



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

Thursday 5th February—Daffodils Parents—Coffee Morning

Friday 6th February—Year 3 Learning Afternoon

Thursday 12th February—Roses Parents—Coffee Morning

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February—Half Term

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

Monday 30th March (My Birthday (21) - Friday 10th April—Easter Holiday

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Snowdrops Coffee Morning

On Thursday, we welcomed to school our Snowdrops parents who joined us for an informal coffee morning. This was an opportunity for parents to meet with Dianne Bibby, the school

SENCo, Diane Parker-Nicholls, Speech and Language and Tracey Clarke, our School Family Worker. As well as chatting informally, parents spent some time with their children reading and sharing books. Thank you to those parents who were able to pop along. Dates for Daffodils and Roses parents are in the 'Diary Dates'.



Jumble Juniors

Please note that for next week only—Jumble Juniors for Foundation will be on Thursday 5th **NOT** on Tuesday.

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

Topics for the next 10 weeks

Foundation—The Secret Life of Toys. **Year 1**—The Great Fire of London. **Middle Phase**—Islands. **Upper Phase**—Stone Age to Iron Age.

Curriculum Letters

All children should have in their bags tonight their class curriculum letters for the next Assessment Period. Please do have a read through as the letters will tell you about what your children will be learning about over the next 10 weeks in school. The curriculum letters can also be found on the website under the link 'New Curriculum Maps'

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Please note that we are collecting 'Sainsbury's Active Kids' vouchers. If you do happen to pop along to Sainsbury's then please take your quota and hand them in to either school office. Many thanks.

Trampolining

Our Year 5 children continue to go to St Helena every Tuesday for Trampolining. Their gymnastic agility on the trampolines gets better and better each week, as you can see from the picture of Ayana. I have no idea where the trampoline is—somewhere under the photo presumably...



Volcano Madness

On Wednesday, Year 5 & 6 were visited by a volcano expert from Essex Outdoor Discovery. The visit was to finish off their AP2 topic on natural disasters. Lava flow and volcanic bombs were definitely the order of the day.



Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Jack Ferguson
- Pluto Award (Iceni) - Zakaria Slimani
- Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Ellii Bates
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Tasfiha Quddus
- Lion Award (Dutch) - Stanley Hobbs
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Ben Hill
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Sandra Wellahewage
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Khanyi Kurys
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Finnley Carroll
- Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Ivan Yu
- Mickey Award (Roses) - Harrison Miller
- Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Riley Ring
- Heads' Award - Mercury
- Attendance - Iceni
- Spot - Luke Peters

Let it Snow

We didn't have a lot of snow yesterday—but we did have just enough for a spot of snow fun this morning up at Abbey Field.



Our Foundation children were out first and making the most of the white stuff—with snow showers, snow angels and of course a snowman as the order of play. Somehow, I also found myself the victim of some snowball target practice from the Foundation children, which I obviously did nothing to provoke...



News Letter Challenge

As always, a new challenge for the new term.

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:



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.

1, Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world. Adults can weigh up to 363kg - that's about the same as ten ten year olds! - and measure up to 3,3m! .2 When a tiger wants to be heard, because their roar can be heard as far as three kilometres away. 3, They may be big and heavy, but tigers are by no means slow movers. In fact, at full speed they can reach up to 65km/h! 5, Every tiger in the world is unique - no two tigers have the same pattern of stripes.



And Finally...

The saga of the mis-sent text messages continues. On Monday Mr Bates sent me a text from London—where, as lead for English in the school, he was at a conference about the teaching of grammar. The text asked me about my trip to the dentist and said that he would skip back home. As Mr Bates lives in Wivenhoe and I live in Brantham—and I was fairly sure I didn't have a dentist appointment—I did question whether the text was for me. All I need now are texts from Mrs Bullivant and Mr Green and I will have a full set of mis-sent texts that I might well publish in full...

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings