



# St John's Green Primary School.

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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

Jane D. Hull



### Foundation Stage Learning Garden

Our climbing apparatus and the new tree house have now been fully installed in the outside learning area of the Foundation Stage. It has most definitely been very exciting, for the staff as well as the children with all sorts of crawling, climbing and hanging! The tree house will be ready to be explored next Tuesday.



**Could all parents please make sure that children do not climb on the apparatus or go in the tree house before school.**



Please remember that it's Bank Holiday Monday this coming Monday and the school is closed.

### PE Kit

Please note that children need coloured team tops for PE. The colour of the top they need depends on which house team they are in:

Red—Abbey

Blue—Colne

Purple—Temple

Green—Siege

Yellow—Priory

Coloured polo tops are available from our school uniform suppliers [www.smartypantsschoolwear.com](http://www.smartypantsschoolwear.com)

### Diary Dates

Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th May—Year 5 Walk to Highwoods

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May—Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 19th—Friday 22nd May—Year 4 Residential Danbury

Monday 25th—Friday 28th—Half Term

Friday 5th June—Year 1 Trip to Colchester Zoo (If Parents have a Gold Card could they please bring them in to the School Office at Abbey Field to be photocopied)

Friday 5th June—PTA Quiz Night (Teams of 6)

Monday 8th—Thursday 11th June—Year 2 SATs

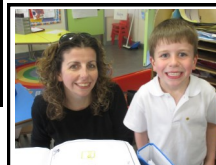
Thursday 18th June—Sports Day

Friday 17th July—Last Day of Summer Term

### Kingswood

Year 5 parents please remember that the next Kingswood instalment of £60 is now overdue.

### Parents' Evening



Every parent will have received their child's report for the end of Assessment Period 3 this Tuesday, and Wednesday was an opportunity for parents to come into school to look at the

work the children have been doing and celebrate their success. Thank you to all those parents who were able to come along on Wednesday - it makes such a difference to your children, when we, as parents, take pride in their achievements. The report gives ways in which you can support your child's learning at home...little and often really does make a big difference in reinforcing their learning.



### Curriculum Letters

Children will be bringing home, either today or Monday the curriculum letters which detail the different topics that each year group will be learning about this term. Please do read through them. If you think you can help and support in any way, please let the class teachers know.

Foundation—Plants and Pets, Year 1—Wild, Wild World, Year 2/3/4—What a Waste—Recycling, Year 5—Ancient Egyptians, Year 6—Inspirational Writers

They will also be on our website, just in case you misplace it.

### Reading/Writing

**We know that regular reading and writing improves our knowledge and skills in this area. Please do read with your children 5 x a week and encourage them to write 5 x a week (anything from shopping lists to a story)**

### Foundation Paramedics

Having learnt her lesson last week, Mrs Bullivant kept her distance, when another of our parents, Mr Vaughn, came into the Foundation classes to tell the children about being a paramedic. The children were shown the different parts of the uniform and why they were worn. He then went on to explain and show the children how to wrap bandages and put on a sling.



### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Alfie Parker-Nicholls

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Kamil Dorosz

Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Frankie Dawood

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Amara Flaherty-Downs

Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Lily Horgan

Sully Award (Mercury) - Joseph Abbott

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Riley Hunt

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Sadie Cranmer

Bumble Award (Circus) - Charlotte Anderson

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Kairon Martin

Mickey Award (Roses) - Ava Adamson

Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Jude Thurston

Heads' Award - Circus

Attendance - Castle

Spot - Freddie Szaj

### Playground Design Competition

Please don't forget about the playground design competition. We will be having the playgrounds marked at the Abbey Field site this summer.

We would like the children to come up with a design of anything they chose that they think would be perfect for our playground.

There are three categories—Lower Phase (F & Yr1), Middle Phase (Yr2, 3, 4), Upper Phase (Yr5, 6).

Entries should be A4 size and in colour and handed in to either school office. Please make sure that children put their name and class on the back. Entries need to be handed in to the school by Tuesday 5th May.

The winning entrants will get their design marked onto the school playground.

'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.' Benjamin Franklin

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



This weeks starter: 'R2D2, you useless bucket of bolts, we're totally lost again,' whined C3PO, '

R2D2 let out a high pitched scream...

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

And Finally ...

As Headteacher clearly I am perfect...Except this morning when I politely asked Mrs Bullivant why I couldn't find the photographs she told me she had downloaded onto the computer.

As I've been winding Mrs Bullivant up for her photographic skills, I'm sure you can imagine her delight when she got to tell me, that I'd probably find the photographs if I looked in the right file. Touché...

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings