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# St John's Green Primary School

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# Newsletter

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Please remember that today is the last day of the Spring Term. The Summer Term starts on Monday 12th April.



## Parents Driving Dangerously at Abbey Field

We have had several complaints these last two weeks about parents driving dangerously at Abbey Fields.

Specifically, this relates to parents avoiding the road that approaches the Abbey Field site at the junction of Berechurch Hall Road.

Parents have been seen using the drop down at the bottom of Abbey Fields and then driving up along the grass to the front of the school.

Yesterday, a parent was reported as having been seen driving on the pavement.

Please could I remind all parents that despite whatever frustrations you may have with regards to the road set up and having to wait for other users—there can be no excuse for driving that puts our children at risk so you can save an extra couple of minutes of your time.

Statistics vary slightly, but it may interest you to know that there are approximately 1,190 child injuries a month within 500 meters of the school and 58% of those occur after 3.00p.m.

I'm really, as politely as I can, saying, please DON'T allow one of our children to become a statistic because you can't be bothered to wait and drive patiently on the road. A child's life is not worth it.

## FGB Meeting

On Monday, we had our last FGB of the term—please see below a summary of the meeting from Elisa Vasquez-Walters, one of our governors.

The governing body met as part of its usual schedule on the 22/03/2021. At this stage meetings are still taking place via Teams, although we were all happy to know that all teaching is now back face to face for all children.

There are 2 parent governor vacancies coming up in the coming weeks so if you are interested in having more of a strategic overview of how the school functions please keep a look for the letter which will allow you to nominate yourself or someone else who may be interested -

The three core strategic functions of the St John's Green Primary School Governing Body are:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and strategic direction.
2. Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

We received a very comprehensive report from Mr Billings around the issue of well being and how the school is prioritising this very important issue for staff, and for the whole school community, especially during these challenging times.

We received an update in relation to all things Covid and how the school is responding in a very timely way to the many challenges that this continues to present us with. The school has made sure that a comprehensive teaching offer is made for all children who aren't in school due to Covid. Governors remain hugely impressed with how our school has responded to this very challenging situation, which includes a very thorough Recovery Curriculum.

Governor's received a comprehensive finance update and approved the budget for 2021/2022. We also reviewed and approved a raft of school policies.

As usual, we got an update of the good work being done by the PTA who continue to be great support to the school community.

## Awards

- Year 6 (Mrs Rayner) - Mia-Rose (MLM)
- Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Fatima (MLM)
- Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Whole Class (RREX)
- Year 5 (Mrs Rowe) - Caleb (MLM)
- Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Aliyyah (MM)
- Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Jack (MM)
- Year 4 (Miss Salmon) - Olivia (MLM)
- Year 4 (Mr Rudge/Mrs Hancock) - Ayra (MM)
- Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Whole Class (RREX)
- Year 3 (Mr Eves) - Katie (CC)
- Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Oscar (MM)
- Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Ody (CC)
- Year 2 (Miss Witzendorf) - Aida (MM)
- Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Felicity (RREX)
- Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Chineye (MM)
- Year 1 (Miss Wiggins) - Keaton (RREX)
- Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Olly (MM)
- Year 1 (Mrs Roberts) - Georgie (MM)
- EYFS (Mrs Correia) - Roman (RREX)
- EYFS (Miss Cook) - Blu (RROX)
- EYFS (Mrs Farley Hewitt) - Zachary (RREX)
- HUB— Lucas
- Attendance—Trinovantes & Romans

## Book Borrow

Please remember that after school today is a perfect time just to pop into the lobby area of the Abbey Field site and borrow some books for the upcoming Easter Break.

There's a fantastic selection there and we are eternally grateful to the parents who regularly drop off the books their children no longer use or want so that others can enjoy them.

YOUR CHILD WILL  
FOLLOW YOUR  
EXAMPLE, NOT  
YOUR ADVICE.

## Feeling Funky Friday

An amazing array of 'funkiness' at the school today—some amazing hair styles, some brilliant clothes and if I can be so bold, some very interesting combinations of attire.

As per the school's e-mail please remember that the whole point of today was to raise awareness of Essex Young Carer's and to remind parents that our school has a young carers award.

## Fun4Kids

Please see the school website: [https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/fun\\_4\\_kids\\_after\\_school\\_club/27159](https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/fun_4_kids_after_school_club/27159)

for updated information and contact details for the After School provision that runs out of the school's Town site.

They can also be contacted via facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/fun4kidsstjohnsgreen>

Many thanks to our PTA who have provided every child in the school with a small Easter Egg today. For our younger children, a search was in order—some of our older children are beyond such things but do enjoy the chocolate!

## Book in a Box

What an amazing effort from many of our children (and their parents) for our Book in a Box's. They really were amazing, colourful and very innovative.

As always with these things, not everyone can be a winner—and the task of judging fell to Mrs Skinner and Miss Wiggins.

Congratulations then to:

### EYFS:

- The Stick Man box - Alyssa
- Bear Hunt - Amelia
- Colour Monster box - Ambrose

### Year 1:

- Peace at last - Theo
- The Tiger That Came to Tea - Tilly
- Little Red Riding Hood - Cher

### Year 2:

- Snail and the Whale - Erica
- Snail and the Whale - Jasmine
- Deadly 60 - Isabelle

### Year 3:

- Tiger That Came to Tea - Rosie
- How to Train a Dragon - Mia
- Ironman - Charlie

### Year 4:

- Harry Potter - Stanley
- Kids Fight Plastic - Alexis

### Year 5:

- Grandad's Great Escape - Jack

- Billionaire Boy - Harry
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Daisy

### Year 6:

- How to Train a Dragon - Elliot, Harvey, Thomas
- The Lottie Project - Talia and Maria



And Finally,

I walked into the EYFS class base yesterday after school to bear witness to Mrs Correia and Miss Simmonds hitting each other with glow in the dark foam sticks. If you wondered what our EYFS staff got up to after school—now you know. Apparently it was 'educational' - I'm just not sure in what sense.

Have a good Weekend - Simon Billings

# Firstsite Holiday Fun

Easter 2021

Mon 29 Mar - Thu 1 Apr  
and Tue 6 - Fri 9 Apr

**FREE**

FREE for families that qualify for Free School Meals & those families that require additional support during the school holidays because of the pandemic.

## Sports activities & takeaway meals

Sessions take place at Firstsite  
Mon 29 Mar - Thu 1 Apr and Tue 6 - Fri 9 Apr.

Book your children onto a fun sports activity starting at 10:15am or 12:00pm. A hot meal can also be booked for your whole family to takeaway. These will be ready to collect after the sports activities. Every takeaway meal will include creative activities to take home.

### Session 1

Sports activity 10:15am - 11:45am  
Takeaway food collection 11:45am - 12:00pm

### Session 2

Sports activity 12:00pm - 1:30pm  
Takeaway food collection 1:30pm - 1:45pm

Please note that booking is essential. Activities most suitable for ages 4 - 11 years.

Caregivers are required to stay on site throughout the sports activities. Outdoor seating will be available, however we are unable to offer seating after the sports activity has finished. Please take your meals away with you.

Menus and list of activities available at:  
[www.firstsite.uk/easter-holiday-fun-2021](http://www.firstsite.uk/easter-holiday-fun-2021)



Fun sports  
activities  
for children



Creative  
activities to  
take home

Takeaway  
lunches  
for all the  
family



As part of ActiveEssex's  
ActiveAte Easter Holiday Club.

## How to book

Bookings open Wed 24 Mar at 9:00am.

Book online:

[www.firstsite.uk/easter-holiday-fun-2021](http://www.firstsite.uk/easter-holiday-fun-2021)

Holiday Fun is FREE for families that qualify for Free School Meals and those families that require additional support during the school holidays because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Limited spaces available, offered on a first come, first served basis.

In line with Government restrictions, we ask that you only attend with members of your household or support bubble.

Please let us know if you need to cancel your booking so your space can be made available to others who may need it.

### Where to go

Firstsite,  
Lewis Gardens,  
High St, Colchester,  
Essex CO1 1JH



When you arrive please follow the signage for 'Holiday Fun'.

## Keeping you safe

We have put a number of measures in place to provide a safe and fun experience for everyone:

- Staff equipped with PPE
- Surfaces and seating cleaned regularly
- Toilets closely monitored and regularly cleaned
- Socially distanced sports activities with equipment cleaned between sessions
- Hand sanitising stations
- Participants' details recorded as part of 'NHS Test and Trace'

Please wear a face covering if you need to enter the building, unless you are exempt.

The steps we have taken meet the Government and public health guidance, and we hold the 'Good To Go' industry standard mark. If you have any questions about our safety measures, get in touch by emailing [info@firstsite.uk](mailto:info@firstsite.uk) or call 01206 713 700.



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