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# St John's Green Primary School

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# Newsletter

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### Our Dedicated Year 6

Over the last seven years, our Year 6 have given me varying degrees of grief. They have also provided us with some fantastic moments. As they start their last term with us, no one can fault their dedication and commitment as they have been arriving at school from 7.45a.m. ready to start their learning at 8.15a.m. in a final push towards their SATs in a few weeks time.



My thanks to all the parents for making this happen but most of all to the children. Keep it up!

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: Try to solve friendship problems when they occur.

### The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 29:

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.

It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th April. Year 2 trip to Barleylands. Beatrix Potter day.

Wednesday 25th April. Class Photographs.

Tuesday 1st May—Friday 4th May. Year 4 Residential—Danbury.

Monday 7th May. Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 9th May. 3.30p.m.—4.15p.m. Open School.

Monday 14th May—Thursday 17th May. Year 6 SATs

Monday 14th May—Friday 18th May. Year 2 SATs.

Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June. Half Term

Monday 4th June—Friday 8th June. Arts Week.

Wednesday 6th June. Open Morning. 9.00a.m.—10.15a.m.

Thursday 19th July. Last day of Summer Term.

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

### Easter Building Works

Most of our building works over the Easter break have centred around our Town site.

The major works were moving the medical room into the office, which will enable the office staff to keep a much closer eye on the children and the creation of an adult toilet in the entrance lobby. We're expecting sign off on the toilets next week, so please just bear with us, whilst the snags are completed.

We have also had window blinds fitted in the top hall at Town. Anyone who has sat in the hall with the sun blaring down will appreciate the significant difference this has made, especially now that the holiday is over and the sun has come out! Thanks to Mr Bromley and Mr Skinner for co-ordinating these works.

### Dogs

Please could parents make sure that when they are bringing their dogs to school, they tie them up away from the gates. A few doggies are getting closer and closer to the main gates and we do have children (and parents) who, regardless of the size of the dog are quite afraid of them.

Please could parents also not bring dogs onto the school playgrounds.

Many thanks.

### Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Adam Corani
- Year 5 (Oysters) — Marcel Rayner
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Martha McLean
- Year 4 (Castle) - Noah Cahill
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Millie Self
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Noah St Ledger
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Jedidiah Lewis
- Year 3 (Paxman) - Rose Warnock
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Kayleigh Lane
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Caleb Dean
- Year 2 (Romans) - Brandon McCree
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Oliver Keyes
- Year 1 (Circus) - Madison Patch
- Year 1 (Roses) - Austin Smith
- Foundation (Chariot) - Charlie Capon
- Foundation (Star) - Nikola Mihai
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Sophia Taylor
- Heads' Award— Year 5
- Attendance — Cavalier
- Head's Award—All our over 40 year old staff for their health checks.

### Garrison Track

All our KS2 children will start using the Garrison Track for athletics/Field Games from next week. A separate letter has gone out to parents but please note that it is not always the same day each week, so please stick the letter to your fridge or keep an eye on the school website calendar.

Please make sure earrings are removed before coming to school and the children have a water bottle/rain coat.

### PTA Quiz Night

Friday 18th May @ 7.00p.m. £10—Teams of up to 6 people. More details will be coming out from the PTA.

Parents will have been notified by the school offices about clubs that are starting next week. If you're at the Year 2 multi skills club on Thursday, then there is also the possibility of a Colchester United first team player turning up to present an award.

### Year 5 Swimming



Please remember that Year 5 swimming starts next week. As per the letter that was sent out to parents these are swimming lessons as opposed to a day at the beach and children need to wear.

Boys: swimming trunks NOT swimming shorts/bermuda shorts

Girls: one piece swimming costume.

All children with long hair will need to wear a swimming cap and earrings must be removed before children come to school. Many thanks.

### Newsletter (Mr Men/Little Miss) Challenge

A new challenge for the Summer Term.

Each week we will pop in the newsletter a Mr Men/Little Miss character. Children need to draw their own picture of that character and then write a sentence related to that character.

For example. If the picture was Mr Bump. The sentence could be 'Mr Bump was wandering along the edge of the river, when he foolishly tripped over a daisy and went head first into the water.'

Obviously the more descriptive the sentence, the better and certainly older children, complex sentences.

This weeks challenge then.

MR. SNEEZE



As always, answers to the folder on Miss Salmon's door if you're at AF and to Mrs O'Shea's door if you're at T.

You can also e-mail your sentences via e-schools or to [admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk). Please make sure name and year group are on entries.

The winning sentence each week from each phase will receive a prize.

And Finally,

All staff who were over 40 had the option of having a free health check yesterday. Only just mind, but I do sadly meet the over 40 criteria. The topic of conversation following the health checks was how we all actually fared. If you take the best bits from all of us we did quite well! Sadly my BMI says I'm overweight, and my argument that it was muscle fell on deaf ears. I thought I was doing quite well with my resting Heart Rate, which was colour coded as green but Mrs Bourne, Mrs Burke and Mrs Simmons smashed me with over 20 BPM less! I shall pop to the gym tonight and have a look around, one step at a time and all that.

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings