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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...



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### Math Magical

On Wednesday we had a mathematician in school who dazzled all the children in the school with some excellent maths magic. Hopefully, you've seen the pictures on the school's twitter account. If not a quick resumé.

Circles were turned into squares. £20 notes were transformed into \$1,000,000 dollar bills and scraps of paper were turned into money. In addition, some magical number facts were revealed.

$$12345678 = (12 = 3 \times 4, 56 = 7 \times 8)$$

Think of a number, double it, add 10, halve it, subtract your starting number—you will always get the answer 5! - Magic!



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: Try to Use Kind Words.

Mathematics focus for next week: Another, Another, Another.

### Christmas Fair

Our PTA continue to meet regularly as the planning stage nears reality, with our Christmas Fair now just two weeks away. Some new things for this year: including a magical igloo and an outside marquee. As always, classes are also planning their Christmas stalls. The next PTA coffee morning (tea is served as well) is next Thursday morning at 9.00a.m. Please do pop along and support the PTA's work in any way you can.

### Open Evening/Assessment Period Reports

Please remember that next Thursday is our Open Evening from 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m at both sites. Children will be bringing their reports home on Tuesday and this will include an invitation from them to you detailing some of the work they are really proud of.

### Website Calendar

Please check out the tab for CALENDAR on the website, it has lots of 'not to be missed' dates on—Including Term Dates.

### Diary Dates

Thursday 1st December. 9.00a.m. PTA Coffee Morning. Town. All Welcome.

Thursday 1st December. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m.—Open Evening.

Friday 2nd December. Non Uniform Day in Support of Christmas Fair.

Tuesday 6th December 4.30p.m.—5.30p.m.—Internet Café. AF

Friday 9th December. Christmas Fair. AF.

Tuesday 13th December. Christmas Lunch for AF

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th @2.30p.m.—Year 1 Christmas Concert (Please note change of date)

Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Friday 16th @10.00a.m. Foundation Nativity, 'The Secret in the Shed.'

Thursday 15th December. Christmas Lunch for Town.

Friday 16th December. Non Uniform Day. Christmas Jumper and Bobble Hat. £1.00. In support of NSPCC & Save the Children.

Monday 19th @6.00p.m. Tuesday 20th @2.00p.m. & 6.00p.m.—Year 2 Production. 'Lights, Camel, Action'

Wednesday 21st December. Last day of Autumn Term

Thursday 5th January 2017. First day of Spring Term



WALT: We Are Learning To

Please keep asking your children what some of their WALTs have been in school. If you can get it out of them—their learning is amazing!

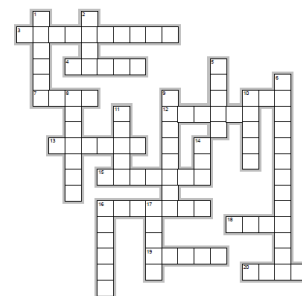
### Crossword Challenge

There'll be a weekly crossword challenge this term.

As always, Answers on Miss Salmon's door if you are at Abbey site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Town site

### Disney Crossword Puzzle

Add the names of characters from several different Disney movies to this puzzle.



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| Across   | Down  |
| 3. Disney star who must be home by midnight        | 1. Bell, star of her own 2008 Disney movie    |
| 4. Cowboy in Toy Story                             | 2. Fish who is separated from his father      |
| 7. The rat's name in Ratatouille, brother of Emile | 5. Color of the Rabbit in Alice in Wonderland |
| 10. Aladdin's monkey                               | 6. Space man from Toy Story                   |
| 12. The Mad ___ from Alice in Wonderland           | 8. Lightning ___ from Cars                    |
| 13. The Lion King's warbling friend                | 9. Type of cat in Alice's Wonderland          |
| 15. The Sultan's daughter in Aladdin               | 10. Little Mermaid's name                     |
| 16. Boy who flies to South America in UP           | 11. The Princess who kisses the Frog          |
| 18. Name of the boy in Toy Story                   | 14. Walt's favorite robot friend              |
| 19. The starting lady in The Beauty and the Beast  | 15. A wise balloon from The Lion King         |
| 20. Owner of the house that flies away in UP       | 17. The Lion King's name                      |

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

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Ryan Allen

Year 5 (Oysters) — Brooke-Angel Rogers

Year 4 (Castle) - Oliver Smith

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Mila Lake

Year 3 (Dutch) - Isabella Castagnoli

Year 3 (Iceni) - Zoe Crayden

Year 2 (Mercury) - Leland Freeman

Year 2 (Claudius) - Harrison Miller

Year 2 (Romans) - Yuki Chen

Year 1 (Eagles) - Jakov Radunovik

Year 1 (Circus) - Francesac Pincombe

Year 1 (Roses) - Demi Pudney

Foundation (Chariot) - Kyla Rowles

Foundation (Star) - David Oprea

Foundation (Jumbo) - Khadija Islam

Heads' Award—Football Team

Attendance — Star

### Football Competition at Shrub End

Miss Pickard and Mrs McIver took some of our children over to Shrub End this week for a football competition hosted by Colchester United. A brilliant morning with our children winning two games and losing two. There was also a special visitor!



### Primary Maths Challenge

Last week ten children from upper phase completed the national Primary Maths Challenge. Pitting the cream of mathematicians against each other nationally. As of yet we don't know our children have fared. But as a challenge to you all, can you answer this question. If you want the answer—ask Mr Green!

In a survey of 20 children, 8 had 1 brother, and 6 had 2 brothers. The mean number of brothers was 1. How many children had no brothers?

A 0 B 2 C 4 D 6 E 8

And Finally,

You may remember that I was banned from watching the netball matches by Miss Pickard. The same fate has now befallen me with regards to the football. I arrived on Tuesday to see the children seal a 2-1 victory. I watched the next two games which we both lost. When I left the children won again! I will be at Weston Homes this Saturday to watch the mighty Colchester United take on Crewe. They had a stunning 3-0 victory on Tuesday against Cheltenham, so I'm hopeful that my presence not withstanding—I will actually see them win at home!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings



# NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER

2016

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December will be a non-uniform day in aid of our Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 5.00 – 7.00pm at the Abbey Field Site.**

We are collecting donations for the Fair on the Non-Uniform Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Instead of money, could parents please send their children in to school with any one of the following: small items suitable for Lucky Dip/ anything chocolate (boxes or individual chocolate bars) for the chocolate tombola stall/good quality items for child tombola/bottles/cans of soft drinks, biscuits, sweets to sell on the refreshment stall. Adults please hand any glass items directly to the School Office.

**Urgently Needed: Donations for the Raffle**  
**(e.g. good quality toiletries, bottles, gifts etc.)**

