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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Thursday 18th September @ 9.00 a.m. (Abbey Site) - Foundation Parents meeting on how we teach phonics—(Letters and Sounds)— Tea, coffee, biscuits.

Thursday 18th September @ 6.00p.m.—Final Information Evening for Year 6 children going to Kingswood.

Wednesday 24th September 3.15p.m.—4.15p.m. Open School. (Please come in to informally meet with the class teachers and have a look at your children's work)

Thursday 9th October 9.00a.m.—10.30a.m. Open Morning. (Please come in to school and spend time in lessons around the school—refreshments at 9.00 in Abbey and Town Hall's)

Tuesday 21st October—Assessment Period One reports sent out to parents

Thursday 23rd October—Informal Parents Evening

Monday 27th—Friday 31st October—Half Term

Friday 19th December—Last day of Autumn Term

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our children and parents at St John's Green Primary School. It has certainly been an interesting summer and as I'm sure you are aware, our new site is now operational. We obviously have a few teething problems and not everything is quite as we would like it to be, but we are addressing these on a daily basis.

Please bear with us over the next few weeks as we unpick various snags both with the site building and with how we operate our two sites. Although the front of the school looks very impressive, it is the very large playground and field at the rear of the school that has really captured the children's imagination. We do have an 'Open School' on Wednesday 24th September from 3.15—4.15 and this will give all parents who would like a quick snoop, the chance to have a look around.



Walking Bus—Abbey Site—Town Site

The Walking Bus will leave the Abbey Site at 8.45a.m. each morning from the dining hall. Please note that the walking bus is for children without parents—not for parents to join in with. Children who are not at the Abbey Site by 8.45 will not be able to join the walking bus as it moves between the sites as children will be registered at the Abbey Site and parents will have to walk the children down themselves for the start of the day.

There will be no walking bus at the end of the day other than the After School Club. The timings are such that it is easily possible to collect children from the Abbey Site at 3.00p.m. and be at the Town Site for 3.15p.m. Parents of children in Year 5/6 who want their children to get to the Town Site— I would ask you to consider the short independent walk and responsibility as good training for secondary school and reinforce with them road safety and staying safe.

Clubs

Please note that there will be no clubs until October. This is so that we can ensure the two sites are fully operational and all our systems are fully embedded.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Sam Swift
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Siobhan Roper
Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Marci Nicoll
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Ryan Allen
Lion Award (Dutch) - Jadya Turay
Sully Award (Mercury) - Jack Harris
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Sandra Wellahewage
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Lexi Noone
Bumble Award (Circus) - Zara Grey
Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Freddie Barnes
Mickey Award (Roses) - Noah St Ledger
Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Ashton Wilson
Heads Award — Foundation Classes

Reading Books

All children should have brought their reading book home this week. Please remember that the expectation is that children read at home at least 5 x a week and that this is recorded in their reading records.

From next week we will continue our reading draw in the Friday assembly.

For those children that took part in the library summer reading challenge—we have not yet been given the certificates from the library and will present those as soon as we have them.



Curriculum Letters

All children should have brought home this week a curriculum letter detailing what the children will be learning about this assessment period. If you haven't seen it, please have a search in the children's book bags.

Abbey Site—Footpath

Despite having had over 18 months, the footpath works along the southern boundary at the Abbey Site started last week.

The footpath is being widened, an access ramp is being installed by the Mersea Road and new lighting is being installed.

We are told that this work will take three weeks—recent experience has taught me that my idea of three weeks and a contractor's idea of three weeks do not necessarily agree.

I will keep you up to date.

Welcome to St John's Green

A very warm welcome to our new Foundation children who started school for the first time this week. They are very quickly finding their feet and are all a tremendous asset to our school.



Class Roses with Miss Mitchell



Class Daffodils with Mrs O'Shea



Class Snowdrops with Miss Cook

Foundation parents please note that from Monday we will be asking you to remain in the Foundation Garden in the morning whilst the teachers take the children into the class. Many thanks.

And Finally...

Poor Mrs Jonas had terrible problems yesterday afternoon leaving the school car park at the Abbey Site. I have various snag lists at the Abbey Site, but up until yesterday the car park didn't feature too heavily in it. It does now, as Mrs Jonas somehow missed the large double gates in front of her and instead pointed her car in the direction of the pedestrian gates at the front of the school. Fortunately she did stop before attempting to drive through them....

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings