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our learning

# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...

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Please remember our Positive Parenting sessions for all parents in the school starts next Wednesday 20th April from 9.00 to 10.00 at the Abbey Field site. If you have not signed up yet and do have some time, please do come along. Plenty of refreshments available and it is all about working together to help your children be the best they can be.

### Inter House Cross Country

The children battled it out this week over two cross country courses to be crowned Team Cross Country Champions 2016. Such was his passion for winning that Mr Bates took to the field himself to try to inspire Abbey to victory. There simply is not room to put every result on the newsletter. A full list of results is available on the school website under, 'Sports Funding.'

Event winners were as follows



Year 1—Corey Alder (boys), Ellie Gray (girls)

Year 2—Aran Mustafa (boys), Trinity Cottham (girls)

Year 3—Harry Gillon (boys), Sophie Ratcliffe (girls)

Year 4/5/6—Stanley Hobbs (boys), Katie Roberts (girls)

The overall team winners were as follows

1st Temple (1900), 2nd Siege (1963), 3rd Abbey (2003), 4th Colne (2181), 5th Priory (2462)

A fantastic effort from all the children and my thanks to Mrs Simmons for organising it all.



### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Rosie-May Brook  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Max Howie  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Philip Wu  
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Sam Laverick  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Melody Hope  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Aun Ameen  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Franky Lane  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - William Gledhill-Wragg  
Bumble Award (Circus) - Martina Salvatori  
Simba Award (Roses) - Jude Thurston  
Stitch Award (Chariot) - Aimee Hunt  
Hathi Award (Star) - Freya Hunt  
Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Tiffany Gabcova  
Spot— Joshua Mann  
Heads' Award— Mrs Simmons  
Attendance — Star/Claudius

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

Jane D. Hull

### Kingswood

Year 5 Parents please remember that the next payment of £65 for the residential in September is due by 22/4/16.

### Handwriting Competition

Once again we will be holding our annual handwriting competition in conjunction with the Rotary Club.

The poem is on the reverse of the newsletter and entries need to be handed in to either School Office with the child's name and year group by Friday 29th April.

### Parking on Flagstaff Road

I have had several meetings over the last few weeks with both the Traffic Enforcement Team at Colchester and with Babcocks, who service and repair military vehicles and who are based on Flagstaff Road.

There is a significant concern about parking along Flagstaff Road about:

1. The size of the military vehicles that enter and leave the Babcock site
2. Parking by the dentist surgery and opposite Abbey Gate house
3. Parking in the cul-de-sac at the bottom of Flagstaff Road.

Since previous arrangements were put in place, the school has grown considerably with 390 children now in the school. The school, Traffic Enforcement and Babcocks is concerned that if the situation remains as it is then it is only a matter of time before we have a serious accident that involves a member of our school. None of us want that on our conscience!

**With the above in mind, I need to inform you that the Traffic Enforcement Team will be stepping up their patrols in and around St John's Green from Monday of next week. The traffic regulations for double yellow lines along all of Flagstaff Road (from opposite the dentist surgery to Circular Road) will be strictly adhered to. This means that if you park there, even if you stay in your car, you are likely to get a ticket.**

I fully appreciate the frustrations that will be born from this and wish I could offer an alternative parking solution. Unfortunately, I can't, other than to say that the decision taken by the school, in conjunction with the Traffic Enforcement Team and Babcocks, with regards to parking along Flagstaff Road, is about safeguarding children.

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### Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th April. 6.00p.m. Final Danbury Information Meeting for Year 4 Parents. (Town)

Wednesday 20th April. Positive Parenting Group starts.

25th April—29th April. Shakespeare Week.

Monday 2nd May. Bank Holiday Monday.

Wednesday 27th April. 9.00—10.15a.m. Open Morning.

Tuesday 3rd May—Friday 6th May. Year 4 Residential Danbury.

Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May. Year 6 SATs.

Monday 23rd May—Friday 27th May. Year 2 SATs.

Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June. Half Term.

Monday 13th June—Friday 17th June. Year 1 Phonics Screening.

### Year 4 Recycling.

This week Year 4 started a programme run by the local council to make children and their families more aware of waste and recycling. For the next seven weeks Colchester's Street wardens will be training them to reduce, reuse and recycle and pass on the message to as many people as they can. On Wednesday they started by learning some facts about how much more they could recycle and then actually sorted rubbish into different types of materials for recycling. Eco-warriors of the future!



And Finally ...

Mrs Bullivant has been complaining to me for the best part of the week that she can't find her school camera. Twice I've been accused and twice had my desk drawers checked. Fortunately, and I don't like to gloat, the camera turned up yesterday—in Mrs Bullivants desk drawer...apparently it wasn't there when she last looked!

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings

## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER TERM

If you are interested in your child joining a club, please confirm your child's place with the School Office.

Parents do need to confirm their interest in these clubs. There are restricted numbers on all clubs. Places will be on a strictly, first come, first served basis. Waiting lists will be kept for some clubs if necessary! The following clubs will start week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

DAY	CLUB
MONDAY – TOWN SITE YEARS 2 + 3	DANCE CLUB – LOUISE WALMSLEY – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - £27.50 for whole term (11 weeks)
MONDAY – AF – YEAR 1	JUMBLE JUNIORS – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - £12.50 for 5 weeks
TUESDAY – TOWN SITE Years 3 + 4	FOOTBALL CLUB – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - Chelsea Foundation 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - £30.00 Whole Term (if paid in advance)
TUESDAY – AF FOUNDATION	JUMBLE JUNIORS – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - £15.00 for 6 weeks Up to May half-term.
TUESDAY – AF YEAR 6 ONLY	WOODWORK CLUB – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - £12.00 for 6 weeks (Waiting List available)
WEDNESDAY – AF YEAR 1	DANCE CLUB – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - Taylor's Dance Company - £30.00 whole term or £15.00 up to May half-term
WEDNESDAY – AF Years 5 + 6	FOOTBALL CLUB – Chelsea Foundation – 3.15-4.15 p.m. - £30.00 whole term – (if paid in advance)
WEDNESDAY – TOWN SITE Years 3 + 4	COMPUTER CLUB – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (MS) – FULL – PLACES TAKEN FROM WAITING LIST
THURSDAY – AF YEAR 1	DANCE CLUB – Taylor's Dance Company - £30.00 whole term or £15.00 up to May half-term
THURSDAY – TOWN SITE YEARS 3 + 4	CHEERLEADING – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. (SC)
THURSDAY – AF YEAR 1	COMPUTER CLUB – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. (Free) (MS) – 20 places only – Waiting List available
THURSDAY – TOWN SITE YEAR 2	MULTI-SKILLS CLUB – Colchester United Football in the Community – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - £30.00 whole term
FRIDAY – AF YEARS 5+6	DANCE CLUB – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. - Taylor's Dance Company. £15 up to May half-term

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR ALL CLUBS, CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE UNDERCOVER AREA AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL AT TOWN SITE AND FROM THE RECEPTION AREA AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT ABBEY FIELD SITE.

## Purple Pinkie - Handwriting competition

Red – Key Stage 1

Red and Green – Key stage 2

Purple Pinkie is on hand  
To eradicate Polio from every land  
For just a pound coin he arrives  
And each coin saves five little lives  
Yes, to help the world to understand  
Purple Pinkie is on hand  
So where does Purple Pinkie linger?  
On the top part of your little finger  
So what does Purple Pinkie do?  
He's come to see the mission through  
Purple Pinkie must not fail  
That's why everyone must paint a nail  
Rotary's Polio Plus came alive  
Back in 1985  
Before Purple Pinkie appeared on hands  
It was in 125 different lands  
125...that's more than a few  
Now that number has reduced to 2  
Pakistan and Afghanistan  
Two billion vaccines and 30 years on  
Polio's 99% gone  
Every single one pound spent  
Will help destroy that one per cent

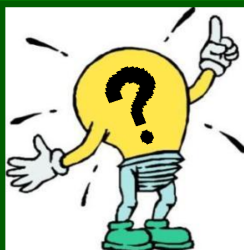
Foundation  
and  
KS1

F/Year 1/  
Year 2

KS2

1/3/4  
5/6

## Idioms



Idioms are phrases which people use in everyday language which do not make sense literally, but we understand what they mean.

### Idiom Challenge

There'll be a weekly Idiom challenge this term, focusing on using Idioms in a descriptive sentence.

This weeks Idiom.

### Cool as a Cucumber



Children need to write the idiom in a descriptive sentence. As always, Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or writing prize.