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# St John's Green Primary School

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### Lockdown Countdown

We are now 16 days into the current lockdown—which means we only have 12 days to go!

### Parent Governor Elections

Many thanks to all parents who took the time to vote in our recent parent governor election.

It was the closest result we've ever had and the schools thanks to both candidates for putting themselves forward.

In total, we received 139 ballots and the results are as follows:

Abdul Azeez Jamsmith - 67 votes

Mark Scaife - 72 votes

Mark Scaife is therefore, duly elected as Parent Governor.

### New Library at Town

We have now reconfigured our layout at the Town site to give a better experience for our children. The Lower Hall has now been set up with a multimedia projector and drop down screen and going forward all assemblies and Town productions (when we're able to start having productions again) will take place in the Lower Hall.

The Upstairs Hall has now become a much larger library and work area for the children at Town site.

The new furniture finally arrived this week and Mr Bromley and Mr Skinner worked like dervishes to put it all together. Library books will start being transferred next week. It looks amazing, so well done and huge thanks to Miss Wiggins who was the driving force behind it all.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Nate (CC)  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Kitty (RROX)  
Year 6 (Lathes) - Olivia (RREX)  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Sara (RREX)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Max (RROX)  
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Shriyan (MM)  
Year 4 (Castle) - Emily (MLM)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Eliot (RREX)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Adyan (RREX)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Kai (MLM)  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Matilda (RROX)  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Nikola (RREX)  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Connor (MLM)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Clark (RREX)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Martha (MLM)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Alina (RREX)  
Year 1 (Circus) - George (MM)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Raven (RROX)  
EYFS (Jumbo) - Ayesha (MM)  
EYFS (Star) - Isabel (RREX)  
EYFS (Chariot) - Danthai (RREX)  
Attendance—Claudius  
HUB—Oliver (MLM)

### Text Messaging App

A final reminder please this term to ask parents to download the schools text messaging app.

The details are as below:

<https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/web-site/text-messaging/405092>

Once you've downloaded the app, you will need to login with the login details which will be provided by the school office.

Please have a look at the school calendar on our website as it is being populated with all things Christmas—including Elf card delivery.

### Our Year 7 at St Helena—A message just to say...

Our Year 7 children at St Helena school have penned a short message to their ex-teachers at our school and these arrived this week. There's just a small selection on the back of the newsletter.

### Breakfast Club Payments

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

When making payments for Breakfast Club - please go to "Wrap Around Care" / Breakfast Club.

Payments of £2.20 upwards can be paid into this account in SimsPay.

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

Jane D. Hull

"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.

### Sam Hall's Baby Brother

Sam Hall is one of our Year 5 children who has recently acquired a new baby brother.



Very sadly his baby brother (Edward) has been born with Type 1 Spinal Muscular Atrophy, which causes muscle wasting and ultimately leads to loss of movement. Sam's parents are desperately trying to raise a significant amount of money to fund treatment for Edward which is not available in England.

To support his brother, Sam is undertaking a sponsored walk from Walton Pier to Clacton Pier.

There's both a Facebook link:

<https://www.facebook.com/593378404/posts/10158579746433405/?d=n>

And a Just Giving page should you feel able to support in any way.

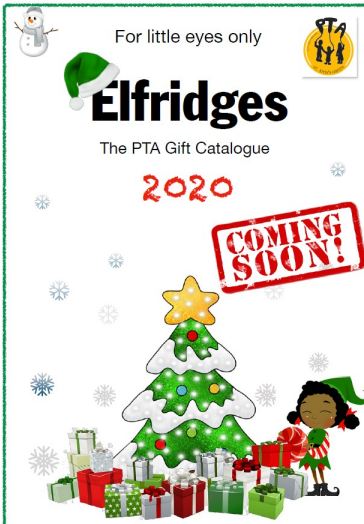
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### Food Parcels for our Families most in Need

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 as always 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.



### On behalf of the PTA we have a Christmas Request!

Our Xmas Raffle. The draw will take place at the school on Friday 11th December.

Two sheets of raffle tickets have been sent to every child in the school. We would be grateful if you could buy/sell the tickets. If you would like more raffle tickets to sell, please ask at either school office.

To help with making payments, the PTA have an online payment system called Square Up. The link is <https://st-johnsgreen-pta.square.site>. If you do decide to pay on-line, please send completed raffle tickets to either school office with a note to say you have paid on-line.

Donations to the raffle will be greatly appreciated (e.g. luxury food items for Xmas Food Hampers).

Any local business who would like to support our fund raising will, in return, be advertised on our school's social media page.

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



Many thanks - St. John's Green PTA

### And Finally

Hopefully when Sam Hall undertakes his sponsored walk, he won't be taking directional advice from Miss Wiggins. Last week, on attempting a walk from Walton Pier to the Tower and then along the beach and round the peninsula, she in fact turned right and ended up by the Golf Course in Frinton. Apparently, she made the route directions fit whatever she saw. Ironically, that's the exact route that Sam will be taking...

As an aside, Miss Witenfeld was Miss Wiggins walk accomplice, but Miss Wiggins had the map so has to foot the blame!

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings

A message just to say ..... School St John's Green

To: St John's Green/Year 6. From: Trinity Coltham

I would like to thank Miss Salmon for her wonderful advice and teaching. Some advice for year 6 students, although it's different secondary school is fun and nothing to worry about it's fine. Teachers and friends will help you. My time at St Helena is amazing so far. I'll barely worry you once you arrive. Eventually you will make friends and you will have confidence that you didn't know you had.

A message just to say thank you! School St John's Green

To: Year 6

From: Elliot Bridges

I know transitioning to a new school is worrying but don't worry life here at St Helena is amazing. It's very similar to your primary school but after lockdown you need to move between classes. Don't worry if you get lost. Friends are here even some of your old friends will help and making new friends is easy. My favourite lessons are maths, drama and English. The new uniform is very smart and tidy. As a final thank you I just want to say thank you to Miss Salmon and Mrs Simmons for their help.

A message just to say ..... School St John's Green primary school

To: Thank you Miss Salmon for teaching me in Year 6. The sun is: From: William Bennett

My time at St Helena School has been alright. Lunchtime is different because you have to actually buy your own food. I expected worst but I was surprised by what happened to me. Like making friends easily and getting used to the school environment. My favourite lessons are drama, ICT, Geography, food tech and Maths.

My advice to future Year 7 students is to not be scared to talk to people, it is an easy way to make friends.