



# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### School Finish Times

Please remember that school will finish at 3.15p.m. at Abbey Field and at 3.30p.m. at Town from September 2015.

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

Jane D. Hull

### Diary Dates

Monday 13th July—Year 6 Bowling

Tuesday 14th July—Year 6 Expedition

Friday 17th July—Last Day of Summer Term

Monday 7th September—1st day of Autumn Term.  
Please remember school will finish at 3.15p.m. at the Abbey site and at 3.30p.m. at the Town site.

Foundation Parents please remember that at 3.00p.m. daily you are invited to join the sing and rhyme sessions in the Foundation classes.

Tuesday 8th September @ 6.00p.m.—Kingswood Meeting for Year 6 parents and children

### Summer Read

Andy from Colchester Library came on Wednesday and invited the whole school to get involved in the Summer Reading competition. This years theme is Record Breakers and there are a plethora of prizes available for those who read six books or more. Get down to Colchester Library from Saturday to join and get reading!



### St Helena Maths Circus

Mrs Valentine and Miss Barratt from St. Helena brought their Maths Circus to Town on Wednesday to encourage problem solving in year 4. The children were really engaged in a range of problem solving activities that pushed the boundaries of their abilities.



### Shakespeare Rocks

Shakespeare really did rock this week as our Year 5 and 6 children dazzled us with a quite brilliant performance. It would be unfair to mention names as I thought every child played their part, with their enthusiasm and engagement. The singing was magnificent with some fantastic solos. A little bit of ad-libbing here and there as those creative juices really got flowing and some scarily good boys playing girls.

My congratulations to all the children and huge thanks to all the staff who put in so much effort to make it all happen. Special thanks in particular to Hanna Simmonds who pulled together all the props and staging, what would we do without her?



In total your generous donations raised £263. Not quite enough to pay for the stage! We will be asking the children which charity they would like the money to be donated to.

We will be putting a plethora of photographs on the website.



### Where are Those Library Books?

Could all children and parents please keep rooting around at home for school library books and return them to the school. Many thanks.

### Frozen

A huge well done and thank you to Mrs Bourne who organised the huge screen 'Frozen' experience at Castle Park this morning for all our children. The weather was decidedly un-chilly as the children enjoyed the big screen and the entire Lower Castle Park to themselves. For all the 'Let it Go's' that you may



now have to endure—I'm very sorry!

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Whole Class

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Whole Class

Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Whole Class

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Wyatt Swain

Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Aimee Philpin

Sully Award (Mercury) - Zara Gibson

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Oliver Smith

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Franky Lane

Bumble Award (Circus) - Lily Allen

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - (Roses) - Noah St Ledger

Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Jude Thurston

Heads' Award - Tinovantes, Iceni & Oysters

Attendance - Iceni

Spot— Elliott Freeman

Please could those parents who snuck off without handing in the parent questionnaire, please drop them in to either school office as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday 15th July. If you didn't get a questionnaire please ask for one at the school office. Your views are really appreciated.

### Rotary Club Dictionaries

My thanks once again to the Rotary Club who came in to school yesterday to present every Year 6 with a personalised dictionary and wish them the very best before they leave for secondary school. Year 6, one week to go!

### Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who was able to pop along to our Open Evening last night to celebrate your children's work. I hope that you enjoyed the slightly different format, with your children taking the lead in showing you elements of their work and the video of themselves talking about their learning. I know there were one or two problems with the quality of sound, which we'll try to overcome before next time.



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



Gem, sat in the ball pool. Captain Stinker was around somewhere but where was squawk?

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 choose a free book.

### And Finally ...

I'm all for creative license, so was obviously delighted when a member of staff handed me a poem. I may have slightly re-written it:

It was a Friday morning and all was calm  
Until, to much, dismay there was an alarm  
The toaster you see had smoked a huge amount  
But it's Stacey Knight we have to hold to account  
*Enjoy the weekend*

Simon Billings