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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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### PTA Wreath Making Night

Please don't forget that tonight, from 7.00p.m.—9.00p.m., our PTA have organised a Christmas Wreath making night.

This event will be at AF and is for adults only. It's certainly not too late—so if you do find yourself at a loose end, please just turn up. £15 pp.

### Christmas Jumper Day

(Save the Children)

Please remember that next Friday is Christmas Jumper/Non Uniform Day in aid of Save the Children.

Be as festive as you can for the day—but please remember for the privilege it is £1.

If everyone who comes in festive attire brings their £1, then we'll raise well over £500.

Please do not forget those £1's

Year 5/6—please remember you have your last swimming session, so face paint and hair colouring are, I'm afraid, a no go for you.



### Christmas Post Boxes

From Monday, our Christmas Post Boxes will be available at both Town and Abbey Field for our free 'Elf' Christmas delivery service.

At Town, the post box will be in the Top Hall and at Abbey Field in the library area.

Please could children/parents make sure that you put both the first and last name of the child the card is going to and also the class that they are in.

Our elves are brilliant but...we have quite a few children who share the same first name and it is very difficult to pin down a specific 'Jack' for example!

### PTA Christmas Fair

Many thanks to everyone who braved the throng and was able to come along to our Christmas Fair last Friday.

Mrs Taylor is still totting up the total, as money keeps coming in from class stalls but ...our grand total raised is over £4000.

Huge thanks to our PTA and to Mrs Simmons and Mrs Taylor and all staff and volunteers who gave up so much of their free time to make the event happen and run so successfully.

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:

Revisiting of this Half Terms Themes.

The 'Right' we will be focusing on after Half Term is Article 28:

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

### Coats

Just a reminder please to all parents that your children must be coming into school with a water-proof winter coat.

Hoodies, as fashionable as they are, and school reversible fleeces (even more fashionable) are not suitable for the elements.

Please, regardless of the weather forecast, make sure your children have their coat in school every day.

### Diary Dates

Friday 7th December. National Letter Writing Day.

Friday 7th December. PTA Christmas Wreath making night @ AF 7.00p.m.—9.00p.m. Adults only £15pp. Please ask at either School Office for further details.

Tuesday 11th December (AF) & Thursday 13th December (T) School Christmas Lunches. (Please see Separate Letter)

Friday 14th December. Non Uniform Day—Christmas Jumper Day. In aid of 'Save the Children.' £1

Friday 14th December @ 9.30. Year 1 Christmas Concert @ AF.

Thursday 20th December—Friday 4th January. Christmas Holiday. The school is closed.

Monday 7th January. First day of Spring Term.

PLEASE ALSO LOOK ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR DATES/INFORMATION.

DATES FOR FOUNDATION AND YEAR 2 PRODUCTIONS, YEAR ONE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS DINNER ARE ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE

### Year 5 Parents—Kingswood 2019

Please remember that the £40 deposit for Kingswood is now overdue.

Any problems or concerns please let me know.

### Freda Gunton House

A huge effort from some of our Year 4's who took the time to decorate the Christmas tree at Freda Gunton House this week. Apologies to William who was also there but just cropped out of the photo.



### This week's Challenge

In our house, we have been having a lot of trouble with the Christmas Elf—who seems to be getting into more and more mischief the closer we get to Christmas.



So far, the elf has made a snowman out of toilet rolls, drawn over the banana's and drawn a happy smiling face with toothpaste in the sink, to name but a few of his misdemeanours.

My daughter has very strong words with the elf each morning to little effect.

I'm assuming and hoping that we don't have the only badly behaved Christmas Elf in Colchester.

The challenge then is to send in a picture of one of the things that your Christmas Elf has been up to.

Entries can be sent in by e-mail via [admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk) or pop your efforts in the folder outside Miss Gamman's door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at T.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Finley Greenleaf (MM)  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Sandra Wellahewage (ML)  
Year 5 (Oysters) — Thomas McFadden (MM)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Coby Heading (RR)  
Year 4 (Castle) - Alisha Naqvi (MM)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Ava Morley-Robertson (CC)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Elif Goksu (RR)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Dmitrii Britcari (MM)  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Shriyan Kar (MM)  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Riley Rudd (RR)  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Alan Wojak (MM)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Austin Smith (RR)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Alice Campbell (MM)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Bivaan Bhandari (MM)  
Year 1 (Circus) - Thomas Hall (MM)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Trae King (ML)  
Foundation (Chariot) - Olivia Slapin (MM)  
Foundation (Star) - Amber Cherry (RR)  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Connor Humphrey-Johnson (RR)  
Heads' Award — Year 4—Reckless Romans/Crazy Celts

### All Things Roman

Year 4 came to school today dressed up as Reckless

Romans and Crazy Celts. They have been inventing Gruesome Gladiator pizzas which have apparently been devoured already. They then became smart archaeologists and solved an interesting Roman Mystery. Later, they had a fashion show and put on some extravagant Roman entertainment.



Children are NOT a distraction from more important work. They are THE MOST important work.

C. S. Lewis

### Children's Evening

Many thanks to everyone who was able to come along to our Children's Evening on Wednesday and share in the successes your children have had in their learning.

Please remember that as per their reports, you as parents can and do make a significant difference to your children's education and their future life chances.

Please take a few minutes each night to practise a few things with them as per the suggestions in their reports.



Collaborating Carlos  
Work well together; support each other.

Making Links Mollie  
Make connections across all areas of your learning.



Learning Dispositions



Resilience Rex  
Keep going even when it's hard; never give up.



Motivating Melinda  
Be keen to succeed; try your best.

Reflecting Roxy  
Learn from experience; build on your learning.

And Finally,

Since my niece set up a family 'WhatsApp' group, we have been inundated with messages from my brother who is currently in Poland with his wife visiting her family. I know that, in the last few days, my brother has been on a plane, gone to church, been to a supermarket, made a ginger biscuit and eaten cake. I clearly can't compete with my younger brother's fast paced life. Nor sadly, with his culinary skills—Now, my brother made one of these but not the other!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

