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our learning

St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

We ♥
Maths

We are all
writers ...



Newsletter

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Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday is the global 'Safer Internet Day' which runs with the theme—**'Together for a Better Internet!'**

The day focuses around using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place—and that does include all our parents.

As a school, we spend a lot of time dealing with issues that have arisen from inappropriate use of the internet by both children and parents. We constantly reiterate with our children a few maxims.

1. Don't write or post anything on-line that is negative, rude or unkind—once it is posted, you can't undo it and even if you subsequently delete what you have written, there is a very high chance that it will have already have been forwarded or a screenshot taken.

2. Don't write or post anything that you don't want anybody else to know. This is especially relevant for facebook users. Once you have posted it, it is out there and you have no control over who else will be able to access that information, however high you've set your privacy settings.

Our top tips for parents and this does include myself, with an 11 year old—going on 18 at home.

1. Limit their time on their phones and only allow them to use their phones downstairs. Remember as parents our job is to parent, not to be their friend.

2. Check their phones and what they've written. I have yet to come across a perfect child, my own most definitely included in that! It is vital that you know what your child is writing and looking at on the internet.

3. No phones in the bedroom, whatever creative excuse they come up with. The best reasons my son has come up with were—I need an alarm, so we bought him an alarm clock for about £5.00 and I need a torch to read to which we pointed out the light switch!

Please look on the school website under 'Staying Safe' for additional information.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Mohammad A (MM)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Filip R (RROX)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Noah H (MM)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Kian F (MM)
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Amina B (RREX)
Year 4 (Castle) - Harrison E (MM)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Oliver B (MM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Dmitrii B (RREX)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Tyler H (CC)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Lexi-Anna S (RROX)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Aisha N (RROX)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Georgina A (MM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Ali G (MM)
Year 2 (Romans) - Habib O (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Lexi L (RROX)
Year 1 (Circus) - Lilly Rai (MM)
Year 1 (Roses) - Felicity T (MM)
Foundation (Chariot) - Teddy N (MM)
Foundation (Star) - Charlotte D (MLM)
Foundation (Jumbo) - Grace D (MM)
Attendance - Jumbo

The Big Question

A reminder that this Assessment Period 'The Big Question' for everyone is:

'Who is Responsible for the World?'



St Helena 500 Word Competition

Please see details on page 2 of the newsletter for the St Helena 500 word competition.

In short, entries need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 25th February so we can shortlist and pass on our shortlisted entries to St Helena by Thursday 27th.

Plenty of time then to start those creative writing juices flowing and wax lyrical with a story of your choosing.

Please make sure you put your name, school and age on your stories and return to the school by Tuesday 25th February.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."

- Malcolm Gladwell

Assembly Theme:

Working hard to Achieve our own Dreams and Goals.

Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

MDA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Mid Day Assistant at the school.

The position is for 6.25 hours a week and is payable at £9.18 p/h.

For more information and an application form, please contact either school office.

Year 2 Skreens Park & Year 4 Danbury

Just a reminder that the deposit for our Year 2 residential to Skreens Park is now due £15.00

The final payment for the Year 4 residential to Danbury is now also due.

Please come and speak to us if you're having a difficulty. I am as always, keen for every child to be able to take part and enjoy these experiences.

Don't be an ostrich!



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Diary Dates

Monday 10th February. Stargazing with Mr Bates @ AF—Take 2. 5.30p.m.—7.00p.m.

Tuesday 11th February. Safer Internet Day.

Friday 14th February. Non Uniform Day. Purple. Purple Pinkie—in support of Rotary Club—End Polio Now. £1

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February. Half Term.

Tuesday 25th February. Open Morning. 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m. AF & T

Wednesday 4th March. Shared Supper. 5.45p.m.—7.15p.m. @ AF

Monday 9th March—Friday 13th March. Reading Week & Book Fair.

Thursday 12th March. Book Character Day. Come to school dressed as a book character.

Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Stargazing with Mr Bates

When we sent out the 'Take 2' letter for stargazing, the forecast looked good for a relatively cloud free evening. At the time of writing, the weather is not looking quite as cloud free.



However, plenty of time yet. So all things being equal, we are planning on going ahead with the evening on Monday from 5.30p.m.—7.00p.m. at AF.

Please could you return the slip from the letter we sent out so we have a rough idea of numbers for the evening.

All being well then, on Monday night—Mr Bates will show you both Venus and Mercury. He'll also point out the North Star and will show you where some of the constellations are including: Cassiopeia, Cepheus, Orion and Taurus.

If you're lucky, Mr Bates will also tell you a little bit about the stories behind the constellations.

Fingers crossed for a cloud free night.

It's a Parking Thing—School Car Parks

Just a further reminder please that both our School car parks at AF and T are for use by staff. They are not for use by parents.

There are a few parents who are trying to save themselves a few steps by utilising the car park at AF—especially at and for Breakfast Club.

We have also had one or two parents using the car park at pick up time.

I do very much appreciate the frustrations around parking, especially as parents do just want to collect their children and be on their way.

Sadly, there is no school in the country that doesn't have parking as an issue.

My best advice is to please, park sensibly and respectfully. Be patient. Remember that being 5 minutes late is better than hitting a child with your car or worse still killing them.

And Finally,

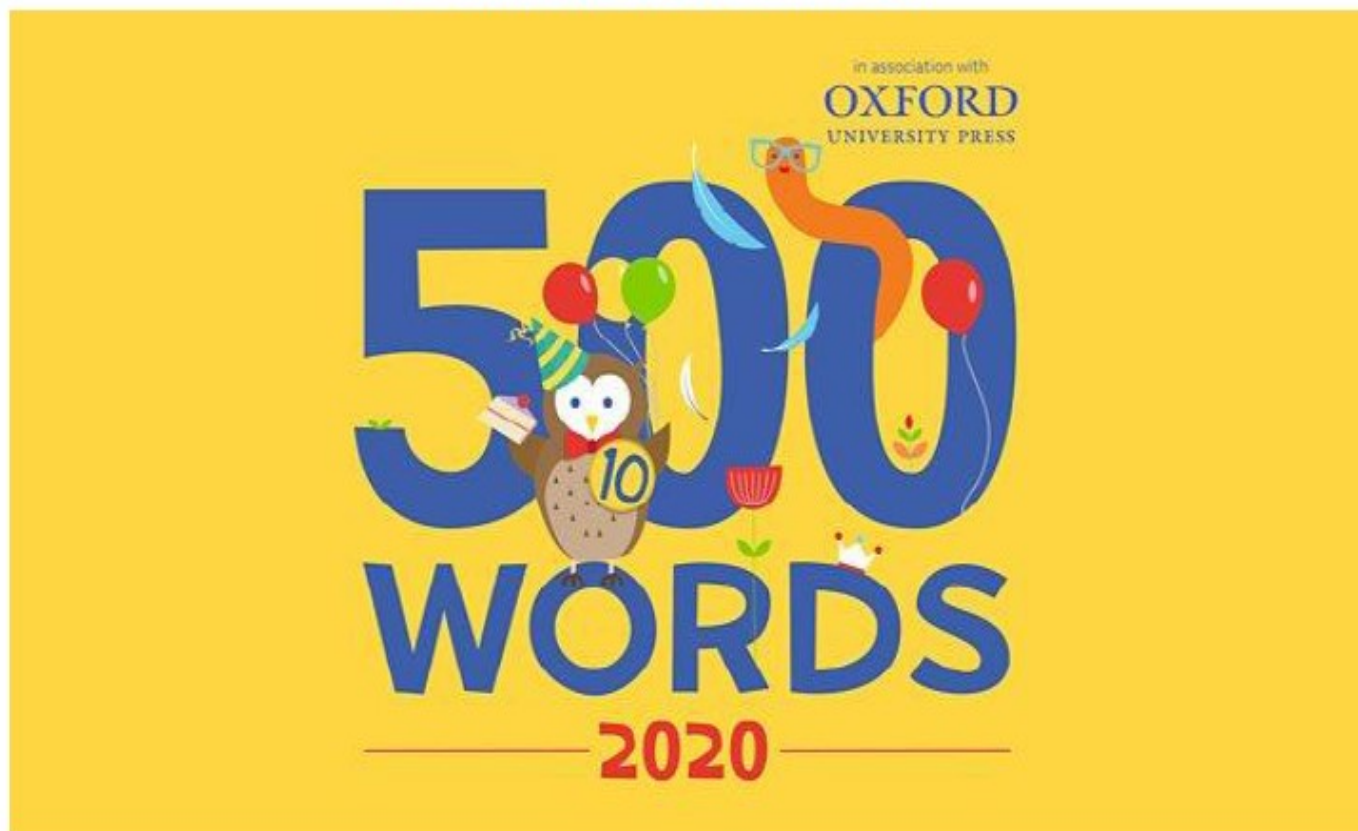
My wife is away this weekend on a girls jaunt to Centre Parcs. This means that I have been left in charge (although Karen will obviously be managing this remotely) whilst she swans about in the spa, etc. With Colchester United at home tomorrow and the Six Nations on TV, I'm not sure how I'm going to cope really. Still I'll manfully struggle on. As long as I still have two children when she returns with everything still attached, it should all be ok. Hopefully they'll be our children as well, although with various different friends appearing in the house at various times, it can all get a bit confusing!

Have a Great Weekend

Simon Billings



St Helena School



It is that time of year again where we encourage our primary students to get creative and submit a 500 word short story for the BBC Radio 2 Short Story Competition!

Please see the web-link which outlines key information, including dates, prizes and examples of stories.

There is also a wealth of information on the BBC Radio 2 website - please take some time to look at this and encourage students to participate. I would suggest that you listen to some of the winning stories with your students.

Here is the website with key information:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

If your students would like to enter the St Helena School 500 word competition here are some key details regarding the competition:

- The deadline for submitting stories online and for St Helena School entries is: **Thursday 27th February**
- Two age categories: **5-9** and **10-13**
- Make sure the entries have the **student's name, school and age**.

If schools wish to enter the national competition, please do so online. A panel of selected staff at St Helena School will be judging your entries to us.