



St John's Green Primary School.

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

WB 26/1/15—Footpath at Abbey Field Closed

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February—Half Term

Thursday 26th February @ 2.20p.m.—Foundation Parents invited into school for 'Show and Tell' all classes

Friday 27th February—Purple Pinkie Day—Wear it Purple £1

Tuesday 3rd March—Maths Roadshow

Wednesday 4th—Friday 6th March—Life Bus at Abbey Field

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

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Please remember that next week is Half Term and the school is closed. The second half of the spring term starts on Monday 23rd February

Friday 13th

Where as last year we only had one Friday 13th, This year it falls three times—with the next Friday 13th falling in just four weeks.

Despite superstitions surrounding this there is no hard evidence that the date is actually unlucky.

There are several phobias related to Friday 13th 'Paraskevidekatriaphobia' is the official name for those who have a fear of Friday 13th.

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



Open Morning

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come in and spend some time in and about the classes on Wednesday morning for Open Morning. Thank you as well for those

parents that filled in the questionnaires. One of the ideas given was to hold an Open Afternoon—so parents could take the children straight home at the end of the day and this is something we will look to build into our assessment periods.



Foundation Resources - all Parents

As part of our on going development of the Foundation Area we have now ordered 3 role play sheds—which will hopefully arrive and be installed sometime after Half Term. However, if parents are having a clear out over Half Term—if you could look out for the following, and rather than throwing them away—donate them to the school.

- Any blankets/sheets or curtains
- Any old or new metal saucepans/pots/pans
- Any children's umbrellas
- Any children's dressing up clothes
- Logs/long sticks to make dens



First Site

On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 children headed over to the First Site Gallery to take part in a range of activities

linked specifically to music. Whilst there the children played organ pipes, represented these sounds with markings and then turned those marks into paintings. They also made a music art video. Unfortunately we were not allowed to take pictures in the gallery so we'll have to wait for the music art video to see the paintings.



Attendance

We have just completed the review for attendance and have as necessary spoken to parents. Attendance at school today was 96.9%. Therefore 3.1% of our children missed school today. Please do send your children into school they are often far better at school then they are at home.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Preet Johal

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Kevin Wang & Gus Birchmore

Eyore Award (Oysters) — Kayla Simmonds

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Darrell Garnham

Lion Award (Dutch) - Elliott Freeman

Sully Award (Mercury) - Finley Greenleaf

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Sam Laverick

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Charlie Shiggins

Bumble Award (Circus) - Joe Turner

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Jason Dev

Mickey Award (Roses) - Martina Salvatori

Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Fadl Fataw

Heads' Award — Roses

Attendance—Roses

Go Bananas

Last week Class Mercury reaped the benefits of having the class with the best attendance for the Autumn



Term as they headed off to Go Bananas to celebrate their success. Not a single photo to be found of Mrs Skinner or Miss Roberts in amongst the apparatus—though rumour has it was the children who told them it was time to go.?

It was especially nice to hear that a member of the public had taken the time to speak to Mrs Skinner and tell her how well behaved the children were and what a credit they were to their parents and the school.



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:



'Talk to me, don't be shy.' Elder Fury said to Fury. 'What's the matter?'

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 ...

Tuesday's dinner was a rather nice rice and chicken dish which I sampled at the Town Site. As I'm rather partial to Soy Sauce I asked Mrs Blackery if she had any hidden in the store cupboard. Mrs Blackery proffered a bottle of sauce and without looking I splashed it on my dinner. On looking at the bottle I noticed that it wasn't soy sauce, but rather Worcester sauce. Pointing this out to Mrs Blackery she said—'oh, soy sauce—we haven't got any of that, I didn't think you'd notice!'

Have a good Half Term

Simon Billings