



We are growing
our learning

St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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Maths

We are all
writers ...



Newsletter

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SIMS Agora

We are very aware that some parents are still experiencing registration issues with our on-line payment system 'SIMS Agora'. We have spent a lot of time trying to rectify these issues and hopefully there is now some light at the end of the tunnel.

If parents have tried to register but are still failing then the advice from SIMS Agora is as follows.

- 1, Check your spam/junk and inbox for an e-mail from noreply@capita.co.uk (clicking on the link from the e-mail may not work so you may need to copy and past it into your browser)
- 2, If you do not have an e-mail then please let the school office know and a new invitation will be sent re-inviting you.

Please do persevere with the system, it does work perfectly—just not at the moment!

It's really important that parents who are in arrears due to the system settle their arrears via SIMS Agora sooner rather than later as it saves us chasing you.

Many thanks

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

The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

Diary Dates

Sunday 23rd September—Friday 28th September. Year 6 at Kingswood. Please remember to arrive at the AF site for 11.00a.m.

Wednesday 26th September. Open School. AF & T. 3.30p.m.—4.00p.m. Your chance to pop into school to talk informally to the teachers, look at your children's work.

Friday 28th September. PTA McMillan Coffee Morning. 9.00a.m. at AF.

Tuesday 2nd October. EYFS Parents Share Session. 9.00a.m. @ AF. No pre-school children please.

Wednesday 3rd October. Individual Child Photographs at AF.

Thurs 4th October. Individual Child Photographs at T.

Wednesday 10th October. Open Morning. AF & T. 9.00a.m.—10.15a.m.

Thurs 11th Oct. PTA AGM at AF, 7-8pm

Thursday 18th October. Year 1 Story Character Dress Up Day.

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th October. Half Term

Monday 29th October. Non Pupil day—The school is closed.

Thursday 20th December—Friday 4th January. Christmas Holiday. The school is closed.

Chair of Governors

Hopefully all parents will have seen the letter from our Chair of Governors that was sent out this week. Please take a few minutes to read through it as it gives an excellent summary of our last school year and plans going forward. Not to worry, if either you or your child has misplaced yours. The letter is also on the school website in 'Governor Information.'

Colchester Festival of Rice and Spice

Many of our families went along to this festival last week. If you did manage to go, you may well have seen Bibhuti, in Year 4, who was there with her family, wearing traditional dress and performing a Nepalese dance.



Curriculum Letters

By the end of today every year group should have received their curriculum letters for this first Assessment period.

These letters detail to you what your children will be learning in school over the next term. Please do have a read through and ask your children about their learning at school.

I know children will often say that they've done nothing at school, so the letters are to help you gain an understanding of your children's learning. Certainly my son in year 6 would have you believe that he's achieved nothing for the majority of his school life!

If you're in Year 5/6 or at least your children are—please don't forget about swimming payments.



EYFS Children 2018-2019

We had the Gazette newspaper in school this week taking photographs of our new school children. It is brilliant to see how our new children are settling into school now that the reality of school being a daily occurrence and not a one off sort of deal, is taking hold. A huge and very special welcome then to all of our new EYFS children—Welcome to St John's Green!



After School Clubs

After School Clubs have now started at both our school sites. Please remember that for AF site collect at the front. For T site collect at the back of the school. There are still some places available especially in Year 5/6 Girls Football, Year 5/6 Art Club, Year 2 and Year 3/4 Dance Clubs. Any questions please just ask at either school office.

PTA AGM

The Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting is on 11th Oct 7pm at Abbey Field site. The PTA have lots of ideas for fundraising and social activities for the year—please do join in and watch this space ...

Newsletter Challenge—Learning Dispositions

To ensure we do our best learning it's really important that we all (children and adults) do our best to become effective learners.

We have talked and shared with you our Learning Dispositions and these have become a focal point in our teaching at school.

Motivation - be keen to succeed; try your best

Reflection - learn from experience; build on your learning

Collaboration - work well together; support each other

Make Links - make connections across all areas of your learning

Resilience - keep going even when it's hard; never give up

Our newsletter challenge for the next five weeks will focus on one Learning Disposition each week—This week

Motivating Melinda

The challenge is very simple. Send to the school via admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk or print off the picture yourself and pop it in the folder outside Mrs Gammans door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at T, **a picture of your child/ren demonstrating the Learning Disposition Motivation.**

As always the winning entry from each phase will be chosen and that child will then be able to choose a free book.



I am still learning.

- Michelangelo
at age 87

And Finally,

'Teabag Gate.' Yesterday Mr Bromley was mending the school dishwasher at the AF site when he unearthed from the dishwasher a cup still with teabag inside, to which he simply shook his head in despair. Mrs Spiller was quick to point out that she knew who the guilty person was but couldn't possibly say—apparently she knew the culprit by the teabag! My best interrogatory techniques failed to break down Mrs Spiller who remained resolute that she would not reveal the person who had committed this heinous crime. This morning a confession came via text and I quote, 'It's a fair cop guv'nor...it was my teabag.' Obviously it would be beneath me to reveal the guilty party—but really Mrs Simmons! - Maybe the teabag just needed a clean?!

Have a good Weekend

**ST JOHN'S
GREEN PTA**



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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
9AM - ABBEY FIELDS SITE**

Come along and support this incredible cause.
Have a cuppa and some cake whilst getting to
know other parents old and new!

Let's use this time to welcome our new parents
to the school and help answer any questions
they may have

We look forward to seeing you there!

