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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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### Friday 13th

Friday the 13th, considered by many as one of the unluckiest days of the year, is here again. This is the second time the fearsome event has struck in 2017, with the first occurring in January.

If you are worried about what's in store this time then you're not alone. Psychologists have even come up with a word for how you're feeling - paraskavidekatraphobia, or fear of Friday the 13th.

The number 13 has been considered unlucky for many years, even before Christ (and his 12 apostles). The number 12 is historically considered the number of completeness, while its older cousin, 13, has been seen as an outlier.

There are 12 months of the year, 12 gods of Olympus, 12 hours of the clock, 12 tribes of Israel, 12 Apostles of Jesus, 12 Descendants of Muhammad Imams, among many incidences of the pattern historically.

In many Western countries tall buildings are missing the 13th floor. In China the fourth floor and in some cases all floors with the number four are left out of Chinese buildings.

Houses often do not have a number 13, and many hotels, including the Carlton in London, miss out a thirteenth floor.

It is considered very unlucky for thirteen people to dine together, and the first to rise will reach serious misfortune - a superstition upheld by US President Roosevelt. He also refused to travel on Friday the 13th.

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: Choose to follow the learning charter.

Article 17: You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful to help you find and understand the information you need.

### Diary Dates

Thursday 19th October—Diwali 'The Festival of Light'

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—Half Term.

Wednesday 1st November—Open School, 3.30–4.15pm

Thursday 9th November. PTA AGM, 4.00p.m. @ Abbey Field

Monday 13th—Friday 17th November—Inter Faith Week.

Tuesday 14th November—Shared Supper, 5.30p.m. @ Abbey Field

Wednesday 6th December—Open Evening, 5.00–7.30pm

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.

Wednesday 3rd January—First Day of Spring Term.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM.

Please note there is no swimming for Year 3 & 6 next week, Friday 20th October.

### Please Remember

- Payments to the school must now be made on-line via Sims Agora
- Swimming Payments for Yrs 3& 6 are overdue
- Photographic consent form to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible please.
- £55 Danbury Trip deposit for Year 4 is overdue.
- If you are having any problems with the on-line payment system 'Sims Agora' please refer to the trouble shooting guide in 'Parent Information' on the school website. There is also a fault reporting form here.

### One Sentence Challenge

As always a new term and a new challenge!

The challenge for this term is to answer the question posed in **one sentence only**.

If you could have the answer to any question what would that question be?

Children please remember though that the older you are the more of your writing skills you need to try and embed.

Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mrs O'Shea's door if you are at Town site.

The winning entry each week from each Year Group will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

### Beat the Street



October is International Walk to School Month and SJG is currently top of the Beat the Street leaderboard! Please do keep up your excellent walking efforts. Next Friday all the beat boxes outside school are giving double points before and after school - so get tapping!

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Brooke Rogers  
Year 5 (Oysters) — Joseph Hurry  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Caitlyn Smith  
Year 4 (Castle) - William Bennett  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Aimee Cohen  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Stanley Hudson  
Year 3 (Iceni) - John Wilkins  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Isobel Cahill  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Ella-Mae Newell  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Aleksas Zadlavicius  
Year 2 (Romans) - Aaliyah King  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Mia Henson  
Year 1 (Circus) - Louie Seeley  
Year 1 (Roses) - Bella Weir  
Foundation (Chariot) - Olivia Baker  
Foundation (Star) - Charlie Wesbroom  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Trae King  
Heads' Award— EYFS  
Attendance — Magnets

### Attendance and Class Oysters

Last term class Oysters had the best attendance and this week, they got their reward for their excellent attendance with a trip to Go Banana's.



Please remember that it is vital that children are in school everyday. Learning is progressive and if children are absent they do miss out.

Please also remember that the school attendance policy does give guidance on leave of absence applications.

I appreciate that parents may feel the need to blame someone if the school asks for a penalty notice, but blaming the school because we've applied the policy, which is based on government guidance, is probably a tad harsh.

The easiest solution is to just make sure children are in school everyday.

### We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

This week the children in Foundation have been learning to orally retell the story of We're Going On A Bear Hunt. On Thursday all our three EYFS classes set off for a walk on Abbey Fields to explore the environment and see if they could find any bears!



Year 6 Parents please remember that secondary applications must be made by 31st October 2017  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### And Finally,

The shoe was firmly on the other foot this week as I had to take my two children to school. My wife had of course left very specific instructions about timings, what to do, where to stand etc. However, as an added complication, I also had to take some medicine for my son to the office. The three questions I was asked were:

Who's your son and which class is he in? I knew the answer to who my son was but not the class he was in.

Have you filled in a form? To which I replied I don't know.

Does it need to go in the fridge? To which I replied I don't know.

The lady in the office did keep her exasperation to a minimum, found the form that my wife had already filled in and let me go, my dropping off at school skills clearly floundering at the first!

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings



Come along to AFIUK's Family Fun Day at FirstSite Art Gallery on Saturday 14th October 12-4pm for a day of workshops, live music and food. We'll be there with a stand and our Mobile Beat Box, which will be giving out double points. To get the double points, make sure you tap another Box on the way! Beat Box 60 is close by at Castle Park.

A Jungle Book performance will also take place from 10am-12.10pm (advanced booking £1 tickets being sold via [afiukrachel@gmail.com](mailto:afiukrachel@gmail.com)) with stagecraft workshop for 10-11 years only, afterwards at 12.30pm (£1).

# AFIUK'S Family Fun Day

**Free Entry**

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October  
12pm to 4pm @ FirstSite Art Gallery**

**Jungle Book Performance**  
**Workshops**  
**Live Music**  
**Multicultural Food**  
**And Many more...**

**Free Fair Trade Morning & Afternoon Tea**

**10:00am to 12:10pm - Jungle Book Performance - £1.00 (Advance booking)**  
**12:30pm Jungle Book Stagecraft 45mins Workshop (For 10 & 11yrs only) - £1.00**  
**Great Black Britons and Hate Crime for the Youth**

**For the Adults**  
**Changing Direction in your career by Alex Klokkaris,**  
**Positioning yourself by Solma Ahmed**  
**Mindfulness by Jammie Shavdia.**  
**Adult workshops need booking in advance.**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH COLCHESTER**

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African Families in the UK

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