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We are all
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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Friday 14th February. Non Uniform Day. Purple. Purple Pinkie—in support of Rotary Club—End Polio Now. £1

Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February. Half Term.

Tuesday 25th February. Open Morning. 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m. AF & T

Tuesday 25th February. Closing date for 500 word entries.

Wednesday 4th March. Shared Supper. 5.45p.m.—7.15p.m. @ AF

Friday 6th March. PTA School Disco's @ AF

5.00–5.45 Year 1 & 2

6.00–6.45 Year 3 & 4

7.00–7.45 Year 5 & 6

Monday 9th March—Friday 13th March. Reading Week & Book Fair.

Thursday 12th March. Book Character Day. Come to school dressed as a book character.

Monday 6th April—Friday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Twinkle Twinkle

The poem Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star was written by Jane Taylor from Colchester in 1806.



Our very own Mr Bates who, on Tuesday after a few false starts with the weather, was finally able to reveal all about our stars to those children and parents who were able to come along. Using binoculars, telescopes, Starmap Apps and the naked eye, the Stargazers studied the planet Venus, Orion, Sirius the Dog Star and all the bright stars of the winter night sky. Everyone learned how to find Polaris, the North star, using the Plough and also learned the many different myths and legends in the constellations. It was a great night, despite the freezing conditions. Thank you to all that took part and obviously to Mr Bates.

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

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."
- Malcolm Gladwell

Article 29:

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, every class in the school spent some time both thinking and learning about how we can stay safe on line.

In last week's newsletter, we outlined some advice to parents—based on what we know we have to deal with at school. Our advice would be as follows and remember, you are the parents, not the other way round.

1. Do not let your children play or watch R18 rated games—specifically GTA and Call of Duty. There are others but these games are most definitely not suitable for any children.

2. Children really don't need a mobile phone at Primary School. But if you feel you have to, then check your child's phone every day. Most specifically Whatsapp and TikTok.

3. Have a look at this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/help-me-out-staying-safe-online>

4. Don't assume your child is not involved or hasn't seen something they shouldn't have online.

5. Keep your child's phone downstairs. Do not allow them to use it in their rooms for whatever reason.

Purple Pinkie Day

A sea of purpley pink washed over the school as we supported the 'End Polio Now' campaign supported by the Rotary Club.

In total we have raised 500 so far.



Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Whole Class (RREX)

Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Whole Class (RREX)

Year 5 (Oysters) — Angel W (RROX)

Year 5 (Magnets) - Whole Class (MLM)

Year 5 (Raedwald) - Alexander N (RREX)

Year 4 (Castle) - Luke B (RROX)

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Victoria B (RREX)

Year 4 (Garrison) - Joanne K (MM)

Year 3 (Dutch) - Isabelle W (RROX)

Year 3 (Iceni) - Drew Caller (RREX)

Year 3 (Paxman) - Mathilde V (RREX)

Year 2 (Mercury) - Christopher K (RREX)

Year 2 (Claudius) - Alicia H F (MM)

Year 2 (Romans) - Viktoria V (MM)

Year 1 (Eagles) - Amelia K (MM)

Year 1 (Circus) - Kejda N (MM)

Year 1 (Roses) - Oscar P (MLM)

Foundation (Chariot) - Ruby T (MLM)

Foundation (Star) - Jax R (MM)

Foundation (Jumbo) - Ella M (MM)

MDA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Mid Day Assistant at the school.

The position is for 6.25 hours a week and is payable at £9.18 p/h.

For more information and an application form, please contact either school office.



St Helena 500 Word Competition

Information about the St Helena 500 word competition is on the school website on the Welcome Page.

In short, entries need to be returned to the school by Tuesday 25th February so we can shortlist and pass on our shortlisted entries to St Helena by Thursday 27th.

Plenty of time then to start those creative writing juices flowing and wax lyrical with a story of your choosing.

Please make sure you put your name, school and age on your stories.

School Football Match

Yesterday afternoon, we hosted Heathlands in our second league match. The practice has certainly paid off as we scored our first goal this season—due I'm told to a lucky hair grip that Charles was wearing. Sadly we didn't win—but at HT, it was close.

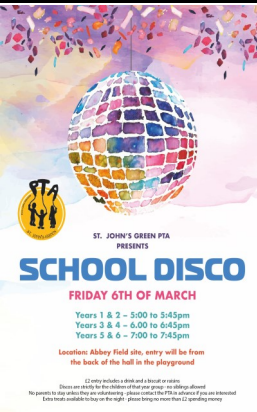


PTA Children's Discos

On page 2 of the newsletter is information about our PTA Children's Discos which will be running on Friday 6th March.

Tickets are £2 and there is a return slip.

The PTA disco information and their newsletter will also be emailed to parents so please look out for it.



Year 2 Skreens Park & Year 4 Danbury

Just a reminder that the deposit for our Year 2 residential to Skreens Park is now overdue £15.00

The final payment for the Year 4 residential to Danbury is now also overdue.

Please come and speak to us if you're having a difficulty. I am as always, keen for every child to be able to take part and enjoy these experiences.

Don't be an ostrich!



Rotary Club—Young Artist Competition

Please see details on page 2 of the newsletter of a 'Young Artist Competition' that is being run by the Rotary Club.

All children need to do is draw, paint, create a picture that outlines their understanding of Friendship.

If any and all entries can be handed into the school by Tuesday 24th March we will make sure they are passed on. Please remember to pop your name and age on the back of your entry.

The Big Question

A reminder that this Assessment Period 'The Big Question' for everyone is:

'Who is Responsible for the World?'

And Finally,

If anyone was worried—I survived the weekend with my children and was able to present them to my wife with all appendages attached. Today is, as I'm fairly sure everyone is aware, Valentines Day. So the pressure mounts all over again. I have spent some time researching a few quotes I can regale my wife with in the lull periods when I'm not in trouble. Will I actually be brave enough to share them with her—unlikely...

Have a Great Half Term

Simon Billings

I still love you
even though
YOU LOAD THE
DISHWASHER
ALL WRONG

WILL YOU BE MY
VALENTINE? THAT WAS A
RHETORICAL QUESTION,
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE—
WE'RE MARRIED.

Happy
Valentine's
Day to
myself.
I love you.

I love you
because you are
almost exactly
like me and
I'm the best.



ST. JOHN'S GREEN PTA
PRESENTS



SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY 6TH OF MARCH

Years 1 & 2 – 5:00 to 5:45pm

Years 3 & 4 – 6:00 to 6:45pm

Years 5 & 6 – 7:00 to 7:45pm

**Location: Abbey Field site, entry will be from
the back of the hall in the playground**

£2 entry includes a drink and a biscuit or raisins
Discos are strictly for the children of that year group - no siblings allowed
No parents to stay unless they are volunteering - please contact the PTA in advance if you are interested
Extra treats available to buy on the night - please bring no more than £2 spending money

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Childs name

Class Year Group

Who will be collecting the child Contact No.

Dietary requirements
Please drop £2 entry fee along with completed slip into either school office in a named, sealed envelope



THE ROTARY CLUB OF COLCHESTER YOUNG
ARTISTS COMPETITION 2020

Infant class: age 5 to 7 years

Junior class: age 8 to 11 years

We are inviting all children to submit a picture
outlining their understanding of friendship.

Closing date for entries: 27/3/2020

The prize winners will be invited to a presentation
evening on 24/4/2020 at Christ Church, Ireton Road,
Lexden, CO3 3AT at 5.30pm.

START PAINTING!!