



# St John's Green Primary School.

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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A very warm welcome back to everyone at St John's Green Primary School following the Christmas break.

As we come to the end of Assessment Period 2 and go into Assessment Period 3, class teachers will be changing some of their interventions in the classroom and making clear their expectations to help try to ensure that the children attain the targets that have been set for them.

**Please continue your support with this in making sure your children are at school on time, they read 5 x a week and they complete their homework on time. CHILDREN DO 17% BETTER AT SCHOOL WHEN PARENTS SUPPORT AT HOME.**

Let's face it: Most of us don't realise it, but we are failing our kids as reading role models. The best role models are in the home: brothers, fathers, grandfathers; mothers, sisters, grandmothers, mums and dads, it's important that your kids see you reading. Not just books - reading the newspaper is good, too.

James Patterson

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 14th January**—9.00a.m.—10.30 a.m.—Open Morning—Please feel free to pop in to either site to both watch and join in with the lessons being taught

**Tuesday 20th January**—Assessment Period 2 Reports to Parents

**Wednesday 21st January** 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.—Informal Parents Evening

**Monday 16th—Friday 20th February**—Half Term

**Monday 30th March (My Birthday (21) - Friday 10th April—Easter Holiday**



### Puddle Jumping

Admittedly, it did rain quite a lot yesterday but by lunch time the skies sort of cleared and we were outside at lunch. For those children with wellingtons, this gave an excellent opportunity for a spot of puddle jumping. Not for

me of course—I had to take the photograph.



### Christmas Quiz

For those of you that did the Christmas Quiz—please make sure that your answers are handed in to either school office by next Friday 16th January.

### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Edern Marsh  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Kevin Wang  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Jacob Hicks  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Ethan Peek  
Lion Award (Dutch) - Henry Aitken-McKenney  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Ruby Williams  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Lola Folkard  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Riley Thompson  
Bumble Award (Circus) - Daisy Shiggins  
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Mackenzie O'Shea  
Mickey Award (Roses) - Nathaniel Wojak  
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Henry Thornley  
Heads' Award — Oysters

### Clubs

All clubs listed below start next week - wk. beg. Monday 12th January 2015.

If your child attended any of these clubs last term there is no need to sign up again.

For any new clubs please ensure you complete a permission slip which you can collect from the school office at either site.

Please speak to the school office regarding payments for Football, Dance and Jumble Juniors

\*Please see new clubs added for the Spring Term

DAY	CLUB
MONDAY	HOMEWORK CLUB - YEARS 2/3/4 - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - Town Site - FREE
MONDAY	DANCE CLUB - Louise (Carolyn's School of Dance) - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. YEARS. 2/3/4- Town Site £20.00 for the term
MONDAY	*NEW CLUB - CHEERLEADING - YRS 5/6 at Abbey Field - 3.00- 4.00 - FREE
TUESDAY	*NEW CLUB - JUMBLE JUNIORS for FOUNDATION 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. at Abbey Fields - £12.50 for half-term
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL CLUB (Chelsea FC) - YEARS 2/3/4 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - Town Site £20.00 for the term
TUESDAY	CHOIR CLUB - KS2 - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. Town Site - FREE
TUESDAY	*NEW CLUB STARTING TUESDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY LEGO CLUB at Town Site for YRS. 2/3/4 - 3.15 - 4.15 - FREE
WEDNESDAY	FOOTBALL CLUB (Chelsea FC) - YEARS 5/6 3.00 - 4.15 p.m. -£20.00 for the term- Abbey Field Site
WEDNESDAY	DRAMA CLUB - YEARS 5/6 - 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. - Abbey Field Site - FREE
THURSDAY	DANCE CLUB (YEAR 1) - Louise (Carolyn's School of Dance) - 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. - Abbey Field Site £22.50 for whole term
THURSDAY	CHEERLEADING - YEARS 2/3/4 - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - Town Site - FREE
THURSDAY	COMPUTER CLUB - YEARS 2/3/4 - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. -Town Site - FREE
FRIDAY	CHANGE OF DAY : Library Club - 3.15 - 4.15 p.m. - All children/parents invited to Town Site - FREE

**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 RECEPTION AT THE FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AT ABBEY FIELD SITE.**



### Letters and Sounds

Every day Children in Lower Phase and Year 2 have a Letters and Sounds Phonic lesson where they practise

letter sounds, segmenting, blending etc. The children are taught in small groups at the level they are currently working at. Please go on to the school website—and follow the link Reading—Foundation/Year 1—for some 'Swashbuckling, Sarah and Duck, Tree Fu Tom, Octonauts, Peter Rabbit stories and activities.

### School Closures

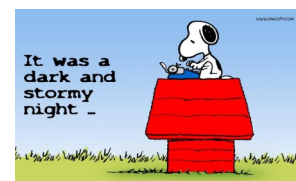
Essex County Council have changed the way that schools need to advise parents should they have to close. Local radio will no longer be used—instead parents will need to go to [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk) then click on Education-Schools, Schools, Dates, Emergency School Closures. The school would also state on our website if we were closed. We have not had to close for the weather yet—and do not intend to but please be advised of the above.

### News Letter Challenge

As always, a new challenge for the new term.

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:



As always—answers on Mr Bates door if you're at Town site and on Mrs Smith's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each Phase will get to chose a free book.

And Finally... amazing facts

1, Around 70% of the earth's surface is covered by oceans. 2, The largest ocean is the Pacific Ocean—covering 30% of the earth's surface. 3, We have only explored about 5% of the worlds' oceans. 4, The worlds' oceans are home to incredible creatures that are masters of disguise—take a look— <http://ngkids.co.uk/did-you-know/Ocean-Facts>

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings