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We are all
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Lockdown Countdown

We are now 9 days into the current lockdown—which means we only have 19 days to go!

Remembrance Day

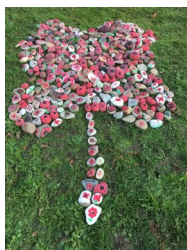


Wednesday 11th was obviously Remembrance Day and the whole school stopped at 11.00a.m. for 2 minutes silence, where we remembered in honour the service and sacrifice of our armed forces, veterans and their families who protect our way of life.

In our assembly, that preceded the 2 minutes silence, we talked with the children about memories—about how some things we remember very vividly because they meant something to us, some things we remember because of a photograph or because we've been reminded of them. We also talked about how we don't remember some things because we weren't born—but history tells us that they happened and that just because we don't remember them—doesn't mean that those events are not important.

Parents will also hopefully have seen our poppy stones following our request for these to be brought in at the beginning of the week.

These looked amazing at both sites—so thank you to everyone for making sure those stones came in.



Parent Governor Elections

Please remember to cast your vote for the Parent Governor Election. All votes will be counted but these must be returned to the school by next Wednesday.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Noah (RROX)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Bailey (RREX)
Year 6 (Lathes) - Domink (RREX)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Izzie (MM)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Dylan (RROX)
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Harry (MM)
Year 4 (Castle) - Jacob (MLM)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Maddie (MM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Anna (RREX)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Biwaan (MM)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Summer (CC)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Ody (RREX)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Ashton (MM)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Felicity (RREX)
Year 2 (Romans) - William (MM)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Ellis (MM)
Year 1 (Circus) - Rupert (MM)
Year 1 (Roses) - Barney (RROX)
EYFS (Jumbo) - Sofia (CC)
EYFS (Star) - Samuel (RREX)
EYFS (Chariot) - Zahra (CC)
Attendance—Garrison
HUB—Lucas (RREX)

Reports

A few parents have asked with regards to Parents Evenings. Obviously in the normal scheme of things, we would, by now, have been able to hold both our Open Mornings and Open School sessions for parents to come in informally, meet the teachers and see some of the work that the children have done.

This year is obviously very different. End of AP1 reports will still be coming out to you this term and as always, these will come to you in December and will give you an overview of how your child is learning and their next steps.

We will also hold Parent Consultations w/b 7/12/2020 and more details will come out about this nearer the time.

On behalf of the PTA we have a Christmas Request!

In view of the current restrictions it will not be possible this year to have our usual Xmas Fair.

We will still be holding a "non-uniform day" in December for a cash donation of £1 instead of donations of items for our Fair (details to follow). The PTA also have exciting ideas for other fund raising and you will be notified about this in due course!

We will, however, still be holding a Xmas Raffle. The draw will take place at the school on Friday 11th December. If any parents have their own independent business or know of any local businesses that would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please get in touch with the school either by email or by phoning. We are looking for vouchers or luxury items for Xmas Food Hampers. In return, we will be able to advertise your business on our PTA website as supporting our school. We do appreciate how

difficult this year has been for all independent businesses and therefore we would be very grateful for any donations.



YOUR CHILD WILL
FOLLOW YOUR
EXAMPLE, NOT
YOUR ADVICE.

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

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

Text Messaging App

Many thanks to all the parents who picked up on the message in last week's newsletter about the 'E Schools App,' which allows the school to communicate with you via the app without being charged for it.

If you have already downloaded it, thank you. If you haven't quite got round to it yet, I would ask you to give it a go this weekend.

The details are as below:

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/text_messaging/405092

Once you've downloaded the app, you will need to login with the login details which will be provided by the school office.

Diwali

Tomorrow, Saturday 14th November is Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights and many of our school community will be celebrating this event.

Ordinarily, the festival would be celebrated with feasts, fireworks, parties and multiple households coming together.

This year, in the middle of a National Lockdown, the celebrations will obviously feel and look a lot different.

This should not, however, detract from the importance of Diwali as it's a celebration of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil.

One of the main stories of Diwali is the story of the day Lord Rama, his wife Sita Devi and brother Lakshmana returning to their village after 14 years in exile. The villagers lit a path for them with Diva lamps to guide them back from the forest.

A summary of the story of Rama and Sita is on page 2 of the newsletter.



Mrs Minshall

Next week will be Mrs Minshall's last week in school as in line with the current guidance, once staff have reached 28 weeks of pregnancy they must then work from home. Mrs Minshall will still be in touch with the class and getting involved but it will all be virtual until the baby is born sometime in February. Mr Eves will be taking class Iceni full time from Monday 23rd November. Obviously, we wish Mrs Minshall the very best.

For a month to have a Friday 13th, the month must begin on a Sunday.

Huge thanks to our small army of PTA volunteers who attacked the path by Babcocks (between Walsingham Road and Flagstaff Road) this morning. Seven bags of waste in total and a path much easier to walk down.

And Finally

Creative solutions
to Social
Distancing



Have a good
Weekend
Simon Billings

The Story of Rama and Sita

This is the story of Prince Rama and his wife Sita.

Prince Rama was the son of a great King, and was expected to become King himself one day. However his stepmother wanted her own son to become King, and tricked her husband into banishing Rama and his wife Sita to live in the forest.

But this was no ordinary forest. This was the forest where demons lived, including Demon King Ravana. Ravana had twenty arms and ten heads. There were two eyes on each head and a row of sharp yellow teeth. When Ravana saw Sita he wanted her for himself and so decided to kidnap her.

Ravana placed a beautiful deer into the forest. When Sita saw the deer she asked Rama if he could capture it for her so they could have it as a pet.

However when Rama was out of sight Ravana came swooping down in a chariot pulled by flying monsters and flew off with Sita.

Sita, although afraid, was also clever. Being a princess she wore lots of jewellery and she dropped her jewels, piece by piece onto the ground to leave a trail for Rama.

Sure enough Rama, realising he had been tricked, discovered the trail, and also came upon his friend Hanuman, King of the Monkeys. Hanuman promised Rama he and all the monkeys would help Rama to find Sita and they searched the world looking for her.

Eventually a monkey located Sita on a dark, isolated island, surrounded by rocks and stormy seas. Hanuman flew to Sita to make sure it really was her. She gave him her last precious pearl to give to Rama and prove it really was her and she had been found.

The monkeys helped Rama for a second time by throwing stones and rocks into the sea until they had built a great bridge to the island.

Rama and his faithful army battled with the demons until they were victorious.

Finally Rama took his wonderful bow and arrow, specially made to defeat all evil demons, and shot Ravana through the heart, killing him.

There were huge celebrations when Rama and Sita returned to the kingdom. Everyone placed a light in their windows and doorways to show that the light of truth and goodness had defeated the darkness of evil and trickery.



Rama – Illustration by Sarwat Chadda