



St John's Green Primary School.

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

WB 26/1/15—Footpath at Abbey Field Closed

Friday 6th February—Year 3 Learning Afternoon (separate letter out next week)

Thursday 12th February—Roses Parents—Coffee Morning

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February—Half Term

Friday 27th February—Purple Pinkie Day—Wear it Purple £1

Monday 30th March (My Birthday (21) - Friday 10th April—Easter Holiday

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School Closure—Summer Holiday

Please note that the Chair of Governors has agreed that Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September 2015 will be Non Pupil Days. The school will break up for the summer on Friday 17th July and children will return on Monday 7th September 2015.

Footpath at Abbey Field

We have been told that the reconstruction of the footpath—including resurfacing, lighting columns and joining to the Abbey Field school will start on Monday 26th January. This means, that in theory, the footpath will be closed from Monday for approximately 6 weeks. Please do not hold me to either the start date or the completion time—but I will let you know specifics as soon as I have been made aware of them. Please allow for a little bit of extra time in the morning.

Parents Evening



Thank you to all those parents who were

able to come along and share in the successes of your children last Wednesday. It was brilliant to see so many parents enjoying the work and effort that their children had put in.



Let's face it: Most of us don't realise it, but we are failing our kids as reading role models. The best role models are in the home: brothers, fathers, grandfathers; mothers, sisters, grandmothers, mums and dads, it's important that your kids see you reading. Not just books - reading the newspaper is good, too.

James Patterson

Lower Phase Newsletter

We have now started sending out a Lower Phase newsletter at the beginning of each week. This newsletter will be very specific to Foundation & Year 1, whilst the Friday newsletter will continue to focus on the whole school. We will introduce a Middle Phase newsletter in September 2015.

School Uniform

We have some school stock of uniform from before the introduction of Smarty Pants. The majority of this is held at the Town site and is reduced to clear. When it goes it goes—all uniform will then only be available to purchase through Smarty Pants.

Polo Tops—(26-34) £7.00

Sweatshirts—(24-32) £8.00

Sweatshirts (34 & small adult) £8.50

Fleece Jackets (104—152cm) £10.00

Waterproof Reversible Jackets (Ages 5-13) £12.00



Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Charlotte Swain

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Reggie Skinner

Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Samir Shafiy

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Millie Morgan

Lion Award (Dutch) - Jadya Turay & Olivia Barnes

Sully Award (Mercury) - Liam Barton

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Yasmine Cozzo

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Reese Merrifield

Bumble Award (Circus) - Bertie Westover

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Logan Woods

Mickey Award (Roses) - William Murphy

Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Fatima Shafiy

Heads' Award — Foundation Children—(Muddy Monday)

Attendance— Iceni

Spot— Sam Card

If any parent has any spare bits of school uniform that they no longer need—it would be very much appreciated if you could donate them to the school—as we are running out. Trousers in particular.

Parking at Abbey Field

Please could I remind all parents and carers who are collecting their children from Abbey Field by car, to be both sensible with your parking and patient. There have been a number of incidents recently when cars have sped up the road to the school and where parents/carers have not been either patient or sensible when trying to park. Bearing in mind we expect both patience and politeness from our children, it is not unreasonable to expect the same from adults collecting children from the school.

School Closures

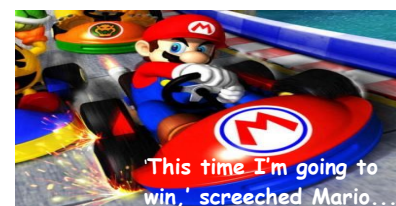
Essex County Council have changed the way that schools need to advise parents should they have to close. Local radio will no longer be used—instead parents will need to go to www.essex.gov.uk then click on Education-Schools, Schools, Dates, Emergency School Closures. The school would also state on our website if we were closed. We have not had to close for the weather yet—and do not intend to but please be advised of the above.

News Letter Challenge

As always, a new challenge for the new term.

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

This weeks' starter:



As always—answers on Mr Bates door if you're 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 chose a free book.

Amazing Facts: Ancient Egypt. 1, Both Egyptian men and women wore makeup. The eye-paint was usually green (made from copper) or black (made from lead). As well as offering protection from the sun, the Egyptians believed makeup had magical healing powers, too! 2, Unwrapped, the bandages of an Ancient Egyptian mummy could stretch for 1.6km. Yikes! 3, The Ancient Egyptians invented lots of things we still use today, such as paper, pens, locks and keys and - believe it or not - toothpaste!

And Finally...

Quite impressively, despite not being in school this week—Mrs Bourne still manages to make the 'and finally.' Yesterday I was at the ICT show in London. Whilst there, I got a text from Mrs Bourne asking me to text her my food preferences, to make sure I was there for 6.45p.m. and that we could watch 45 minutes of a DVD. As I was fairly sure I was heading home for dinner that evening, I did thank Mrs Bourne for the very kind offer—but politely declined.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings