure that your child's country of birth are correct.

• £55 Danbury Trip deposit for Year 4 is now due.

• Sturdy school shoes are a must at this time of year please, as well as appropriate coats. The school uniform policy, which is available on the website in policies is very clear as to expectations for school uniform.

Please could I remind parents not to circumnavigate the system and walk into school in the morning unaccompanied and/or with their children. We've had parents at both sites taking advantage of the fact that doors are open first thing in the morning, when the staff come out and appearing in different places in the school.

### One Sentence Challenge

As always a new term and a new challenge!

The challenge for this term is to answer the question posed in one sentence only.

If you could spend the day with a Disney character—who would you choose and why?

Children please remember though that the older you are the more of your writing skills you need to try and embed.

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,

A special mention to Mrs Cottham, who is clearly recovering from her exertions at Kingswood with the Year 6 last week. This morning she spent 15 minutes roaming the local streets trying to remember where she'd parked her car last night. Only to then realise that she'd actually forgotten to take the car home and it was still at school!

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings

**Report from Lee Brooker, Parent Governor on the first Full Governing Board Meeting of this academic year.**

After what seemed like a short summer, it was great to be back around the table and discussing all things school. The governors and teachers all spent time with Mr Billings going through the schools key facts, agreeing them and planning our main focuses for the coming school year.

As a parent governor it is great to see so many people all working with such a clear vision, supporting each other and working for the benefit of our children. Prior to my time as a governor, I never fully appreciated what goes into the education, care and development of the children. It is easy to feel that they just go to school and come home but "can't remember" what they did that day.


It was agreed that governors will be assigned to a year group and will follow that year group through their schooling to allow a familiarity and a bond between the governors, students and their teachers. We discussed the recent and on-going improvements to the school website and the very positive move to the school going cashless and working with the Sims Agora payment system.

Overall it was an extremely positive start to the new school year, and everyone is proud to be a part of St Johns Green and continuing to help the school and children become the best they can be.



# Help Sheet

***If my child has recently moved from a school that uses Agora, how do I change the account to the new school?***

You will need to go to 'My Account' – 'My Links' then click on  located near the previous school account and click 'hide school'. This will remove the link. You will then need a new link and reference number for St John's Green.

***I have lost my reference number!***

If you have misplaced your reference number, a new one can be generated. This can be done from either school office.

***My child reference has expired, what should I do?***

You have 28 days to activate your account once your reference has been generated by the school. If the reference you have received from school does not work, please contact either school office. The reference number expiry date can also be extended to give you more time to register.

***My link on the acceptance email from Agora does not work.***

This link only works once therefore, a new link will have to be generated. This can be done from either school office.

***What do I do if I have brought the wrong thing?***

For example... "I have paid for £2.00 to go in Breakfast Club but I was meant to pay £2.00 for School Meals"

This can be resolved but the school cannot move money from one product to another. A refund will have to be issued to the card used and then you will have to re-purchase the correct product.

***Why can I not log in?***

1. From <https://www.simsagora.co.uk>, click the SIGN IN WITH YOUR MICROSOFT ACCOUNT button.
2. At the bottom of the SIGN IN page, click the CAN'T ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT? Link to display the WHY CAN'T YOU SIGN IN? page.
3. Select the relevant radio button and follow the on-screen instructions.

***Sims Agora for Parents user guide***

***<http://simspublications.com/546577/welcome.html>***