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# St John's Green Primary School

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We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Thank You

Many thanks for the parents that have taken the time to speak to staff across both sites, thanking us for doing all we could to keep the school open, so that they could go to work and get on with their planned days. We do very much appreciate that, as a school, we serve our local community and part of that service as well as educating the children, is to look after the children during the day so that parents can work. For many of our parents if they don't work, they don't get paid.

All of us expect other services to carry on when the weather is inclement, including the NHS, shops for our groceries and most definitely the town centre—bearing in mind the amount of sledges that have recently been bought.

Should schools be any different, bearing in mind those parents that work in those services?

The positive comments are appreciated and do outweigh the less complimentary comments on facebook which have made for interesting reading!

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: I can be Physically Active

**The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 24**

You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

### Diary Dates

Saturday 3rd March. 11.00a.m. — 3.00p.m. Essex Book Festival in conjunction with our PTA. (Please see page 2)

Monday 5th March—Friday 9th March—Coram Life Bus at school.

Wednesday 7th March. 9.00a.m.—10.15 a.m. Open Morning.

Thursday 8th March. 9.00a.m. PTA Coffee Morning @ Town.

Tuesday 20th March. Year 5 to Layer Marney Tower

Thursday 29th March. Last day of Spring Term

Tuesday 17th April. First day of Summer Term



We've certainly embodied the spirit of perseverance this week and have most definitely succeeded where others have not. Thank you and enjoy the last of the snow.

Many thanks to the PTA for co-sponsoring exclusive events at Firstsite Essex Book Festival tomorrow. The PTA have worked really hard to put this programme together, please do drop in and take advantage of the free activities. Details overleaf!

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Elliott Freeman  
Year 5 (Oysters) — Meana Yasin  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Harrison Green  
Year 4 (Castle) - William Bennett  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Tylerscott McCree & Riley Thompson  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Ryan Taylor  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Mae Grimwade  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Evie-Leigh Ganjehbaf  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Callum McPherson  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Madison Austin-Gooding  
Year 2 (Romans) - Annabelle Holcombe  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Borys Sztobryn  
Year 1 (Circus) - Emily Harper  
Year 1 (Roses) - Alex Blanco-Mizgulin  
Foundation (Chariot) - Zachary Thompson  
Foundation (Star) - Ody Perperoglou  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Katie Falls  
Heads' Award— Miss Roberts (who walked in to school from West Bergholt on Wednesday)  
Attendance — Claudius



### Snow Much Fun



Admittedly sledding has had to be somewhat delayed until the end of the school day but other than that, we have been giving the children plenty of opportunities to be out and enjoy the snow.



Wednesday was the snowman competition and the children's creative efforts were immense.

There have also been plenty of opportunities for snowballing—including a particularly impressive effort between Year 5 and Year 6.



A few children at Abbey Field have also been using their sledges to go down the bank—and if they didn't have a sled—just improvised.



The temperature is due to reach the dizzy heights of 7 degrees on Sunday so hopefully we have seen the last of the 'Beast from the East.' I would though still expect some residual snow/ice to be left on Monday so please do continue to take care if out on the roads or walking to school.



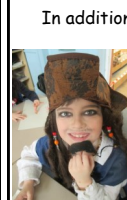
### Snow Facts

- 1, Snow isn't white. While snowflakes appear white as they fall through the sky or as they accumulate on the ground as snowfall, they are in fact totally clear.
- 2, The highest snowfall ever recorded in a one year period was 31.1 meters (1224 inches) in Mount Rainier, Washington State, United States, between February 19, 1971 and February 18, 1972
- 3, The deepest snow ever recorded in an inhabited area of the UK was near Ruthin in North Wales during the severe Winter of 1946-47. A series of cold spells brought large drifts of snow across the UK causing transport problems and fuel shortages. During March 1947, a snow depth of 1.65 metres was recorded.
- 4, North Dakota holds the record for the most snow angels made simultaneously in one place.

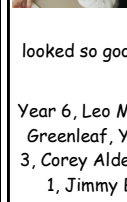
### World Book Day



Not as much playing in the snow yesterday as the children were ensconced in a dazzling array of fantastic costumes as they brought book characters to life.



In addition, the teaching staff had all planned a round robin of learning activities to bring some of our core books to life. The 'Sponge Finger Stonehenge's' were particularly impressive and apparently tasted very nice too!



Never easy to judge the best costume, almost impossible in fact as the children looked so good, but the teachers have made a valiant effort.

Year 6, Leo Morley Robertson, Year 5, Finley Greenleaf, Year 4, Archie Lee North, Year 3, Corey Alder, Year 2, Gracie Milligan, Year 1, Jimmy Brooker, EYFS, Lenny Doyle.



### Bar Modelling Challenge

Can you answer the question below using Bar modelling?

*A wallet is reduced in a sale.*

*There is one-fifth off the price of the wallet in the sale.*

*In the sale the wallet costs £85.*

*How much did the wallet cost before the sale?*

Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mrs O'Shea's door if you are at Town site.

The winning entry each week from each Year Group will get to choose a free book or writing prize.

And Finally,

An impressive mention this week in the 'And Finally' to Year 5's Finley Greenleaf—who has persevered in his shorts despite the weather. The way he was rolling about in the snow on Wednesday you'd have thought it was summer! Even his dad cracked this week. Not to be outdone on World Book Day, he wore a dress.

Have a good Weekend

Simon Billings



Books are the bees which carry the pollen of thought from one mind to another.  
James Russell Lowell (Poet.)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

## St John's Green Primary School at Essex Book Festival Widening our Knowledge of the World: Children, Place, Arts

An inspiring day of enhancing children's understanding and mastery of the arts, in partnership with Essex Book Festival (<https://essexbookfestival.org.uk/>) & Firstsite Gallery (<http://www.firstsite.uk/>)



### Schedule of Activities:

- ✚ 11am – Meeting at Firstsite, Lewis Gardens, High Street, Colchester CO1 1JH (Restaurant Space at the back)
- ✚ 11am-12noon - ***Are You Sitting Comfortably?*** (Leigh Hodgkinson of CBeebies). Storytelling and Illustration, for Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3. Co-sponsored by EES for Schools.
- ✚ 12noon-12.30 – lunch (on your own)
- ✚ 12.15 - Meeting at the Restaurant Space, Firstsite
- ✚ 12.30-1.30pm – **Flash Fiction Writing Competition** (Restaurant Space). Super-short fiction, KS1 and KS2 competitions with awards!
- ✚ 1.30-2pm (and drop-in later) **Sumi Ink Club** (Firstsite foyer). Drawing/writing for all ages and abilities, based on Sumi mural tradition. Aim: to make a big community mural with the themes of peace and place.
- ✚ 2-3pm - ***Traditional Stories from Africa and African Drumming*** (Efua Sey Corbi) Storytelling, Drumming, and Dancing for all year groups. Session exclusive to St. John's Green Primary! Twenty drums! Co-sponsored by Essex Cultural Diversity Project.
- ✚ 3pm – **Flash Fiction Writing Competition PTA Awards** (Restaurant Space)
- ✚ Drop in to one of the Firstsite exhibitions: *Rose Finn Kelcey: Power for the People* and *Wunderkammer (Cabinet of Curiosities)*.

Co-sponsored and co-organised by PTA St. John's Green Primary.

