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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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### Test 'Text'

Many thanks to the parents that have already downloaded the app for the school's text messaging service.

We will be printing off and distributing your user names and passwords for app downloaders next week and will also send a test 'Text' next week—which rather unimaginatively will just read, 'Test.'

I will confirm in the newsletter next week, when we sent the text which hopefully will be a moot point because you will have received the text anyway.

As already mentioned, please download the app, with the links available via the school website ('Parent Information' and then 'Text Messaging')—sending messages via the app means that the school does not have to pay for the cost of the text.

### PTA Design Competition

Please remember that competition entries for a new PTA logo, need to be received into school by Thursday 23rd May.

The design needs to be:

- Simple, clear and fun.
- It will be used on all the letters, certificates and posters that the PTA make, so your art will be seen a lot for many years to come!

For those of you that wanted to enter but have misplaced the competition form—it's on the school website in (Parent Information—Parent Teacher Association)

### All Things Curriculum

All the children in the school will have brought home their Curriculum Letters this week detailing their current learning and learning for the rest of the term.

Please un-earth it from the depths of your children's book bags/school bags and have a quick read through.

I know children often say they've done nothing at school—but hopefully the Curriculum Letters are proof that in actual fact—they do!

EYFS—My Fantasy World  
Year 1—Wild, Wild World  
Year 2—What a Wonderful World  
Year 3—Blue Planet  
Year 4—Road Trip USA  
Year 5 Wonderful World  
Year 6—Summertime

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

Jane D. Hull

### Assembly Theme for Next Week:

Know and show what makes a good relationship.

### The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 29:

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.

It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.



Just a reminder to all parents that class photographs are available on line at

<https://hdorders.com/login>

All parents will have received a slip with their access code on.

All and any enquiries to in-  
[fo@happydaysphoto.co.uk](mailto:fo@happydaysphoto.co.uk)

### It's a Duck Thing

As part of the EYFS Topic this term—we currently have ducks living with us in the Foundation Stage.

They started with us this week just as eggs and since then have hatched and are now happily roaming their enclosure.

Apparently, next week, they have their first swimming lessons.

Some truly excellent learning and an amazing experience for the children—and for the staff too, for that matter.



Don't quack like a duck, soar like an eagle. Ken Blanchard.

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### Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd May—Closing Date for Entries for PTA—Design a Logo Competition

Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May. Half Term.

WB 3/6/19—ARTs Week (Supported by PTA)

Wednesday 5th June—Skreens Park—Final Information Meeting for Parents. 6.00p.m. @ T

Friday 7th June. 3.15p.m.—4.00p.m. Parents Invited to see ART's Week Work in Halls @ AF & T.

Friday 7th June—PTA Quiz Night 7.00p.m. @ AF

WB 10/6/19—RE Week

WB 17/6/19—Music Week

Friday 21st June—Non-Uniform Day for donations for Summer Fair (EYFS—Year 5)

Monday 24th June—Non Uniform day for Donations to Summer Fair—Year 6 Only

Thursday 20th June. A.m.—Year 4/5/6 Sports Day @ Garrison Track (Shared Lunch) p.m. Year 2/3 Sports day @ Garrison Track

Friday 21st June. Year 6—Harry Potter Studio Tour

WB 24/6/19—Year 2 to Skreens Park

Thursday 27th June a.m. @ AF—EYFS/Year 1 Sports Day—followed by Picnic Lunch.

Thursday 27th June. Current Year 3 Parent Information Meeting for next Years Year 4 Danbury Residential.

Fri 28th June—Summer Fair, 5pm–7pm Abbeyfield site

Tuesday 23rd July—Last Day of Summer Term

Wednesday 4th September. First Day of Autumn Term.

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

### Well Done Year 6

Our Year 6 children have been through the mill this week, as they have sat their SATs papers.



We couldn't be prouder of the effort, enthusiasm and commitment they have demonstrated every day and with such a positive outlook.

My thanks to all our Year 6 parents for helping get them primed and ready but most importantly to the children—a huge well done and a long wait now until mid July when the results come back.

There is a lot of argument on both the positive and negative impact of the Year 6 SATs and what SATs are actually testing: the child or the school.

Regrettably, there is no easy answer, because SATs are a part of our education system. I would though say this—the knowledge and information that the children are taught and apply in these tests far outweighs anything we were ever taught or had to apply at their age.

Testing and exams, the pressure of an interview, winning and losing are all part of life and if the SATs and the knowledge and information that they imbue, help in some way to prepare the children both for secondary school and as a skill for later life, then the SATs, the school, you as parents and the children themselves have all contributed to that. Life is all about Life Chances and our Year 6 children have proved what they are all very capable of achieving, regardless of what their actual results are. So 'Well Done' Year 6.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Whole Class MM  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Whole Class MM  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Evelyn Wilkinson RREX  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Mohammad Amir RREX  
Year 4 (Castle) - Thomas Smith RROX  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Yan Ouyang MM  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Jason Dev MM  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Jamee-Lee McGeachie MM  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Victoria Brown MM  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Donovan Doyle MLM  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Maddison Patch MM  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Isabella Cetinkaya RROX  
Year 2 (Romans) - Lukas West RROX  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Luca Castagnoli CC  
Year 1 (Circus) - Macie Loader RREX  
Year 1 (Roses) - Kian Cummins RREX  
Foundation (Chariot) - Kedja Noci RREX  
Foundation (Star) - Sophie Belsey CC  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Jackson O'Connell RREX

Attendance — Romans & Castle

### Well Done



A couple of individual really 'Well Done's' that have been brought to our attention this last week.

Firstly—to Mellora who has just been crowned as the 'Face of London' in the Mini Category, winning a Disney Experience. Mellora goes on to participate in the Face of Europe Pageant which is held in Disneyland Paris.

Also to Ava—Ava was awarded her football trophy for her excellent playing and teamwork this season for Brantham Athletic Football Club.

With the Woman's World Cup but a few weeks away—who knows, in a few years time it could be one of our very own lifting that trophy.



### And Finally,

Just as we were bringing a Year Group leader meeting to a close yesterday evening. I received three missed calls in a row from my wife. Feeling brave (and to be fair I was in a meeting) I ignored it working on the basis that if it was important she could ring the school. As the meeting closed there was a text—but this time from my son saying please could I ring. On ringing my son said, "Dad, please could you buy me Johnny English 3." I did question why it was important for him to ring three times, disturb a meeting and text me for Johnny English 3. He said, "Well tomorrow, as a reward for finishing SATs, we can all take in a DVD and then we'll vote and we'll watch the winning DVD." "So let me get this right," I said, "you have called me to go and buy you a DVD, that we haven't got, despite the fact we've got 100's of others, to take to school for everyone to vote on all the DVD's that everyone else has brought in—so it probably won't be chosen anyway?" "Yes!" was my son's reply.

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings