



St John's Green Primary School.

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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

Jane D. Hull

Forest Schools

Our Foundation children had their first taste of Forest Schools this week as they went off to Bourne Woods in search of mud. As you can see from the pictures—they found some!

The first session was all about exploring the area and making sure they knew the boundaries. They'll continue to develop their forest skills over the coming weeks so expect plenty more mud...



Job Vacancy

Please don't forget we have a vacancy for a school cleaner at our Abbey Field site. The position is for two hours daily, term time, 3.00p.m.—5.00p.m. and is payable at Band 1 pt 5, £7.00 an hour. Application forms are available from either site and the closing date for applications is midday on Friday 24th April.

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd April—Year 3/4/5/6—Garrison Track for Athletics
Tuesday 28th April—Assessment Period Three Reports to Parents
Wednesday 29th April—Class Photographs
Wednesday 29th April 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. Informal Parents Evening
Monday 4th May—Bank Holiday
Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May—Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 19th—Friday 22nd May—Year 4 Residential Danbury
Monday 25th—Friday 28th—Half Term
Thursday 18th June—Sports Day

Attendance

Please be aware that the government is changing its requirements with regards to attendance.

In effect, any child that has below 90% attendance will be considered a PA or Persistent Absentee child.

The value of good attendance and the significant difference it has on children's progress and learning is key to their future success.

Children's behaviour is learnt behaviour and if children are given an opportunity not to come to school, when they really are well enough to attend, then they will take that opportunity.

Please make sure your children are in school. Next week the school will write to parents of all children who are currently below 90% and if significant improvement is not seen by half term, the school will involve the Education Welfare Officer.

Kingswood

Year 5 parents please remember that the next Kingswood instalment of £60 is due by Friday 24th April.

Team Siege (Green) Non Uniform Day

Next Friday, 24th April, all children in Team Siege (Green) can come to school in non uniform as their reward for being winners of the Team Competition last term. There is no charge or donation needed.

Bikes and Scooters

Please remember that children should not be riding their bikes or scooters on the school playgrounds at any time. Could parents please make sure their children walk with their bikes and scooters when entering the site.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Sam Swift
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Shannii McLean
Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Isobel Gilson
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Hollie Baxter
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Calli Ganley Pintado, Yasir Slimani & Evan Jones
Sully Award (Mercury) - Melody Hope
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Sara-Octavia Ivan-Stefoi
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Neha Karikkasserry
Bumble Award (Circus) - Aisha Rudderman
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Jack Savage
Mickey Award (Roses) - Elliot Hutton
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Noah Horn
Heads' Award - Foundation Classes
Attendance—Snowdrops
Spot—Phoebe Barratt

Playground Design Competition

We will be having the playgrounds marked at the Abbey Field site this summer.

We would like the children to come up with a design of anything they chose that they think would be perfect for our playground.

There are three categories—Lower Phase (F&Yr1), Middle Phase (Yr2, 3, 4), Upper Phase (Yr5, 6).

Entries should be A4 in size and in colour and handed in to either school office. Please make sure that children put their name and class on the back. Entries need to be handed in to the school by Tuesday 5th May.

The winning entrants will get their design marked onto the school playground.

School Improvements

The hall floor at our Abbey Field site was laid over Easter and looks considerably better. It has been very well tested this week—hosting Year 3/4 squash, school dinners and PE.



You will also have noticed that we have also had the dragon fly that our Year 6 carved last year installed at Abbey Site.



Next week the installation of the new climbing equipment and a tree house is being installed in the Foundation Stage outside area.

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: Peter Rabbit gently nibbled the end of the juicy carrot.

"Mmm," he said to himself, 'delicious!'

Suddenly from behind him...

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.

'Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I Learn.'

Benjamin Franklin



"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains."

And Finally ...

We've had an interesting week with my son's elbow... On Sunday he fell off his bike and grazed his elbow. On Tuesday he was racing a friend down the hill from school and fell over taking the scab off his elbow. On Wednesday he fell over in the playground at school, once again grazing his elbow. Yesterday at football he was in goal, dived to save the ball and took the scab off for the fourth time this week. Tonight he has football training again...

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – SUMMER TERM

All clubs listed below start next week – week beginning Monday 20th April

Foundation – Jumble Juniors and Dance – Please ensure you sign up for this term and make payments as soon as possible. Waiting lists available

Year 1 – Lego (Free club) and Dance – Please ensure you sign up for this term and make payments for the Dance Club as soon as possible. Waiting lists available.

Years 2/3/4 and 5/6 - Football Club – Please ensure you sign up again and make payments promptly!

If any child in Years 2/3/4/5 & 6 attended any of the free clubs last term, there is no need to sign up again!

****Please see new club added for the Summer Term**

DAY	CLUB
MONDAY	HOMEWORK CLUB - YEARS 2/3/4 – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – TOWN – FREE
MONDAY	DANCE CLUB – Louise (Carolyn’s School of Dance) – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. TOWN - YEARS. 2/3/4- £25.00 WHOLE TERM
MONDAY	CHEERLEADING – YRS 5/6 AT ABBEY FIELD – 3.00- 4.00
MONDAY	**NEW CLUB – JUMBLE JUNIORS – OUTSIDE FUN&GAMES FOR FOUNDATION – 3.00 – 4.00 P.M. – ABBEY FIELD - £25.00 FOR TERM
TUESDAY	JUMBLE JUNIORS FOR FOUNDATION - INDOOR 3.00 – 4.00 P.M. AT ABBEY FIELD - £27.50 FOR TERM
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL CLUB – YEARS 2/3/4 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. -TOWN £25.00 for the term
TUESDAY	CHOIR CLUB – KS2 – 3.15 – 4.15 P.M. TOWN
TUESDAY	LEGO CLUB AT TOWN FOR YRS. 2/3/4 – 3.15 – 4.15
WEDNESDAY	DANCE CLUB – FOUNDATION – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. – ABBEY FIELD £27.50
WEDNESDAY	FOOTBALL CLUB – YEARS 5/6 - 3.00-4.15 p.m. – ABBEY FIELD - £25.00 for the term
WEDNESDAY	DRAMA CLUB – YEARS 5/6 – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. – ABBEY FIELD - FREE
WEDNESDAY	LEGO CLUB – YEAR 1 AT AF – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
THURSDAY	DANCE CLUB (YEAR 1) – Taylor’s Dance Company – 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. – ABBEY FIELD £12.50 for half-term
THURSDAY	CHEERLEADING – YEARS 2/3/4 – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – TOWN - FREE
THURSDAY	COMPUTER CLUB – YEARS 2/3/4 – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – TOWN – FREE
THURSDAY	NETBALL CLUB – YEARS 5/6 – 3.00-4.00p.m. – ABBEY FIELD - FREE
FRIDAY	LIBRARY CLUB – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. – All children/parents invited to TOWN