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We are all
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Newsletter

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Please remember that Monday is absolutely the last day to hand in your orders to the PTA (via the school office) for your children's self designed Christmas cards.

The PTA will not be able to take any more orders after Monday.



Year 3 Repeating History—Viking Day

Our Year 3 children

had a brilliant day on Tuesday with Björn Ironside, learning all about the Viking way of life. They learnt how Vikings travelled in their expertly built longships to raid, trade and settle in many far off lands. The children were taught how to make a shield wall for battle and how to follow Viking battle commands.

They wore clothes and jewellery that the Vikings would have worn and they learnt about important jobs in Viking villages.

The children also explored the Viking diet and wrote about the types of foods they would and would not have had when they arrived here in England. They even got to try out Viking stick wrestling.

All in all an amazing day and they have learnt so much which they will now be using in their writing to create non-chronological reports.



Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Harrison Green
- Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Fern Flemming
- Year 5 (Oysters) — Amira Luu
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Alex Ward
- Year 4 (Castle) - Nathanael Helene
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Freya Cairney
- Year 4 (Garrison) - Jack Savage
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Scarlett Webb
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Caleb Dean
- Year 3 (Paxman) - Francesca Pincombe
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Tommy Jones
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Lola-Grace Kelly
- Year 2 (Romans) - Myla Shields
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Lilly Rudd
- Year 1 (Circus) - Thomas Hall
- Year 1 (Roses) - Ayla Cairney
- Foundation (Chariot) - Dylan O'Gorman
- Foundation (Star) - Sienna McDonnell
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Phoenix Howard
- Heads' Award — Dutch, Icen & Paxman
- Attendance — Cavalier



We Will Remember

A huge part of our history week this week has been focusing on WWI and remembrance.

The centre point of this has been our hanging poppy displays with individual poppies strung together that have been made by your children.

Hopefully you have seen these as they are on display at the front of both our school sites.



Lest we forget - Ode of Remembrance taken from Laurence Binyon's For The Fallen

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

The full poem of seven verses was composed in honour of the early heavy casualties on the Western Front. The fourth verse, **Lest We Forget**, has become a traditional part of services of remembrance.

Reading is the Key

Please remember that as with anything, if we want it to be successful we have to invest in it.

Our children are the same. If we want them to be successful in school, we have to invest in them.

The school's expectations are that parents read with their children at least 5 x a week and support them in their learning by practising their spellings and x tables at home.

I do fully appreciate how busy lives are—but 10 minutes of reading with our children or them reading to us should be built in to our daily routine at home. There can always be an excuse as to why we haven't done it, but surely our children and their future are more important than that?

Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow



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:

Try to solve problems.

The 'Right' we will be focusing on after Half Term is Article 28:

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

Year Group Newsletters

You will, I hope, have noticed that we have now started sending out Year Group newsletters every Wednesday.

These newsletters are written by our Year Group Team Leaders and are a way to keep you up to date with the learning that has been going on in your child's year group, things to remember etc, that I can't get into the whole school weekly newsletter.

If you haven't seen one yet, please double check your child's book bags because they are definitely out there. Copies are always available from the School Office, should you or your child have misplaced one.

Kingswood 2019

If Year 5 parents weren't able to make the meeting last night about our Year 6 residential in September 2019, the letter we gave out will be coming home today with your children.

The main things to remember are:

- We really want your children to go. They will have an unforgettable experience.

- A £40 deposit needs to be paid by Friday 7th December

- Payments via Sims Agora

- Any problems please come and see us

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Diary Dates

Friday 16th November. Deadline for ordering (and paying for) PTA Christmas Cards. (Cheques should be made payable to, 'St John's Green PTA')

Friday 23rd November. Non Uniform Day for PTA Christmas Fair.

Friday 30th November. PTA Christmas Fair at AF. 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.

Tuesday 4th December—Friday 7th December. Book Fair at AF & T. 3.15p.m./3.30 p.m.—4.00p.m.

Wednesday 5th December. AF & T. Children's Evening.

Friday 7th December. PTA Christmas Wreath making night @ AF. Adults only £15pp. Please ask at either School Office for further details.

Friday 14th December. Non Uniform Day—Christmas Jumper Day. In aid of 'Save the Children.' £1

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

Monday 7th January. First day of Spring Term.

PLEASE ALSO LOOK ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DATES/INFORMATION.

DATES FOR FOUNDATION AND YEAR 2 PRODUCTIONS. YEAR ONE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS DINNER ARE ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE

PTA Sponsored Walk

We have now reached a grand total of £3771.21 raised from our Sponsored Walk. A huge thank you for everyone's generosity. If there's still any more sponsor money out there—please pop it in.

Newsletter Challenge—Learning Pit, Learning Powers

A slightly different challenge for this Half Term and a challenge for both parents and children to do together.

Each week, we will set a challenge that is a little tricky to solve, putting people firmly in the Learning Pit. You'll need to use, some if not all of our Learning Dispositions to solve the challenge—with the solution obviously being sent into school.

Good Luck

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

This weeks Challenge

Before television and the internet, the government used posters to talk to the public. Posters asked people to join the army, cut food waste, give up holidays and save metal for munitions.

As our focus in school this week has been WWI the challenge is to design/draw your own WWI poster.

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources/first-world-war-recruitment-posters>

Drawings can be sent in by e-mail via admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk or pop your efforts in the folder outside Miss Gammans door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at T.

And Finally,

As with last weeks 'And Finally' a school log book entry from over 100 years ago. My thanks again to Mrs Cottham for finding this entry.
June 11 1915

Today being Empire Day the Union Jack has been displayed and the National anthem sung. The children have brought in pennies to school to send to the Overseas Club for comforts for soldiers in the trenches. The amount of £1.17 and 4 has been collected.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

Children are
NOT
a distraction from more
important work.
They are
THE MOST
important work.

C.S. Lewis



NON UNIFORM DAY



FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2018

Friday 23rd November will be a non-uniform day in aid of our Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 30th November from 5.00 – 7.00pm at the Abbey Field Site.

We are collecting donations for the Fair on the Non-Uniform Day on Friday 23rd November.

Instead of money, could parents please send their children in to school with any one of the following:

Small items suitable for Lucky Dip

Anything chocolate (boxes or individual chocolate bars) for the chocolate tombola stall

Bottles of fizzy drinks/cans of drinks, biscuits or sweets to sell on the refreshment stall.

Urgently Needed: Donations for the Raffle

(e.g. boxed toiletries, bottles, gifts, good condition toys)

(Adults- please hand any glass items directly to either school office.

If any parents have contact with local businesses please let them know about our raffle. We are grateful for all donations!)

