



# St John's Green Primary School.

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## Newsletter

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### Diary Dates

WB 9/3/15-12/3/15-Book Fair at Abbey Field -3.00p.m.-4.15p.m.

Tuesday 10th March @ 2.00p.m. at Abbey Field-PTA-Annual General Meeting-all parents welcome

Monday 30th March-Friday 10th April-Easter Holiday

### Danbury & Kingswood

Please remember that the last payment of £50 is due by 20th March for the Year 4 Danbury residential and £55 for the Year 6 residential next year which is due by 24th April.

### Your PTA Needs You!

Come along to our PTA Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th March at Abbeyfields site. After the short formality of the AGM where a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer will be voted in, the rest of the session from 2-3pm will be time to mix with other parents over tea/coffee and cake. We are looking for a core committee of parents to plan and run a fundraising or social event each term. Please let the office or Mrs Bourne know if you are interested in becoming a regular committee member.



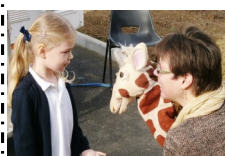
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### The Life Bus

For the last three days the 'Life Bus' has been parked at Abbey Field. All the classes in the school have experienced a session in the life bus covering a range of health, hygiene and safety topics. Year 6—Decisions, Year 5—Friends, Year 4—It's Great to be me, Year 3—Meet the Brain, Year 2 - Feelings', Year 1—My Wonderful Body, Foundation—All About Me. The children also met 'Harold' the Giraffe who helped teach and share with the children some important messages about the topics above. All the children I have spoken to, have said how much they enjoyed it. Please do ask your children about their experience on the Life Bus—hopefully they'll remember!



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

### Foundation Stage

Many thanks for all the pots and pans, sheets etc that parents have been donating for our Foundation children, please do keep dropping them in.. The children were outside this morning putting hooks in and hanging the pots up and pans up, ready for use and they have very quickly become musical instruments. The Foundation children have also begun planting in the tyres. Could parents please ensure that their pre-school children do not upend the tyres etc when waiting to collect their Foundation children. Next week Abacus are in to install the bases for the new play sheds.



Purple/Pinkie—The final total for our purple pinkie day was £310—thank you to everyone who handed in their £1.

Marie Curie—Daffodil badges are on sale at both school offices in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care



### Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Ashley Wignall  
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Oscar Whitwell  
Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Ben Chang  
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Faith Major  
Lion Award (Dutch) - Philip Wu  
Sully Award (Mercury) - Lily Hedges  
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Ede Jones  
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Michael Manktelow  
Bumble Award (Circus) - Alesia Moisin  
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Arianna Hughes Flores  
Mickey Award (Roses) - Jamie Burke  
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Brendan Collier  
Heads' Award - Oysters  
Attendance—Castle  
Spot—Mackenzie O'Brien

### Maths Road Show

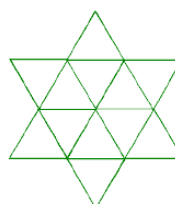


On Tuesday all the children from Year 2—



Year 6 took part in a maths road show at our Town site. Nrich, a group from Cambridge University—brought a range of mathematical problems and puzzles for children to solve. The aim was to promote creativity within maths and to stimulate mathematical curiosity. All the children demonstrated some incredible perseverance skills as they pondered, puzzled and overcame the challenges that had been set. And so that no body misses out—something for you to try at home.

How many triangles can you find in this star?



### Book Fair

Next week—from Monday to Thursday is our Book Fair—which will be at the Abbey Field site. This will run from 3.00p.m.—4.15p.m. All children will be given an opportunity to have a look through the books at the beginning of the week. Also on Monday—the children will all be given a £1 voucher to spend against the purchase of a book.

### News Letter 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:



'Everyone follow me,' said Captain Barnacles as he moved deeper into the cave.

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 get to chose a free book.

### And Finally ...

Mrs Bourne and I were putting on a presentation last week and needed to use one of the boards in the classrooms. The first challenge was turning on the boards—which took the two of us 5 mins to figure out. This, however, was upstaged by Mrs Bourne complaining that the battery in her remote mouse didn't work and it was a new battery! Once I'd taken the cellophane off the battery it worked fine!

Have a weekend

Simon Billings