



St John's Green Primary School

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 21st October 3.30p.m.—4.15p.m. Open School. Please pop in at either site to have an informal chat with your child's class teacher and have a look at their books.

Wednesday 21st October 2.45p.m. Year 6 Kingswood Assembly to Year 5/6 parents/children.

Thursday 22nd October 9.00 a.m. Town Site, PTA Coffee Morning

Thursday 22nd October 6.00p.m.—Year 6 Residential Meeting for Year 5 parents (Kingswood) at Abbey Field.

Friday 23rd October—Non Uniform Day for Team Colne (Blue Team) only. Their reward for highest team points in Summer Term.

Monday 26th—Friday 30th October—Half Term.

Harvest Collection

We will be continuing our Harvest collection of tins/packets/dried goods up to and including Thursday of this week. All the donations we collect will be handed over by our Year 6 and Year 4 children to support the work of the local Salvation Army and their work in providing meals for the needy in the local community. Please pop an extra packet or tin in your shopping this weekend and ask your child to put it on the stage areas set up at Town and Abbey. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

We Love Maths

Your child will be bringing home a leaflet over the next few days, which we are asking that you look at and read through. The leaflet has some ideas and games for you to support your child's fluency in maths and the importance of maths in our daily lives. Please do pop it on the fridge or the front door. There are leaflets for all children from the Foundation Stage to Year 6. Should the leaflet become separated from your child, then they can be found on the website under 'maths'.

Year 5/6—Science Museum

On Tuesday, our Year 5 & 6 children went to the Science Museum in London. This was linked to the theme, 'Earth Matters.' Whilst there, the children had a session booked in Launchpad. The Launchpad has 50 exhibits all linked to the world of

Physics and many of them interactive. The children also got to see parts of rockets, classic cars, a model of a spaceship and aeroplane engines. All in all, a great day and a fantastic learning experience. The children behaved fantastically on a very long day. In fact, the only person who was told off by the science museum staff was Mrs Corani. Mrs Corani, there are some exhibits you're not allowed to touch!

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

Jane D. Hull

Open School, Wednesday
21st October 3.30p.m.—
4.15p.m. - both school sites

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Just to remind Year 6 parents that applications for secondary schools for Year 7 September 2016 must be submitted by 31st October 2015. Applications via the website

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Abbey Field Playground

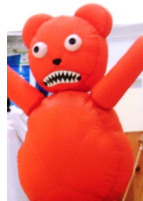
Many parents will have noticed the new play car that arrived at Abbey Field a number of weeks ago. As I have mentioned to parents who I have spoken to, we are working on the next phase of improvements for our Abbey Field site. We have been held up because we are still two classes short as part of the school expansion and didn't want to put down markings only for Essex CC to build a classroom on them. The PPF committee of the Governing Body have recently agreed the playground markings for Abbey Fields and we have asked that these are installed as soon as possible, though this will be weather permitting. The markings will also include our competition winning designs from last academic year. The PTA have asked that all the money from the sponsored walk goes directly to support some of the cost of the markings. The PTA have also given an additional £500 for playground games for use by the children at lunchtime. The PTA have also agreed a further contribution from their funds to go towards new lap-tops/ipads for the children. My thanks to the PTA and their support of the school.

Sponsored Walk

So far you have raised £2144.50 and the money is still coming in. If you haven't handed your sponsor money in yet, could you please do so as soon as possible.

Not Now Bernard

To support the Foundation children's theme 'All about Me', the Mercury Theatre came into school on Tuesday afternoon to show the children their production of 'Not Now Bernard and other monster stories' It was based on David McKee's Not Now, Bernard and included two more (not scary) monsters stories. The show introduced the topic of growing up and change in a funny and engaging way. The children sat beautifully and enjoyed the production and were still talking about it the following day.



Pumpkin Carving. Please feel free to enter our pumpkin carving competition next week. All entries need to be brought to the halls at either Abbey Field or Town on Friday 23rd October only.



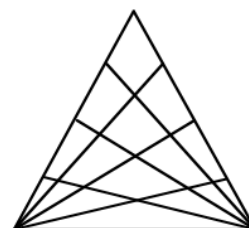
Maths Challenge

Last weeks solution

There are a total of 204 squares on a chess board, including all sizes from 1 x 1 up to 8 x 8.

This weeks challenge.

How many triangles and quadrilaterals are there in this diagram?



Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Bradley Prior
Eeyore Award (Oysters) - Teddy Shiggins
Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Evan Jones
Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Joshua Mann
Pluto Award (Iceni) - Arhant Ghodeswar
Sully Award (Mercury) - Archie North
Diddle Award (Claudius) - Gullu Cetinkaya
Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Ava Morley Robertson
Bumble Award (Circus) - Ava Adamson
Simba Award (Roses) - Maddison Middleton
Stitch Award (Chariot) - Annabelle Holcombe
Hathi Award (Star) - Qura Tul Ain
Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Esme Smith
Heads' Award - Year 5 & 6
Attendance - Oysters
Spot—Reese Merrifield

PTA Coffee Morning

The PTA would like to invite all parents to a coffee morning on Thursday 22nd October at 9.00 a.m. at the Town site. Please do pop along for an informal chat and to find out about the work of the PTA.

And Finally ...

Miss Pickard was complaining to Mrs Bullivant last night about some of the tactics some members of her netball team were using during practice. Her grievance with some of her team mates was that Netball was a non contact sport and that several of the team had been body checking. To drive home her point Miss Pickard offered to demonstrate on Mrs Bullivant the exact nature of the body checking. Unfortunately Mrs Bullivant was unprepared for quite how forceful the body check was and very nearly ended up in the photocopier!

Enjoy the weekend

Simon Billings

We are growing
our learning

