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St John's Green Primary School

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Newsletter

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A very warm (cold) welcome back to everyone for the Spring Term. I very much hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year.

Driving on the Pavements and on Abbey Field

Since we have started the new term, we have had a couple of incidents of seriously irresponsible driving in and around Abbey Field.

I fully appreciate that this is only a minority of parents but the school has had reports of:

- 1, Parents driving down Abbey Field to avoid using the road
- 2, Parents driving across Abbey Field towards the old Arena
- 3, Parents driving with two wheels on the pavement

These incidents have been reported to the police and we have asked them to keep an eye on the school. If any parent witnesses any of the above, I would ask them to inform the school immediately and if possible, provide us with a car model type and registration number. We have also repositioned one of the school security cameras to help us better monitor the situation.

I fully appreciate the frustrations for parents in driving to the schools to drop off or collect children, but flouting the highway code and putting pedestrians lives at risk/in danger is not the solution to the problem.

The best advice I can give is, leave earlier to allow for plenty of time and be patient. If at all possible—walk.

Football League

Yesterday afternoon our football team had their first match in the local schools league. A little bit like Colchester United were a couple of months ago—the only way is up!

The boys played valiantly in the rain and gloom and their perseverance and good spirits were rewarded with a late goal. Unfortunately, Home Farm had already scored quite a few goals by then, so the goal was just a consolation.

Nonetheless, really well done to the children, many thanks to the parents and staff for their support and very well done to the referee—who was excellent!



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: Working Well with Other People

Internet Café

Please don't forget our Internet Café next week, Tuesday 17th January 4.30p.m.—5.30p.m. at AF. Hotdogs or Soup in a Roll £1.50. All drinks are free.



Christingle

We were very fortunate this week as Maldon Road Chapel

popped in to lead a couple of assemblies on Christingle.

Some of our children had already made Christingles and the children were then taught in assembly what the Christingle symbolised.

The assembly finished with a thought by candle-light.



Coats, Hats, Gloves

I know it seems obvious—but we do still have children in school without proper coats. Please, please make sure your children come to school with a proper winter coat etc, and that they are named. We do take the children outside for break and lunch—even if it is cold and rainy.

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th January. Internet Café. 4.30p.m.—5.30p.m. AF.

Wednesday 18th January. Open Morning (9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Abbey Field) (9.15 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. Town)

Thursday 2nd February. Harry Potter Book Night @ Colchester Library, Ages 7-12. Treasure Hunt and Wand Making, Come Dressed as a witch, wizard or muggle. 4:00pm – 5:00pm,

Monday 6th February—Thursday 9th February. Internet Safety Week

Wednesday 8th February. Open School
3:30pm – 4:00pm—Both Sites

Thursday 9th February. Non Uniform Day—Yellow. £1.00. In aid of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

Friday 10th February. Non Pupil Day. The School is Closed.

Saturday 11th February. Colchester United @ Home—Barnet @3.00p.m.

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February. Half Term.

♥ Tuesday 14th February. Colchester United @ Home—Crawley @7.45p.m.

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April. Easter Holiday.

PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES THIS TERM.

Crossword/Wordsearch Challenge

There'll be a weekly word search challenge this term.

Addition up to 20

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Y	E	A	H	M	M	E	X	I	T	R	J	C	N	T
D	O	V	H	S	T	T	K	U	T	R	P	T	F	
B	D	Z	E	X	U	E	J	E	V	J	U	E	V	I
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4 + 4	10 + 8	7 + 4
11 + 4	8 + 6	1 + 8
12 + 7	2 + 5	15 + 2
4 + 2	13 + 3	5 + 5
11 + 2	11 + 1	10 + 10

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

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

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Olivia Gillon
- Year 5 (Oysters) - Henry Aitken-McKenney
- Year 4 (Castle) - Harrison Caulton
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Caitlyn Smith
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Aisha Rudderham
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Teegan Monks
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Thomas Gilligan
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Amina Budak
- Year 2 (Romans) - James Biudole
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Ethem Budak
- Year 1 (Circus) - Summer Aitken-McKenney
- Year 1 (Roses) - Luka Brand
- Foundation (Chariot) - Alexander Blaco-Mizgulin
- Foundation (Star) - Rio Brown
- Foundation (Jumbo) - Alan Wojak
- Heads' Award—Star, Chariot, Jumbo
- Attendance—Romans

We Can't Teach the Children if They're NOT in School

Unfortunately as we start the new year, some parents have come up with numerous reasons why they're child is too unwell for school.

Whilst we fully appreciate that some children are genuinely unwell, this is often not the case!

Class teachers plan a sequence of lessons that build on each other during the week. If children are absent, they do miss out on key learning.

We want your children to achieve their best, we can only facilitate that if they're in school. As parents, you want your children to achieve their best—and therefore it is vital you bring them to school.

We can't do one without the other!

Please remember, that we can facilitate the dosing up off children with calpol and medicines—you just need to talk to the Office staff.

And Finally,

A small drama at the Billings house this week when my wallet went missing. I always leave it in the same place—so it's disappearance was not good! Having searched everywhere at least twice and been accused of either leaving it somewhere, dropping it or not putting it where I normally do, it was eventually found. My wife, in a tidying up spree had thrown it in the bin with the rubbish! In her defence she was very apologetic, though the wallet was a little damp!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

All clubs will start again next week, with the exception of Netball.

Any queries, please speak to the Office Staff

Christmas Quiz entries need to be handed in to either office by Friday 20th January.