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our learning

# St John's Green Primary School

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We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Year 6 on Tour!

This week Year 6 pupils have had a super week on their residential trip to West Runton in Norfolk. The weather has been absolutely stunning and the children have thrown themselves into the activities with great gusto! We are so proud of this group of pupils. Many thanks to Mr Billings, Miss Salmon, Miss Gammans, Mr Bates, Mrs King, Miss Henderson and Miss Roberts, and their families for giving up their time 24/7 to be with our pupils making new memories.



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

Jane D. Hull

### Assembly Theme for next week:

Think about everyone's right to learn

The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd October. EYFS Parents Share Session. 9.00a.m. @ AF. No pre-school children please.  
Wednesday 3rd October. Individual Child Photographs at AF.  
Thurs 4th October. Individual Child Photographs at T.  
Fri 5th October. TEAM SIEGE ONLY Non-uniform day reward for top attendance in Summer Term  
Wednesday 10th October. Open Morning. AF & T. 9.00a.m.-10.15a.m.  
Thurs 11th Oct. 2.30pm. St Helena Roadshow for Year 6 and Parents. AF  
Thurs 11th Oct. PTA AGM at AF, 7-8pm  
Thursday 18th October. Year 1 Story Character Dress Up Day.  
Monday 22nd-Friday 26th October. Half Term  
Monday 29th October. Non Pupil day-The school is closed.  
Thursday 20th December-Friday 4th January. Christmas Holiday. The school is closed.  
PLEASE ALSO LOOK ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DATES/INFORMATION

### School Photo Day

Please see the information on the back of the newsletter for details of school photographs.

We will make sure every child is photographed. If you want a family group photo, then please see the information overleaf.

We know that photos make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends.

### European Languages Day

On Wednesday all classes had a go at speaking a variety of languages spoken throughout Europe. We also had some Romanian & Norwegian dancing in some classes.



### St Helena Roadshow for Year 6

Advance notice for Year 6 parents that St Helena School will be visiting us with their Roadshow on 11th Oct at 2.30pm to speak to Year 6 pupils and their parents. A reminder will be sent nearer the time.

Danbury Deposit Payment for Year 4 due TODAY at £55. If your child is not going please do inform Town Office.

### Black History Month Celebrations at Firstsite

If you have preschool children you may wish to pop along to the African Families in the UK, Family Fun Day at Firstsite next Tuesday 10-4pm. Details here <https://goo.gl/MjMLGt>. October sees a month of music, workshops and other activities across Colchester and nationwide.



### Notices:

- If your child is in Yr1-Yr6 and they are in Team Siege (Green Team) then as reward for the top attendance in Summer Term they get to wear non-school uniform on Friday. No football tops please
- PARKING 1—Please park politely and sensibly near both sites. Parents are the most important role model for your child, please behave courteously when dropping off and picking up
- PARKING 2—Please be aware that children are using two pedestrian entrances to access Breakfast Club and parents using the car park as a turnaround need to avoid reversing on the pavement where children are walking

### 100 Voices Choir

Good luck to Year 3 pupils who are taking part in a very special performance at the University tomorrow. Many thanks to the staff members giving up their time to ensure that the children can take part. We can't wait to hear about it on Monday!

### PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising and running the Macmillan Coffee Morning this year at Abbey Field site. The total so far is £130, with more donations coming in during the day.



### PTA AGM

The Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting is on 11th Oct 7pm at Abbey Field site. The PTA have lots of ideas for fundraising and social activities for the year— please do join in and watch this space ...

### Newsletter Challenge—Learning Dispositions

To ensure we do our best learning it's really important that we all (children and adults) do our best to become effective learners.

We have talked and shared with you our Learning Dispositions and these have become a focal point in our teaching at school.

**Motivation** - be keen to succeed; try your best  
**Reflection** - learn from experience; build on your learning

**Collaboration** - work well together; support each other

**Make Links** - make connections across all areas of your learning

**Resilience** - keep going even when it's hard; never give up

Our newsletter challenge for the next five weeks will focus on one Learning Disposition each week— This week

### Resilience Rex

The challenge is very simple. Send to the school via [admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk) or print off the picture yourself and pop it in the folder outside Miss Gammans door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at T, a picture of your child/ren demonstrating the Learning Disposition Resilience.



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

### Awards

Year 5 (Oysters) — Charlie Fisher  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Noah Cahill  
Year 4 (Castle) - Noah Horn  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Egor Steward  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Ore Odunaike  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Cameron Smith  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Paloma Rauth  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Max Knight  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Tallulah Taylor  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Blake Hannam  
Year 2 (Romans) - Nicole Krzeminska  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Sophia Adamson  
Year 1 (Circus) - Riley Bilton  
Year 1 (Roses) - Ramone Campbell  
Foundation (Chariot) - Alex Kamalondo  
Foundation (Star) - Lola Henson  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Zain Hashmi-Durrant  
Heads' Award — Paxman  
Attendance — Circus & Mercury

And Finally,

Due to parents responding to the recent vacancies for Breakfast Club and Midday Assistants we are now fully staffed again! Remember that teachers and the Heads' Team are out every morning and afternoon on the playground, please do catch us if you have something to say, or call the office to make an appointment if you would prefer a private conversation. We would rather hear about any issues early so we can get things sorted.

Have a good weekend

Tina Bourne

## **REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK**

Happy Days Photography will be in next week to photograph the children and their brothers and sisters (siblings) on the following dates:

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Abbey Fields Site**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Town Site**

If you would like **sibling group photographs** taken, please bring your children to either site between **8am-8:45am** on the relevant day. If your children are in Breakfast Club on Wednesday then please ensure they know to visit the photographer in the small hall to have a sibling photograph taken.

We will ensure all children have individual photos taken during the day at school. Your children will come home with a login code on the day of their photographs. This is for all of your children and once uploaded you will be able to view all of your children's photos at [www.hdporders.com](http://www.hdporders.com)

All orders are to be placed online. You can now instantly download your photographs from as little as £10.00, and you will not pay more than £19.99 for ALL of your children's photos including the sibling groups (if taken) and younger siblings from within school.

This is the best value we have ever been able to offer to parents to date. You are still able to order prints, gifts and packages online and you can customise your photo packs by choosing which photos are printed at which size. These will all be delivered to your home address within 2 weeks of your order – and in plenty of time for Christmas gifts!

