



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

Tuesday 3rd March—Maths Roadshow

Wednesday 4th—Friday 6th March—Life Bus at Abbey Field

WB 9/3/15—12/3/15—Book Fair at Abbey Field —3.00p.m.—4.15p.m.

Tuesday 10th March @ 2.00p.m. at Abbey Field—PTA—Annual General Meeting—all parents welcome

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April—Easter Holiday

Home Fire Safety Visit

We received a visit yesterday from Essex County Fire and Rescue who have asked us to pass on the following.

'We recommend that each floor of your home has a working smoke alarm fitted. These should be tested on a weekly basis and batteries replaced annually if necessary. We provide smoke alarms and fire safety advice completely free of charge. To arrange a free fire safety visit from one of our technicians contact us now on 03003030088 or www.essex-fire.gov.uk

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Staying Safe On Line

We are aware that many children in the school, have a variety of multi media devices, such as phones, i-Pads, kindles, X-boxes, hudl etc that they use either for gaming or instant messaging. My concern is that many children are using these devices unsupervised or with no parental controls. We have popped a plethora of advice on the school website—following the link, 'Online Safety' <http://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/online-safety/27141>

Please treat all internet use like 'teaching children to swim. There is no way that any parent would allow their child to go into a swimming pool by themselves unless you were 100% sure they were competent and safe swimmers. Even then we still watch our children like hawks. The internet is significantly more dangerous than a swimming pool and yet we often allow our children to use it without measures or checks because it is the easiest thing to do.



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

Footpath at Abbey Field

We have been informed that works on the footpath will be completed by Monday when the footpath will re-open. I am however, only passing on the message—so please don't get too excited until Monday morning if it is actually open.

Foundation Resources - all Parents

Just a reminder following on from the newsletter just before the end of last half term. As part of our on going development of the Foundation Area we have now ordered 3 role play sheds—which will hopefully arrive and be installed sometime after half term. Could parents please look out for the following, and rather than throwing them away, donate them to the school.

- Any blankets/sheets or curtains
- Any old or new metal saucepans/pots/pans
- Any children's umbrellas
- Any children's dressing up clothes
- Logs/long sticks to make dens



School Council



The School Councils from our consortium schools all met at our Abbey Field site on Wednesday. The Year 5/6 consortium School Council representatives meet each term. This meeting the children talked about the up-coming general election and the possibility of the children holding their own general elections in school. The children also discussed the possibility of designing a consortium school council badge which could be sewn onto their school uniform to make them easily recognisable.

Danbury & Kingswood

Please remember that the last payment of £50 is due by 20th March for the Year 4 Danbury residential and £55 for the Year 6 residential next year which is due by 24th April.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Nina Preston
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Sophie Adams
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Serkan Roper
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Teddy Shiggins
Lion Award (Dutch) - Evan Jones
Sully Award (Mercury) - Jack Harris
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Eiren McFadyen
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Zoe Flicker
Bumble Award (Circus) - Millie Gee
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Ellie Gray
Mickey Award (Roses) - Ethan Luaces-Fernandez
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Mia Wren
Heads' Award — Dutch
Attendance— Iceni & Oysters
Spot— Ryan Allen

Wear it Pink



Really well done and thank you to everyone who put so much effort into our 'Wear it Pink' day in support of the 'End Polio Now' campaign and for paying your £1 donation. In total you have raised £280 so far, although I am aware that there are a few more £1 to come in. The Rotary Club states on its website—



'Although polio has not been seen in Great Britain and Ireland for many years, it is vital that we continue our efforts to eliminate the disease worldwide in order that it can never return. Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland have so far donated over £20 million (£24 million) to End Polio Now...The eradication of polio when completed will be one of the most significant achievements in public health since the eradication of smallpox.



News Letter Challenge

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:

'Ouch, and ouch again,' muttered Mr Bump as he fell off the bench in Mr B's assembly....



Mr. Bump

As always—answers on Mr Bates' door if you are 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.

And Finally ...

The boot was on the other foot as it were this week as I popped along to my son's school for his parents evening on Wednesday. Not that I didn't know, but he needs to listen more and talk less and would also benefit from slowing down and concentrating less on his social life. Just wait until his sister arrives in a couple of years time—then they'll really know what's hit them!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

Online safety for primary school children

As your child gets older, and technology changes, make sure you continue talking about what they are doing online and how to stay safe.

- ✓ Talk about what they do online, what sites they visit and their favourite websites.
- ✓ Discuss safety rules and how much personal information they should share online.
- ✓ Make sure your child knows what to do if anything upsets them online and reassure them that they can come to you.
- ✓ Check who your child is playing online games with and that your child knows what information they can share with others.
- ✓ Use parental controls across all of the devices that your children have access to.
- ✓ Set 'Safety Mode' up on YouTube to help filter out explicit content.
- ✓ If you use Google, turn on Google '[Safe Search](#)' to filter sexually explicit content from your search results.



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