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Maths writers ...



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On Friday 14th July—all children will need to bring to school a spare plastic bag/carrier bag so they can bring home to you their school books.

Please have another check this weekend for school reading books and library books—they're not really worth anything on the open market but they do mean a lot to us as it means we don't have to spend money replacing them.

So if you could take the plunge and disappear into your children's bedrooms to see what you can find it would be much appreciated—they can then be returned to your child's class teacher.

Online Safety

The summer is perhaps the time when children are at their most vulnerable. Most specifically because when as parents we try to juggle work and childcare—children often have far more free access to multi media devices. Mobile phones in particular cause us great angst at school because children are given access to apps and devices that they are not emotionally ready to use.

The Essex Children's safeguarding Board has published the following recently:

Parents and carers should remain aware of their child's internet use over the summer - as much as any other time of year. Child exploitation and grooming often starts with contact on social media. Any child is at risk and it's important to remember that both boys and girls can be groomed. This is why it's vital that everyone knows how to spot the signs and knows what to do if they suspect abuse ...

David Archibald, ESCB Independent Chair/Facilitator on behalf of the Statutory Partners said: "I would encourage all parents and carers, no matter how tech savvy they think they are, to double check that their children's devices have the correct parental controls and to have a discussion with their children about the importance of safe internet use - take an interest in what games they are playing and try to understand their online world."

We have attached with the newsletter a copy of the social media pack—please read it.

Year 6

Year 6 production—I'm an 11 Year Old—get me out of Here!

Tuesday 11th July @ 1.30p.m.

Wednesday 12th July @ 1.30p.m.

Thursday 13th July @ 6.30p.m.



Term Dates
Wednesday 19th July—Monday 4th September—Summer Holiday
Tuesday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th July—Year 1 to Colchester Castle

Thursday 13th July—Year 6 AP3 Reports to Parents

Friday 14th July—Year 6 Bowling

Monday 17th July—Year 6 Leavers BBQ & Water games ... 5.00p.m. @ AF

Monday 17th July—Non Uniform day for children who have completed AP3 Science Challenges

Tuesday 18th July—EYFS Tropical Beach Day

Tuesday 18th July—last Day of Summer Term

Sports Days all at AF

Thursday 13th July— Year 6 9.30—11.30

Please remember that there is no more EYFS Forest Schools. These sessions have now finished.

Assembly Theme for WB: 03/7/2023— Reflecting Roxy— This Academic Year.

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I Make Good Decisions?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term— Changing Me

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

PTA Summer Fair

Huge thanks to everyone who was able to pop along to our PTA Summer Fair last Friday. The weather just about held out to the end!



As always anything linked to either food or bouncing was a huge success as was the performances from 'Taylors' Dance Company (Niki) and our School Choir (Mrs. Gaine).

I cannot thank people enough for making the effort to come over and just spend some time in good company with good entertainment and my thanks to our PTA and the school staff, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Simmons, Mrs Skinner and Mr. Bromley. And of course Mr. Skinner who stayed until the bitter end for the bouncy castle people.



In total you raised over £3900 for our PTA which is a tremendous amount.

Mr. Eves

Many of you will know Mr. Eves and many of your children have been touched by Mr. Eves teaching and his inspiration—especially when it comes to both reading and history.



Mr. Eves started teaching at St John's Green Primary School in the year 2000. Twenty three years later and Mr. Eves has now made the decision to retire. This means that this term will be the last term Mr. Eves will be with us.

I know many of you will want to say your own goodbyes to Mr. Eves. We will also be holding a collection at both the AF and T sites should you wish to contribute in any way.

Whilst he has not quite gone yet, Mr. Eves most definitely embodies that passion and uniqueness for teaching that is part of what makes the school so special.

As an aside—Mr. Eves doesn't know I'm popping this in the newsletter—so I would be very grateful if you could not tell him!

Sports Day Results will be in next weeks newsletter—we've just have to wait until we've completed Year 6 Sports day—which is next week.

Year 3 Zoo Trip

Well done to our Year 3 children who popped off to the zoo last Friday.



Forget the 240 different species and 5666 animals and the other amazing things to discover in the zoo, one of the best parts of the trip apparently was the coach trip and the colour of the curtains!



A brilliant day—well done Year 3.

REMINDER Schoolcomms

Just a reminder from the newsletters.

It has become necessary for the school to change its current online payment system. This is the system that you currently use to pay for school dinners, breakfast club, school trips etc. The company that owns Pay360 has sold this product and the new providers have given notice to close this system.

We have sent out electronically with the newsletter information about the new system and a covering letter, which explains in more detail.

All the information you need is also on the School Website—<https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/websites/schoolcomms/288519>

REMINDER Footwear and Water Bottles

1, I appreciate that the weather is very warm but sliders/flippers are in no way suitable for children to wear to school—they're an accident waiting to happen.

Please make sure your child comes to school in suitable shoes as per the School Uniform Policy.

2, Your child should have a water bottle in school. A child should drink between 6-8 glasses of water a day and the best way for them to get this is to have a water bottle which they can have in their classroom. Lots of children are missing one and this does not help them in their learning.

Athletics Competition

Sixteen of our Year 4 and Year 6 children represented our school in an athletics competition on Tuesday this week.

They were fantastic representatives and did us proud with Isla and Lukas, as well as our Y6 boys' relay team, qualifying for the finals in their events. We were very proud of them all.



Prime Drink

We have had children across both sites bringing into school 'Prime' hydration drinks. The more cunning of whom will declare that there's only water inside.

The labelling on these drinks makes it very clear that these drinks shouldn't be consumed by children under the age of 15 years. The drink is intended as an energy drink similar to Red Bull.

In other words—please do not send your children into school with Prime bottles—whatever they may be filled with. A water bottle is just fine.

