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## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

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

WB 24/6/19—Year 2 to Skreens Park

24/6/19—Romans to Skreens Park

25/6/19—Claudius to Skreen's Park. Romans Return.

26/6/19—Mercury to Skreen's Park. Claudius Return.

27/6/19—Mercury Return from Skreen's 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. 6.00p.m. @ T

Fri 28th June—Summer Fair, 5pm-7pm Abbey Field site. Pirate Theme.

Wednesday 17th July. p.m. Year 6 Production to Parents and Pre-School Children. 'We're all Going on a Summer Holiday.'

Wednesday 17th July. 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. Children's Open Evening.

Thursday 18th July. Evening. Year 6 Production to Parents and Children of School age only, 'We're all Going on a Summer Holiday.'

Monday 22nd July. 5.00p.m.—7.45p.m. Year 6 Leavers games, BBQ & Disco.

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.

### Non Uniform Day—Summer Fair—Avast me Hearties!



Huge thanks to everyone who sent their child into school today with a plethora of goodies for our Summer Fair—which is next Friday 28th June from 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. at Abbey Field. If you forgot the goodie bag or ran out of time to delve into the depths of your cupboards, then you have all weekend and Monday is perfectly fine to bring in more goodies.

Please also remember that the PTA are organising a 'Pirate Fancy Dress Competition' as part of the festivities. Entering is very easy—you just have to come dressed as a pirate. Parents are more than welcome to join in too.

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:

Understand and respect the changes I see in others.

The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 3:

All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." Malcolm Gladwell

### Essex University



This Tuesday, pupils from the Creative Writing Group, who have been working with Mr Eves, visited Essex University for an outreach session to learn about possible learning and career paths they could take over the coming years. After a tour and talk about the university, they enthusiastically took part in sessions on creative writing and play-writing - being a credit to the school. Huge thanks to Mr Eves for organising this and the faculty staff at Essex University for the time and effort they put in to make it happen.



Collaborative Cakes  
Work well together;  
support each other.



Making Links Mollie  
Make connections across all  
areas of your learning.



Learning Dispositions

Resilience Rex  
Keep going even  
when it's hard; never  
give up.



Motivator Melinda  
Be keen to succeed; try  
your best.

Reflection Rona  
Learn from experience; build  
on your learning.

### Music Week

Music has abounded this week as our children have been putting their musical talents to the test.

Mrs Rowe started the proceedings last week with a staff meeting that did take the less musically inclined amongst us out of our comfort zone.

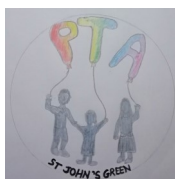
High on every class's agenda has been a school song—with a good nineteen versions now resonating around the school. Good luck to Mrs Rowe in trying to narrow down that field of entries.

In addition, children have been composing, making musical instruments, acting out to music and playing a plethora of instruments. Fantastic fun.



### PTA Logo Competition Winners

Following the PTA's recent competition for children to design a new logo for them. The PTA have, after much deliberation, made a decision and have chosen as their new design, the entry from Sandra Wellahewage from Cymbeline. Also highly commended were Mila and Zara from Trinovantes and Gullu from Oysters.



Really well done to Sandra whose winning design we will now begin to see embedded in our PTA communications.

### Rota Kids Conference

Today, at Colchester United football stadium, in front of 100 people, some of our School Council children made an amazing presentation of some of the children's achievements over the past year. They also explained what would be happening next year with our first ever School Club Day. There was also the opportunity to speak to other schools, passing on and receiving some great ideas. According to Mr Folkard, the highlight for them might have been lunch on the football terracing.



### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Harry Potter (RREX)

Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Hermione Granger (MLM)

Year 5 (Oysters) - Gullu Cetinkaya (RREX)

Year 5 (Magnets) - Zak Linnemoller (MM)

Year 4 (Castle) - Chloe McGuire (MLM)

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Eowyn Chambers (MM)

Year 4 (Garrison) - Olivia Dempsey (MM)

Year 3 (Dutch) - Ethem Budak (MM)

Year 3 (Iceni) - Daisy Laverick (MM)

Year 3 (Paxman) - Lilly-Sue Horwood (MM)

Year 2 (Mercury) - Jessie Davis (RREX)

Year 2 (Claudius) - Lexi Smith (RROX)

Year 2 (Romans) - Mia Henson (MM)

Year 1 (Eagles) - Alicia Hughes Flores (MM)

Year 1 (Circus) - Ody Perperoglou (MM)

Year 1 (Roses) - Georgina Armour (MLM)

Foundation (Chariot) - Lilly Rai O'Malley (MLM)

Foundation (Star) - Joshua Hallman-Cole (MM)

Foundation (Jumbo) - Ollie Tilbury (CC)

Attendance - Paxman

### HELP!

If parents can help in any way at the Summer Fair our PTA would greatly appreciate your help.

Even a short amount of time makes a big difference.

Please just let the school office know or let the PTA know directly via their Facebook page.

### Summer Fair Cakes

If you feel 'Bake Off' calling please could you conjure up some cakes for our Summer Fair next week.



Tall, small, fat or thin—our cake stall is always very popular but we do rely on our parents baking expertise.

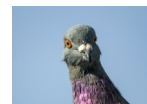
Food hygiene guidance is on the back of the newsletter, which parents would need to follow.

If cakes can be brought in on the morning of the Fair to either school office, it would be very much appreciated.

### Pigeon Facts

Did you know?

- A pigeon can find its way back to its nest from over 1300 miles away.
- They saved thousands of lives during the world wars by delivering critical updates.
- Pigeons mate for life and can live up to the age of 20.
- They can move their wings ten times a second.



### And Finally,

How many senior staff does it take to catch a pigeon...? Quite a few actually! Yesterday a pigeon flew into class Castle and decided to take up a semi permanent residence in the classroom, hopping and flapping from light to light. By 6.00p.m. the pigeon was still there and for obvious reasons, we couldn't leave it in the classroom overnight. Imagine if you can, Mrs Bourne with a cardboard box, Mr Skinner with a large sheet and myself on a ladder trying to catch a pigeon the best part of 12ft up in the air. For sheer entertainment value, it was possibly not our finest hour especially during the point when I was trapped on the ladder with the pigeon flying around my head. The pigeon then landed on the floor whereby I shouted to Mr Skinner to throw the sheet over it—which totally missed the pigeon and left Mrs Bourne in hysterics. Catch the pigeon we did or rather Mr Skinner did by pouncing on it when it landed on the radiator. The ladder, cardboard box and sheet having been no use at all! For those of you concerned about the welfare of the pigeon—it flew off quite happily, none the worse for having spent the afternoon in class Castle.

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings

## **SUMMER FAIR**

**Friday 28th June - 5.00 - 7.00 p.m. At Abbey Field**

Please come along and join the fun - Bouncy castles and a variety of inflatables will be available.

There will be a variety of stalls including raffle, tombolas, lucky dip and lots of "Pirate Theme" games.  
Refreshments will be on offer – BBQ/drinks and cakes

Displays from the After-School Dance Clubs and the School Choir

We would be grateful for any donations to our cake stall (small and large). Please bring any cakes in on the morning of the Fair to Abbey Field site. Please refer to guidelines for food preparation below.

We would also be grateful for any items that we could use as raffle prizes. Please hand any donations to the school office. Many thanks for your continued support!

### **Food Hygiene Guidance for Volunteer Caterers**

Keep yourself clean and wear clean clothing.

Ensure hands are washed thoroughly before handling food, after using the toilet, handling raw foods or waste, before starting work, after every break and after blowing your nose etc.

Do not prepare or handle food if you are unwell with stomach or bowel trouble, or have been unwell with any form of vomiting or diarrhoea illness within the last 48 hours.

Ensure cuts and wounds are covered with a waterproof, high visibility dressing.

Do not smoke, eat, drink when handling food and never sneeze or cough over food.

Store raw and cooked food separately and covered, to prevent cross contamination (raw food below cooked food in the refrigerator).

Cook food thoroughly, for example cook burgers/sausages until no pink areas remain.

Do not re-heat food more than once before serving. When re-heating, especially meat joints, poultry and meat dishes, an internal temperature of at least 70°C must be achieved. Use a meat thermometer to check this.

Do not prepare food too far in advance of the event. For most foods this means within 12-24 hours of the event, if refrigerated.

Cool and refrigerate food as soon as possible, and at least within 90 minutes of its preparation. Protect cooling food from contamination by flies, pets etc.

Keep your refrigerator or cool box at a temperature of 5°C or less (use a fridge thermometer to monitor the temperature).

Use cool boxes or cool bags with ice packs to transport foods from the preparation area and for storage at the serving point.

Clean and disinfect work surfaces. Use a spray sanitiser such as dettox. Clean and disinfect utensils, especially knives and chopping boards between preparation stages e.g. between handling raw and cooked foods, to prevent cross contamination.

Keep pets away from food preparation areas. Ensure that all food is protected against flies.

Ensure with canned, packaged food or ingredients that the "Use By" or "Best Before" dates are not exceeded. Ensure that packaging is not damaged before use.