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# St John's Green Primary School

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Maths

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## Newsletter

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### Social Media, Gaming, Netflix, YouTube

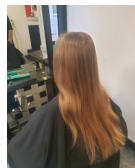
Can we politely remind parents that age restrictions for social media platforms (Facebook), gaming, Netflix films/series and YouTube content is there for a reason. Your children need protecting from inappropriate images, violent and abusive language, scenes of horror and online contact with people they do not know.

Just as you ensure your child arrives safely at school, it is also necessary for you to be aware of what your child is viewing or sharing through their mobile phone, tablet or gaming devices.

We spend time each week dealing with children who are worried by what they have seen online. Those inappropriate games, characters and story plots are sometimes acted out in the playground.

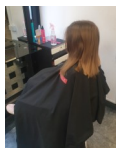
Let's have children being children; there is plenty of time for later on in life to enter the adult world. It is highly unwise for a 7 year old to play games suitable for a 12 year old, equally it is inappropriate for a 10 year old to access content that is designated as 18+. Please download apps for your child's mobile devices and/or change the privacy settings so that they can only view content that is appropriate for their age.

You may be interested in this BBC report about children with mobile phones by their bed at night too <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51296197>



Here is Taliyah in Year 4. Taliyah wanted to help girls who have lost their hair due to illness and hospital treatment.

She kindly donated several inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust recently.



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

Jane D. Hull

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

- Malcolm Gladwell

### Assembly Theme:

Help Others to Achieve their Goals

#### Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Thank You for visiting during Open School Day this week!

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### Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th February. 5.30p.m. - 7.00p.m. Star Gazing night with Mr Bates @ AF.

Friday 14th February. Non Uniform Day. Purple. Purple Pinkie—in support of Rotary Club—End Polio Now. £1

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February. Half Term.

Tuesday 25th February. Open Morning. 9.00a.m. - 10.00a.m. AF & T

Wednesday 4th March. Shared Supper. 5.45p.m. - 7.15p.m. @ AF

Monday 9th March—Friday 13th March. Reading Week & Book Fair.

Thursday 12th March. Book Character Day. Come to school dressed as a book character.

Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

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

### Coding Day

As part of our STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) all Yr 5/6 girls worked in small groups

today to code and decode a microbit.

The girls made name badges and then played a game of rock, paper, scissors—all electronically!



### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Lily A (MLM)  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Michael M (MLM)  
Year 5 (Oysters) - John W (MLM)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Logan W (RROX)  
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Sahir U (RROX)  
Year 4 (Castle) - Maddox F (MLM)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Danny S (MM)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Scarlett W (MLM)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Lucy F (RREX)  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Maddie R (MM)  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Trae D (MM)  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Mia R (MM)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Oscar T (MM)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Sudeshna P (MM)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Harvey L (CC)  
Year 1 (Circus) - Leah B (MLM)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Clark A (MLM)  
Foundation (Chariot) - Thomas R (CC)  
Foundation (Star) - Izzy W (MM)  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Lester I (MLM)  
Attendance - Mercury & Oysters

### Reminders

- Cold weather = coats, gloves & hats please
- Final Danbury payment for Yr4 is due next week
- Thank you to parents who cleared their lunch arrears after a reminder last week. It really helps us in the office.



**Report from Mr Folkard and Mrs Corani** ... Children from 15 schools around Colchester attended the latest Multi Schools Council (MSC) meeting at St James Primary School on Thursday. The meeting was all about getting ideas from the children, concerning issues that affect them. We discussed the following topics:

What can we do to help prevent Global warming?, a representative from ECC asked the children about emotional well-being and mental health, we watched an MSC music video called All Stand Strong, which was made by children from schools around Essex. Children gave speeches as to why they would like to be Head Boy and Girl for the MSC. We talked about what we could do to make children feel more included, finally the children were also asked for their views about the building of a new youth centre in Colchester.

As always our children were incredible ambassadors for our school, their ideas and views on all the topics were insightful and thought provoking.



### Young Carers in Schools Award

Congratulations to Miss Clarke and Mrs Cottham, who were presented with the Young Carers in School Bronze Award this week by Cllr Ray



Gooding from Essex County Council.

We are keen to identify, support and guide those children who take on caring responsibilities in the household. The Children's Society and Carers Trust have designed the award to highlight the growing number of young carers and the work that schools can do to support the whole family in these circumstances.



I suppose we would all like to park as close as possible to a shop, doctors and even our school. But please, be polite! when parking and make sure you don't obstruct the road,

or park on the zigzags outside Town site. This is for your safety and the safety of our pupils.

Parents dropping off at Breakfast Club, must do this OUTSIDE the gates. There is no turn-around area in the car park and children who walk are at risk from parents reversing.

And Finally,

Parenting is a bit trial and error, or as we say in Maths teaching—trial and improvement. I have 3 adult children, the eldest of which is now 28, but I am still their mum and yes I still tell them off. It is our job as parents to guide, to support, to model good behaviour, to cuddle, to reassure and sometimes to say No. The subject article at the top is one of those occasions. From one parent to another, good luck.

Have a Great Weekend

Tina Bourne