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Newsletter

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Friday 17th December is a Non Pupil Day and the school will be closed.

The last day of the Autumn term will be Thursday 16th December.

(From the PTA) Christmas Market

Following the success of our first ever St John's Green PTA Christmas Market, we would like to say a huge thank you to all members of the PTA who were involved in this event. This ranged from generating the ideas, to the planning and organisation, and the running of the event on the day itself. The PTA cannot function without our amazing members, and we are so lucky to have such a dedicated group of people, putting in so much time and effort to bring a smile to our children's faces.



We would also like to thank the school staff for all of their help manning stalls on the day, Mr Billings for trusting us, Mrs Bourne for her support and Mr Kelly for his hard work in helping set up, pack away and being on hand throughout the day.

Finally, thank you to all of our families and school community for coming along on the day and getting involved. It was great to see so many happy faces in attendance!

We always welcome new members to the PTA and love to see new faces and hear new ideas. If you would like to get involved, please contact us via our Facebook page (St John's Green PTA) for details of our meetings.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas,

Claire Bate and Rachel Tilbury

Chair and Vice Chair of St John's Green PTA



The **Big** Question for
this Assessment Period—
Where are my Roots?

Our Jigsaw Theme for next
week—Celebrating Differences

Our Assembly Theme for next
week is: The Christmas Story

As parents, the most
important thing we can
do is read to our children
often. Reading is the path
to success in school.

Laura Bush

Team Cross Country

Really well done to all our children who braved the chilly conditions to take part in our Team Cross Country Challenge. No idea as to the winning team yet—watch this space and enjoy your hats!



Term Dates

Last day of Autumn Term— Thursday 16th December

First Day of Spring Term 2022—Tuesday 4th January

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th December and each Tuesday. 'Tuesday Trot'

Wednesday 15th December. AP1 Reports for Parents.

Thursday 16th December. EYFS Polar Express Dress Up Day.

Thursday 16th December. Year 1 Pyjama Day

Thursday 16th December, Year 2 Christmas Dress Up Day

Thursday 16th December. On this day, children in Year 3-6 must still wear their school uniforms but this can be accessorised with a Christmas Jumper/T-Shirt or Christmas hat etc. Children don't need to if they don't want to—it depends I suppose on how Christmassy they're feeling!

Colchester Walks

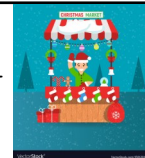


This week's walk is the first part of the Colchester Orbital. It's all on the website under the tab 'Colchester Walks'. We start with the Colchester Orbital South bit of the walk—which finishes at Shrub End.

As always it's on the school website under 'Colchester Walks'

Class Christmas Stalls

Next week, for your buying pleasure, a buffet of Christmas Delights, with delectable Christmas Crafts made by your children's fair hands. Class Stalls will be on the following days, immediately after school:



EYFS (Wednesday) - In the Learning Garden

Year 1 (Tuesday) - By the small hall

Year 2—(Tuesday) In the Undercover area

Year 3 (Wednesday) In the undercover area by the nature garden.

Year 4 (Tuesday) In the seated area on the KS2 Playground

Year 5 (Tuesday) By the car on the main playground

Year 6 (Wednesday) By classroom doors.

Please see the e-mail with the newsletter for details of what each class has on offer.

Awards

STAR—Whole Class (RREX), JUMBO— Whole Class (CC), CHARIOT— Whole Class (RREX)

EAGLES— Avni (MM), CIRCUS— Annabelle (RROX), ROSES - Thomas (MM)

MERCURY— Ellie (RROX), CLAUDIUS— Ruby (MLM), ROMANS— Izzy (RREX)

DUTCH— Layla (MM), ICENI— Jasmine (MLM), PAXMAN— Bella (MM)

CASTLE— Amber (MM), CAVALIER—Charlie (MM), GARRISON— Mabel (RREX)

OYSTERS— Stanley (MM), MAGNETS - Niamh (MM), RAEDWALD - Hartley (MM)

CYMBELINE— Mathew (MM), TRINOVANTES— Whole Class (RREX), LATHES— Subhaan (RROX)

ATTENDANCE— Paxman

Full Governing Body Meeting Report by Mark Scaife (Parent Governor) 6/12/2021

Whilst it wasn't the first item on the agenda, discussions about the Christmas market last weekend were had early on. It was a very popular and well attended event. A big thank you to the PTA committee and staff for putting on such a great event. It was the first outside Christmas event that has been attempted which was a much more inclusive event with people attending from the local community. The PTA is run purely by volunteers, and they are always looking for new members to get proactively involved in making these events happen.

It was ratified that 17th December is a non-pupil day.

There was a discussion regarding the number of covid cases in the school. The school is working hard to provide cover to as many classes. However, it is acknowledged that it has been a struggle. The school staff are to be commended for their efforts through what has been a very difficult time.

It was noted that attendance has been down excluding covid absences. There are a number of reasons for this and it is hoped that it will improve after Christmas.

There are a number of new appointments lined up for the New Year. However, there are a number of non-teaching vacancies.

The board approved a number of expenditures relating to sports funding, LSA/SEN support, and IT.

There has been a lot of work behind the scenes by Wendy Poole on financial benchmarking which helps the smooth running of the school. The governors extend their thanks to Wendy for her superb work and diligence in her work.

The governors noted how much work the school does to manage the costs of school trips to Kingswood and Danbury as this is a vital part in the education of the pupils. Without this work, the trips would be considerably more expensive.

Along with Christmas fair, the Christmas cards and other gifts will be coming home this term, which follows on from the Elfridges store that was organised earlier in the year. Excellent work all round, the governors are extremely humbled by the work the PTA put in to support the school.



Really well done to our EYFS children for just being so brilliant this week when they did their Nativity 'A Bundle of Joy'. A fantastic effort and the children should be very proud of themselves and you, very proud of them as parents. 15 more sleeps until Christmas!

Article 2(non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



DECEMBER 2021

Newsletter



The Autumn term is almost finished and Christmas is practically upon us. We hope you have enjoyed the events put on by the PTA. We have certainly enjoyed bringing some joy to the children and school community. We already have lots of ideas for fun events and fundraisers for next year - there is lots to look forward to!

Interested in getting more involved with the PTA?

We always love to hear new voices and ideas!

We meet every two weeks, alternating between an in-person morning meeting and an online evening meeting.

1

Who are we?

We are a collective of parents and school staff who work together to promote community spirit and enrich our children's school experience.

2

What do we do?

We generate ideas, plan and discuss adventures, opportunities and events for the children.

3

Why join our PTA?

- 1- Our children benefit
- 2- The school benefits
- 3- Make connections
- 4- It's good for you.

Events this term



Halloween trail

Families enjoyed collecting clues from some fantastically decorated houses, leading them to the prize collection point where they got a chocolate treat.



Bingo night

A fun, child free evening was had with an array of "interesting prizes"



Christmas Market

A magical event for the whole school. We were cold but in festive spirits.



Elfridges gift catalogue & Christmas cards

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