



We are growing
our learning

St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

We ♥
Maths

We are all
writers ...



Newsletter

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Internet Safety

You will, of course, be aware as parents of the very real dangers that exist on the internet and will no doubt have read and heard about recent recommendations for screen time and age appropriate use for applications such as Instagram. There is a brief summary of the recommendations here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-47150658>

On the reverse of the newsletter, there's also a brief survey for you to conduct with your children at home together. It's not a test and they don't need to be handed in!

Primary 500 Word Competition with St Helena

St Helena are once again running their 500 word writing competition for their feeder primary schools.

The St Helena competition runs alongside BBC Radio 2's national competition, but is a separate event.

For the St Helena competition, children need to return their stories to the School Office by Wednesday 6th March. The school will then send the entries to St Helena.

There are two age categories: (5-9) and (10-11). Please make sure the stories have your child's name, age and school written clearly on them.

There are a lot of inspirational resources on BBC Radio 2's website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/28zgDX98FnDYbN9j1jbk4H5/500-words-2019>

The premise is really simple. Children can write a story about absolutely anything they want, but no more than 500 words.

In the words of the HRH Duchess of Cornwall
"Keep saying a big fat YES to adventure"

If you want to also enter the national competition, then this needs to be done through the BBC Radio 2 website on-line.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Alliyah Famuyiwa (RR)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Sam Laverick (RR)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Gullu Cetinkaya (MLM)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Layla Amos (CC)
Year 4 (Castle) - Robbie-Joe Short (RR)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Olivia Richer (MM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Lola Butler (MM)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Nathaniel Paz (MM)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Luka Brand (MM)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Aaliyah King (MM)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Alan Mills (MM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Safia Stone (MM)
Year 2 (Romans) - Jennifer Tran (CC)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Ariyan Mustafa (RR)
Year 1 (Circus) - James Wilkins (MM)
Year 1 (Roses) - Harry Freebody (MM)
Foundation (Chariot) - Alexa Milbank (CC)
Foundation (Star) - Ivy Hawes (RR)
Foundation (Jumbo) - Kiara Williams (MLM)
Attendance - Cymbeline

Times Education Supplement—Book Review

The Haven is Simon Lelic's first venture into children's literature. I gave this book to pupils in my creative writing group and it wasn't long before I was hit by a stream of superlatives. This didn't stop or change once they had finished the book. They all wanted to know if there was going to be a follow up....Rob Eves.

Read how some of year 6 have reviewed this book

<https://www.tes.com/news/class-book-review-haven>

The way we
talk to our
children
becomes their
inner voice.

Governor's Report Following the FGB Meeting on Monday 4.2.19

Governor reports were shared which included safeguarding, child protection and financial matters. The school's 3 year business plan was agreed, as well as the decision to purchase and install acoustic panels for the lower hall at Town site to deaden the sound created at lunchtime (these panels are already in place at Abbey site).

The governors also ratified a number of policies: financial regulations, cash handling, debt management and lettings.

Simon Billings shared the updated Key Facts document which included the data from the end of Assessment Period 1 and Governors were invited to comment and ask challenging questions of the data and the teaching staff.

The school has been involved in Peer to Peer reviews with other schools in the area. Heads from 3 other schools came into St John's Green to review subject leadership and writing across the curriculum and St John's Green have led a Peer Review of another local school.

Governors had a welfare update from Tina Bourne. 'Prayer Space' week was organised by a local church and gave children the opportunity to experience the peace and calm of a safe space. Drop in sessions were also available for staff and parents. In order to support and promote pupil mental health and well being, the school will be also be designating a senior leader for Mental Health.

The PTA were thanked for their hard work and enthusiasm, and for achieving charity status. They are going from strength to strength. Please support them if you are able.

Sophie Stubbings

Year 2 Skreens Park

Please remember that the £15 deposit for the Year 2 residential is due today.

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Friday 8th February 2019

Diary Dates

Friday 8th February. £15 deposit due for Year 2 residential—'Skreens Park.'

Wednesday 13th February. Open Morning. 9.00-10.00a.m. AF & T.

Friday 15th February. Non Uniform Day (Purple/Pink) - Pinkie Purple. Supporting Rotary Club, End Polio Now. £1.

Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February—Half Term

Monday 25th February—Friday 1st March. RE Week. Chinese New Year.

Wednesday 27th February. 5.45p.m.—7.15p.m.—Shared Supper @ AF.

Friday 1st March. 5.00p.m.—6.00p.m. Year 1/2 Disco @ AF. 6.30p.m.—7.30p.m. Year 3/4 Disco @ AF

Monday 4th March—Friday 8th March. Life Bus in School.

Wednesday 6th March. Deadline for St Helena 500 word competition.

Friday 8th March. Book Character Dress up Day. (Come to school dressed as a Book Character)

Friday 8th March. 6.00p.m.—7.00p.m. Year 5/6 Disco @ AF.

Monday 8th April—Monday 22nd April—Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April—First Day of the Summer Term

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

PTA Children's Disco's

Our PTA have arranged to host some disco's for the children in the school after Half Term. Letters detailing the dates and timings will come out next week and are also on the diary dates and on the school website.

Newsletter Challenge

The ability to reflect on our learning is a really important skill, the key is to then make it better next time.

We often write things down, which aren't quite right, but can't see it ourselves when we read back through it.

The newsletter Challenge for this next half term is to 'Reflect' on the sentence written below but more importantly write it out again correctly with the errors corrected.

All you need to do is write the sentence out correctly and hand it in.

It wasn't Mr stink's fault that he stank. He was a tramp, after all. He didn't have a hom and so he nevr had the opportunity to have a proper wash like you and me After a while the smel just got worse and worse.

(3 spelling mistakes, 1 capital letter, 1 full stop)

A bonus prize for someone from each phase who makes the sentence even better. Answers, with your name and class popped in the folder outside Miss Salmon's door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at Town.

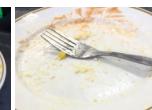
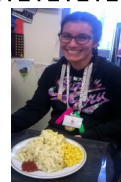
As always, the winning entry from each phase will be chosen and that child will then be able to choose a free book.

And Finally,

Hats off to Mrs King who polished off the most extraordinary plate of macaroni cheese ever yesterday! I know it's important to get a few carbohydrates in your body before you run—but I don't think I would have been able to move if I had finished that plate!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings





Parents
and
Carers

Our internet, our choice - Understanding consent in a digital world

Internet Safety Plan

The _____ family

Go on a hunt around the house. Search for all the devices which connect to the internet and record below:

We have ____ devices which connect to the internet in our house.



It's time to talk

How do we use the internet as a family?



How can we keep our family safe online?

Where will we keep our devices?



What can we use our devices for?



When can we use our devices?



What shouldn't we do online?



What should we do if something worries, upsets or confuses us online?



Our next steps

Adults next steps:

Young people's next steps:

Date:

Signed by:

This plan has been shared with:
(Grandparents, aunty and uncle, childminder etc.)

Safer Internet Day 2019 - Together for a better internet