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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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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: Think about everyone's right to learn.

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Diary Dates

Sunday 24th September—Friday 29th September—Year 6 at Kingswood. Please remember to arrive at the school for 11.00a.m. on Sunday.
Wednesday 27th September—Open School—3.30p.m.—4.00p.m. AF & T
Friday 29th September—Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Morning. (AF & T—Halls) 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m.
Monday 2nd October—Friday 6th October. St Helena School Open Week. Tours daily at 9.15a.m.
Wednesday 4th October—Individual and Family Group Photographs. (AF & T)
Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—Half Term.
Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.
Wednesday 3rd January—First Day of Spring Term.

Beat the Street



Beat the Street fever does seem to be slowly taking over the school and I have had several conversations with parents and children about the elements they have already braved to secure an additional beep!

Beat the Street is a fun, free game for the community of Colchester to see how far you can walk, cycle and run around your local area. So far nearly 400 pupils, parents and staff have started tapping the Beat Boxes with their fobs and cards - Team SJG are top of the leaderboard at the moment!

The school with the most points at the end of the 7 weeks wins £400 of sport and fitness equipment. There are some important things to remember - cards (which must be registered online to count) are for adults, fobs (which are already registered to the school) are for the children. The game is designed to improve physical activity; those who drive between Beat Boxes will be disqualified and it is not good publicity for their school or organisation. Fobs registered online are put into a weekly draw for 'spot prizes'. Have fun and get active!

More info here <https://www.beatthestreet.me/colchester>



If your child has a phone or tablet—do you know what they're doing online—have you checked?

Facebook

We have started the process of looking into a school facebook account as we appreciate that many parents use facebook on a daily basis. Part of the process will be clarifying the expectations with all parents for the use of the account. As part of the internet safety teaching we give children, we constantly remind children to never post anything online that they wouldn't say in person. A comment posted online cannot be taken back and is out there forever. I would remind parents that the expectations we instil in our children for being safe online—should also apply to ourselves.

St Helena Roadshow

Yesterday saw the St Helena Roadshow turn up at our school as St Helena talked to our Year 5/6 children and parents about secondary school. Even nicer was that Liam Mitchell, an ex-student also



came along to talk about the virtues of St Helena.

Sims Agora—Online Payment

Could all parents please note that, from the week beginning 2/10/17, payments for the following will have to be made on-line:

- School Meals
- Breakfast Club
- After School Club - Colchester United Multi-Skills Residential for 2018 (Kingswood and Danbury)
- Swimming
- School Trips
- Music Lessons provided by Essex Music Services
- Birthday Parties

The long and the short of it is that parents must register on the Sims Agora system to be able to pay. If parents have any doubts or are in any way confused—please speak to the school offices at either site or look on the school website in Parent Information.

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Stanley Hobbs
- Year 5 (Oysters) - Kylan Burgin
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Tristan Williams
- Year 4 (Castle) - Trinity Cottham
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Lexi Noone
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Egor Steward
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Robbie Short
- Year 3 (Paxman) - Hussein Nada
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Izzie Massey
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Harry Ledgerton
- Year 2 (Romans) - Aimee Carr
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Adyan Ali
- Year 1 (Circus) - George Phillips
- Year 1 (Roses) - Kenzie Betts
- Foundation (Chariot) - Alicia Hughes
- Foundation (Star) - Marci Loader
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Oliver Wickers
- Heads' Award— Year 5 & 6
- Attendance — Iceni

Leave of Absence

Please remember that in line with government guidance and the school's policy, authorised leave of absence requests for children during term time are not a right. The school does appreciate extenuating circumstances and will always work with parents with regards to requests but the school must adhere to the policy, which includes the application for penalty notices if applicable. The school policy is available on the school website.



Reading is the Key

Everyone is very aware that the school expectation is for children to read 5x a week at home and this is recorded in their reading diaries. As we're now about to go into our fourth week back after summer, it is important that parents please take the time to give their children that support at home.

We have also now added 'Reading is the Key' to our Growth Mindset mantra's. As it really is. Reading unlocks everything!

'Children are made readers on the laps of their parents'

— Emilia Richwood



Next Friday we will be taking part in the Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Morning to support the work of Macmillan cancer support. This is for parents only. Simply pop along to either school hall from 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m. next Friday. Donations of cakes would be excellent and much appreciated. If you could drop off any cakes in the school offices either on the day or the day before it would be much appreciated.

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.**



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,

As brilliant as all the staff are at our school, it is often the simplest things that trip us up. Earlier this week Miss Witzendorf and Mrs Corani needed to give out the Sims Agora registration letters to the children in their class. Unfortunately they forgot to give each child their personalised letter which meant a small amount of confusion as child x had child w's letter etc etc. The mistake has obviously been rectified but if you're a parent in class Chariot please feel free to check if you've got the right newsletter.

Have a Good Weekend (The mighty Colchester are at home tomorrow, the only way is up, which ironically in their current league status and position is pretty much true!)

Simon Billings

Who are We?

We've had lots of questions recently about the classes in the school and why they are so named. Fortunately our resident historian, Mr Eves is on the case and has produced an overview that explains all:

Chariot

Colchester has the only known chariot (track) circus in the North West of Europe. The track encompassed Abbey Fields and the Cavalry Barracks.

Jumbo

This class is named after the large water tower that has the nickname Jumbo and dominates the Colchester skyline.

Star

This class is named after the nursery rhyme Twinkle Twinkle Little Star written by Jane Taylor from Colchester.

Roses

North Essex and Colchester were major rose growing areas. This started with the Cant family in 1765.

Circus

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Eagles

A common symbol of Roman imperial rule. (Eddie the Eagle is Colchester United's mascot.)

Mercury

This class is named after the Mercury Theatre.

Claudius

First Roman Emperor of Britain; rode through Colchester (Camolodunum) on an elephant!

Romans

Colchester (Camolodunum) was the capital of Romano-Britain, the Romans.

Iceni

Boudicca's tribe, who attacked the Roman town Camolodunum (Colchester) in c61AD and burnt it to the ground.

Dutch

In the 1600's the population of East Anglia was doubled by Flemish religious refugees. In Colchester they brought their weaving skills with them and settled in the area west of the castle. This area became known as the Dutch Quarter.

Paxman

Named after the famous steam and diesel engine makers of Colchester.

Castle

Named after the castle in Colchester, built by the Normans from the ruins of Claudius' temple.

Cavalier

Named after the Royalists who occupied Colchester in the Civil War.

Magnets

William Gilbert, from Colchester, was the first person to write a book on magnets, De Magnete. He is credited with coining the word electricity.

Oysters

Named after the best oysters in the world from Mersea Island. One of the reasons the Romans came here, apart from the lead and silver.

Trinovantes

The wealthy tribe that ruled North Essex before the Roman invasion in 41 AD.

Southway Murals Project

Our Year 5&6 children have all spent a day this week working with a local artist on the Southway Murals Project, which is a project to regenerate the murals in the underpasses on the Southway. All of the children made some quite fantastic cardboard murals as part of their work which will be on display in the Arts Centre over Half Term. Many thanks to Miss Kerr who organised and arranged it for the children.

