



# St John's Green Primary School.

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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### School Finish Times

Please remember that school will finish at 3.15p.m. at Abbey Field and at 3.30p.m. at Town from September 2015.

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

Jane D. Hull

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th July - Year 5/6 Production 'Shakespeare Rocks' @ 6.30p.m. Abbey Field — NO Pre-School Children Please.

Thursday 9th July—Open Evening 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.—Both Sites

Friday 10th July - Foundation Trip to Easton Farm Park

Monday 13th July—Year 6 Bowling

Tuesday 14th July—Year 6 Expedition

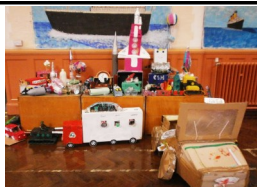
Friday 17th July—Last Day of Summer Term

Monday 7th September—1st day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 8th September @ 6.00p.m.—Kingswood Meeting for Year 6 parents and children

### Junk Modelling Competition

Middle Phase amazed their teachers by bringing in their incredible entries for the Junk Modelling competition. An array of vehicles, all made from 100% recyclable materials, now adorns the stage at the town site. It was a very difficult decision but the following children won a prize for creativity and hard work. Claudius: Ruby Knight and Oliver Smith; Mercury: Dylan Henson and Joseph Abbott; Dutch: Evan Jones and Aimee Philpin, Castle: Elena Brown and Megan Burrell-Poole.



### Whole School Picnic

Please remember that next Friday is our 'Whole School Picnic' in Castle Park. We will be taking the children down to watch something on the large screen and this will be followed by a picnic. Please could you make sure you order your child's picnic lunch as soon as possible. All the details are on the School Diner Menu. Many thanks.

### False Alarm

There was a little bit of excitement this morning at our Abbey Field site, when the fire alarm was set off by the over cooking of toast at Breakfast Club. I wouldn't like to point the finger at any individual member of staff...



As our alarm system is connected directly to the emergency services the fire brigade were automatically called. They then took the opportunity to top up the water in the engine.



### Fashion Show

Our Year 3 & 4 children have been strutting their stuff this week as they regaled their parents with their vogue designs. The fashion shows finished off their current topic on 'What a Waste' where they brought in old t-shirts to create something new with tie-dye. The children threw in a couple of dance moves in a dazzling display of catwalk couture.



### Where are Those Library Books?

Could all children and parents please have a root around at home for school library books and return them to the school. Many thanks.

£2478.86 was the grand total raised from our Summer Fair—Thank you

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Edern Marsh  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Gus Birchmore  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Piper Freeman  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Faith Major  
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Yasir Slimani  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Caitlin Smith  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Sakeus Natanael  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Michael Manktelow  
Bumble Award (Circus) - Elliot Bridges  
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - (Roses) - Nathan Ivanauskas  
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Thomas Smith  
Heads' Award — Year 3 & 4 Fashion Shows  
Attendance — Circus  
Spot— Riley Thompson

### Open Evening

Please remember that next Thursday from 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. is our Open Evening.

This is an opportunity for you to come with your child/ren to celebrate the successes they have had this year and to meet your child's new class teacher.

We will be running it slightly differently this year. Every child in the school has recorded a short video of themselves, which your child will find and play for you when you come in. In the video they answer some questions about what they have enjoyed and what they've found more tricky. They will also be showing you some of their work they are particularly proud of.

There will be things in every classroom for you to have a look at and Mrs Burke and Mrs Blackery will be providing some culinary delights at both sites.

Please see page 2 of the newsletter for more specific details.

### Clubs

Next week will be the last week for all clubs with the exception of cheerleading, drama and netball which have now finished.

### Newsletter 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 only need to write a sentence. Middle and Upper Phase will need to write a paragraph.



'Another day at school Gnasher, what trouble can we get into today?'

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 ...

Mr Green sent an e-mail around to the staff first thing on Monday, explaining that he couldn't be contacted by phone as he had had to send it away to be mended. Upon enquiring as to what was wrong with the phone he told me it was a design fault! The design fault turned out to be the fact that there is only so many times you can drop your phone before it becomes unusable.

Enjoy the weekend

Simon Billings



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# Open Evening

All parents/carers/children and friends of St John's Green Primary School are invited to our Open Evening on  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 5.00 – 7.00pm at Abbey Field and Town**

This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's present class teacher and also to their new class teacher.  
Please also take the time to look at the displays of children's work around our two schools.

In the different classrooms there will also be:

### Abbey Field

**Mr. Green/Miss Bailey's room** – Bug Club/Abacus  
**Miss Pickard's room** – SATs Papers – Past and Present  
**Mrs Smith's room** – Numicom  
**Miss Salmon's room** – Higher Order Questioning  
**Mrs. O'Shea's room** – Creative Development  
**Miss Mitchell's room** – Mark Making  
**Miss Cook's room** – Mathematical Development

### Town

**Mrs. Bibby's room** – SEN Resources  
**Mr Bates' room** – Maps  
**Mr. Eves' room** – History of St John's Green  
**Mrs Skinner's room** – Purple Mash  
**Miss Gammans' room** – Maths Problems

Culinary delights from Sarah Burke & Eileen Blackery will be available at both sites

**School Office** – Any enquiries – school uniform, music lessons, school meals & Kingswood

**Please note Mrs Bibby, our SENCo will be at the Town site.**

Class Teachers will be in their current class bases with their current LSAs. Miss Witzenfeld, our new Year 1 teacher, will be hovering between Mrs Smith's and Miss Salmon's classrooms.

I very much look forward to seeing you.

***(Please use the front – main entrances to the schools only)***

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