



We are growing  
our learning

# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Volume 40, Issue 8

Newsletter Date:  
Friday 2nd November 2018

We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

School Number: 01206 762884 e-mail: [admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk)

School Mobile Number: 07806940013 Website: [st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk](http://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk)

Follow us on Twitter: @SJG\_News School Uniform: [www.smartyantsschoolwear.com](http://www.smartyantsschoolwear.com)

### RE Week—Diwali (Festival of Lights)

Next week in school is RE week and we will be specifically focusing on Hinduism and the festival of Diwali.

All the children in the school will be learning about this festival. Diwali is India's 'Festival of Light', a time when people come together to celebrate good conquering evil, light conquering dark. This celebration of new beginnings coincides with the Hindu New Year and the start of the new business year, so there are prayers to Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, and Ganesh, the god of wisdom and luck, for a successful year. It's the biggest event in the Hindu calendar, and Sikhs and Jains celebrate similar festivals at the same time as Hindus celebrate Diwali.

As a school it is vital that we not only acknowledge but also celebrate the diverseness of our community and the beliefs and traditions that we are all part of.

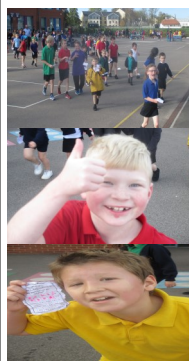
Our children are our future and their understanding of our diverse world will shape our future.

May your life be as colourful,  
shimmering and magical  
as the lights of Diwali!  
Happy Diwali

### Sponsored Walk

A huge thanks to everyone who has already sent in their sponsor money from our PTA Sponsored Walk. So far £2,700 has been collected from your efforts and this is a fantastic amount. This money will be going towards the purchase of additional Reading scheme books that are used by all the children in the school. So our thanks to the PTA for all their efforts.

I know there's still some sponsor money out there, waiting expectantly to be brought into school, so if you could get that sent in to either school office as soon as possible that would be much appreciated.



### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Chloe Catrall  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Kylan Burgin  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Cameron Harris  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Trinity Cottham  
Year 4 (Castle) - John Wilkins  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Bethany Gilfillan  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Leland Freeman  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Jack Christie  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Bella Guest  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Maddox Fisher  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Jimmy Brooker  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Ayra Shah  
Year 2 (Romans) - Mollie Everett  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Luke Winslow  
Year 1 (Circus) - Nahide Sevil  
Year 1 (Roses) - Lilly-Grace Smith  
Foundation (Chariot) - William Scaife  
Foundation (Star) - Elfie-Mae Cook  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Erin Smales  
Heads' Award - EYFS—Meg and Mog  
Attendance - Jumbo

### Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks for everyone's brilliant generosity for our 'Cry in the Dark' Shoe Box appeal.

Our initial intention was to create 19 shoe boxes, but your generosity has meant that we will be sending 34 shoe boxes this year.

One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be a better place because I made a difference in the life of a child.

You have definitely done that—thank you.



We also have a tray of additional poppy related goodies on sale from both our school offices. If you are interested in any of these items, they can be purchased directly from the School Office.

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 after Half Term: Include Others when Working and Playing

#### Choose to Follow the Learning Charter

#### The 'Right' we will be focusing on after Half Term is Article 28:

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

### Shared Supper

Please don't forget that next Thursday (8th November) at 5.30p.m. is our Shared Supper and all parents are invited. A genuinely perfect way to spend the evening by preparing a dish of food and then eating the food which everyone else has brought to share and which always seems to taste so much better.

Please could you let the school know by using the reply slip on page 2 if you're attending so we have an idea of numbers.

### Clear Plastic Bottles

As part of our celebrations for Remembrance, we are creating a poppy waterfall at both our sites—similar to the visual effects from the Tower of London a few years ago.

To do this, we need clear plastic bottles (the shape or size doesn't matter).

Please could you send your child into school with a clear (empty) plastic bottle next week.

Many thanks.

### Poppies

Poppies will be on sale next week at both our sites with children carrying out the morning and afternoon collection duties. Please could I suggest a minimum donation of 50p for a poppy.



RE Week	1
Sponsored Walk	1
Clear Plastic Bottles	1
Poppies	1
Shared Supper	1 & 2
Newsletter Challenge	1



### Diary Dates

Monday 5th November—Friday 9th November. RE Week. (Diwali is on Wednesday 7th November)

Tuesday 6th November. Flu Immunisations. AF & T.

Wednesday 7th November. 8.50a.m. Year 1 Phonic Information Meeting for Year 1 Parents. AF Hall.

Thursday 8th November. Shared Supper. 5.30p.m.—7.00p.m. @ AF.

Friday 9th November @ 9.00a.m. EYFS Rainbow Challenge meeting for EYFS parents. AF Hall.

Monday 12th November—Friday 16th November. History Week.

Thursday 15th November. Year 5 Kingswood Residential Meeting. 5.30p.m. @ AF.

Wednesday 5th December. AF & T. Children's Evening.

Thursday 20th December—Friday 4th January. Christmas Holiday. The school is closed.

Monday 7th January. First day of Spring Term.

PLEASE ALSO LOOK ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DATES/INFORMATION.

DATES FOR CHRISTMAS FAIR, FOUNDATION AND YEAR 2 PRODUCTIONS, CHRISTMAS DINNER ARE ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE

Year 5 parents please note the Kingswood Information Meeting for the Year 6 residential next year will now be on **Thursday 15th November at 5.30p.m. at Abbey Field.**

Apologies for the change in date but there was a clash with our Shared Supper.

### PTA Christmas Cards

'If your child had designed their own card before half term, then a sample with ordering instructions will be coming home for you to see next Friday'.

### Newsletter Challenge—Learning Pit, Learning Powers

A slightly different challenge for this Half Term and a challenge for both parents and children to do together.

Each week, we will set a challenge that is a little tricky to solve, putting people firmly in the Learning Pit. You'll need to use, some if not all of our Learning Dispositions to solve the challenge—with the solution obviously being sent into school.

Good Luck

**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

This weeks Challenge

The Blindfolded Drawing Challenge. After putting on a blindfold, you have to draw an object as well as possible. The person who draws the object best wins. The object that needs to be drawn is Mr B!

Drawings can be sent in by e-mail via [admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk) or pop your efforts in the folder outside Miss Gamman's door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at T

And Finally,

The first week back after a holiday tends to be a little traumatic for both parents and children as the reality of having to get up again sets in. The Billings family is no exception to this rule with my children reluctant to go to bed lest they miss 2 minutes of a programme they're watching that is recorded and they can watch anytime and even more reluctant to get up despite the fact we told them they needed to go to bed so they wouldn't be as tired in the morning. I wouldn't change my children for the world but they do my head in at times!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

Children are  
**NOT**  
a distraction from more  
important work.  
They are  
**THE MOST**  
important work.

C.S. Lewis

## Food Hygiene Guidance for Volunteer Caterers

Keep yourself clean and wear clean clothing.

Ensure hands are washed thoroughly before handling food, after using the toilet, handling raw foods or waste, before starting work, after every break and after blowing your nose etc.

Do not prepare or handle food if you are unwell with stomach or bowel trouble, or have been unwell with any form of vomiting or diarrhoea illness within the last 48 hours.

Ensure cuts and wounds are covered with a waterproof, high visibility dressing.

Do not smoke, eat, drink when handling food and never sneeze or cough over food.

Store raw and cooked food separately and covered, to prevent cross contamination (raw food below cooked food in the refrigerator).

Cook food thoroughly, for example cook burgers/sausages until no pink areas remain.

Do not re-heat food more than once before serving. When re-heating, especially meat joints, poultry and meat dishes, an internal temperature of at least 70°C must be achieved. Use a meat thermometer to check this.

Do not prepare food too far in advance of the event. For most foods this means within 12-24 hours of the event, if refrigerated.

Cool and refrigerate food as soon as possible, and at least within 90 minutes of its preparation. Protect cooling food from contamination by flies, pets etc.

Keep your refrigerator or cool box at a temperature of 5°C or less (use a fridge thermometer to monitor the temperature).

Use cool boxes or cool bags with ice packs to transport foods from the preparation area and for storage at the serving point.

Clean and disinfect work surfaces. Use a spray sanitiser such as dettox. Clean and disinfect utensils, especially knives and chopping boards between preparation stages e.g. between handling raw and cooked foods, to prevent cross contamination.

Keep pets away from food preparation areas. Ensure that all food is protected against flies.

Ensure with canned, packaged food or ingredients that the "Use By" or "Best Before" dates are not exceeded. Ensure that packaging is not damaged before use.

## FREE – ALL WELCOME COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER PARENTS

### SHARED SUPPER

*You are all invited to a social evening at our school on  
Thursday 8th November 2018  
from 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.*

Parents please bring a dish of food which can be shared. Please bring along anything from savoury to sweet e.g. pasta dishes/rice dishes/sausage rolls/egg sandwiches/cake/dessert.

Only one dish per family!! Soft drinks will be available on the night.

School children will be able to eat with you first and then will be taken away for a bedtime story with the teaching staff.

Children may wear their pyjamas.

Please complete the slip below to let the school office know if you can attend the evening.

Children cannot attend unless an adult stays for the shared supper.

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November

NAME OF CHILD: ..... CLASS :.....

I/We will be able to attend the social evening on Tuesday 8th November.

Number of adults/pre-school children attending shared supper: .....

Number of children attending shared supper .....