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St John's Green Primary School

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Lockdown Countdown

We are now 23 days into the current lockdown—which means we only have 5 days to go!

Confirmed Case of Coronavirus

We have had a confirmed case of Coronavirus at the school in one of our classes. Alongside of this newsletter, parents will also have received a letter that details the fact we have a confirmed case within the school. I apologise that the letter is quite formal but it's an official template which is provided to us from County.

Because of the way we have set up the Bubbles, with separate areas in the lunch hall/playgrounds and classes not mixing in the school, only one class needs to Self Isolate.

I fully appreciate that for some parents the fact that we have a confirmed case within our direct community will cause huge anxiety. I would though, urge parents not to overthink this. Remember, the advice and guidance that the school and government has sent out about hygiene and social distancing. Symptoms in children are also normally very mild.

For all other children in the school, we will carry on as normal next week. Siblings of the children in the class that's had to isolate should continue to come to school as normal on Monday. It's only the child in the isolated class that has to isolate. I must stress though, that the children who are isolating MUST NOT come onto the school site—for any reason until their isolation period ends.

If needs be, we will support the parents of the class that are isolating in bringing children into school from the front of the school, but please let us know.

There is more information for parents on our school website in the link Coronavirus.

Breakfast Club Payments Please note as from Monday 23rd November, the payment system for Breakfast Club has been changed on the on-line payment system (SimsPay).

When making payment for Breakfast Club - please make all payments through the section called Wrap Around Care. Payments of £2.20 upwards can be paid securely through SimsPay.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - George (MM)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Evie-Anna (MLM)
Year 6 (Lathes) - Talia (CC)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Lui (MM)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Shaneil & Aaliyah (CC)
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Jacob (MM)
Year 4 (Castle) - Ned (MM)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Drew (MLM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Finley (RROX)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Ronak (MLM)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Ayla (MM)
Year 3 (Paxman) - James (MM)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Eva (MLM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Aiden (MLM)
Year 2 (Romans) - James (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Georgie (MM)
Year 1 (Circus) - Noah (RREX)
Year 1 (Roses) - Malachi (MM)
EYFS (Jumbo) - Reuben (RREX)
EYFS (Star) - Isaac (MM)
EYFS (Chariot) - Elisabeth (MM)
Attendance - Garrison
HUB - Lucas (CC)

Food Parcels for our Families most in Need

We are supplying 30 food parcels to our families most in need over Christmas and we are asking, if you are able, to pop and extra tin or two in your shopping and then drop off at the school, it would be much appreciated.

Some ideas are listed below—but basically anything in a packet or tin that's not fresh!

Tinned Fruit, Longlife fruit juice, UHT milk, Tinned Ham/Salmon, Breakfast cereal, Small Christmas Pudding, Small Jar of Coffee, Small selection box, Tinned soup, Packet of biscuits, Pasta or rice, Tinned vegetables, Baked Beans, Rice Pudding, Tinned Custard, Box of mince pies, Box of Tea bags, Chopped tomatoes.

Please see Page 2 of the newsletter for all things Christmas and the PTA.

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

AP1 Reports to Parents and Parents Consultations

Your children's Assessment Period 1 (AP1—Autumn Term) reports will be coming out to you on Tuesday 8th December. In the absence of being able to have parents in school to look at your children's work—class teachers will also include in the report a few bits of your children's work as chosen by your children.

Telephone consultations will take place during the day in the final week of term and more information on these will be sent out with your children's reports and popped on the school website. Your children will also be penning a letter to you about some of the things they've been learning in school.

All Things Christmas

Christmas Cards—We are allowing children to send Christmas Cards to each other via our normal 'Elf' postage system should you so wish, in much the same way as our post still arrives at home. Cards should have the recipients first name and surname as well as the class of the child. Class Teachers will arrange a suitable time for posting of cards if your child wishes to send cards to a child outside of their class—but if sending cards to children in their own class these can be given directly to the class teacher.

Christmas Lunch—You will have noticed from both the school calendar and the dinner menu that our Christmas Lunch is fast approaching. EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2—it's on Tuesday 8th December. Year 3, 4, 5, 6—it's on Thursday 10th December. Please remember that all parents need to let us know if you want your child to have a Christmas Lunch and cracker, children in KS2 also need to let us know and also pay for the meal, unless your child is in receipt of FSM.

Christmas Dress up Day—Friday 18th December will be our Christmas dress up, non-uniform day—when children for a minimum £1 donation may come to school dressed as Christmassy as they like. Each year group will be choosing a different local charity to support, so parents can donate more than a £1 if they so like.

Christmas Crafts—Parents will be delighted to hear that classes will still be making their Christmas Crafts this year to entice you to spend a little bit of money on a one of a kind Christmas Tree Decoration, or a novelty ornament. These will all be highly desirable gifts, that no home should be without. All of the proceeds of this will go to the PTA and more details will be sent out in the final week of term—but keep some pound coins spare as I know you know you have to have these items!

Year 5 Danbury Photo's

All Year 5 parents should have received an e-mail this week detailing the link with how to access the Danbury Photo's. If you didn't receive this please let the school know as it means that we do not have your e-mail address linked to our system.

Many thanks as always to Happy Days Photography for facilitating this free download of photo's for our children.

Non Pupil Day—Please note that Monday 4th January 2021 has now been agreed as a non pupil day. This means that children will now return to school following the Christmas Break on Tuesday 5th January.

Free Book—Reading

Please remember that, even with all the excitement of Coronavirus and Christmas, it is still really important that your children are reading with you at least 5x a week. Reading is without doubt, one of the main building blocks for learning across the curriculum and the time parents spend reading with their children has a huge impact on children's success in school.

I know for all of us, time is often a difficult commodity, but it's most definitely worth it. Our children won't remember what we brought them for Christmas this year in a years' time—but they will definitely remember the time we spend with them helping them to learn!

In addition, there is a project running in Colchester at the moment offering free books for children. Just go to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce25IalWsskYV2UBTVybYWPqE-rgrIR-NshcOTz036LoTKQ/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2jsnmMj54hXwoCHCE0s2Z02FwQIXEb_gBW-RgluWBoIE_4rRkyqc7vOR4

The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.

-- Dr. Seuss



Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings



FAMILY CHRISTMAS PHOTO DAY

Friday 4th December 3.20pm - 6.30pm

PRE - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

St John's Green Primary School
Abbey Field
Colchester
CO2 7SZ

Please book at



www.bookhappydays.com



PTA

Christmas Light Trail

Date: Saturday 12th December

Time: 4pm-8pm (start by 7pm to collect map & festive gift)

Start: Abbey Field School carpark

All tickets must be bought by Monday the 7th of December.

Bring a torch and look out for the hot chocolate stall (£1 with a free cookie) and a surprise visitor along the route.

Tickets are £2 per child, please put money in an envelope with child's name and class and pop in to the office letter box.

Pay online (scan QR code) at

<https://st-johns-green-pta.square.site>



Please note: The school will not be open, please observe social distancing whilst on the trail.



On behalf of the PTA we have a Christmas Request!

"Thank you to all parents who have sent in raffle tickets and payments so far. Please continue to send in your completed raffle tickets with cash payments or pay on-line through "Square Up"

<https://st-johns-green-pta.square.site>.

Both school offices have plenty more copies of raffle tickets if you want to continue to buy or sell!

Also, thanks for the support so far with donations to the raffle. A full list of prizes will be available next week. We would be very grateful for further donations from any local businesses. We also need luxury food items for our Christmas Food Hampers.

Please hand any donations for the raffle into the school by Friday 4th December if possible!

Elfridges—Everything you wanted to know - but were afraid to ask.

1. Can I pay by cheque?
- Yes, please make cheques payable to St John's Green PTA
2. What size are the socks?
- The socks are all adult size 6-11
3. Who do I give the order form to?
- Please put the completed order form/catalogue and correct money (or cheque) into a sealed envelope and drop it into the letterbox at either school office.
4. When do orders need to be in by?
- All orders must be received by Monday 7th December at the latest.
5. Will Elfridges run out of stock?
- The PTA elves have ordered plenty of each item based on stock sold last year. However, Elfridges is proving to be quite popular, so we would ask you to get your orders in as early as possible. This will allow the elves to order additional stock in plenty of time and avoid disappointment.
6. When will the order be delivered?
- The PTA elves will be delivering orders to the school offices a couple of times a week. These will then be given to the children in their classrooms. Each gift will come wrapped with a gift tag.
7. How will my child know which present is which if it's already wrapped?
- When your child receives their delivery their order form will also be in the bag. Each wrapped gift will have a small number on it which will correspond with the number on the picture of their item in the gift catalogue. They will then be able to write their message on the gift tag.

We have tried to provide all of the information that you might need but if you have any questions that haven't been answered, please contact us via Facebook - St John's Green PTA.

Family Group Christmas Photos

Happy Days Photography will be available for Family Group Christmas Photos on Friday 4th December at Abbey Field Site from 3.20 p.m through to 6.15 p.m. in the Portrait Truck. Pre-Booking essential on www.bookhappydays.com.

There will be a Christmas background and families can come dressed in Xmas jumpers/hats.

Parents will get all their photos for £35 with £5 donation going to the School's PTA.