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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Beat the Street

Well it was a close run thing, but in the end St John's Green emerged victorious in Beat the Street with a massive total of 200,050 points. Really well done and thank you to all our children, parents and supporters who have walked, run and cycled around Colchester, discovering parts they didn't even know existed in their quest for school glory. Our thanks as well to those supporters who donated their accumulated points to the school, when it became clear, that perhaps not everyone was playing in the spirit of the game. £400 of Sports and fitness equipment will be heading our way and we will split this between the two sites for use by the children at lunchtime.



### A Walk on the Historical Side.

On Monday afternoon the whole of Year 1 went on a tour of some of Colchester's Historical Buildings to stimulate their writing about their local area.

Mr Bates led the way to the only ruins in Britain of a Roman Circus where chariot racing took place almost 2000 years ago. The children were then taken to look at the Abbeygate on St. John's Green. This was built around 600 years ago to protect St. John's Abbey from revolting peasants in the local area. Finally, Year 1 found their way back to the Town Site school building which, in itself, is a historical site. It was one of the many red brick schools built in Victorian times, opened in 1898 and has served the local area and seen many changes in the last 120 years. The children produced some excellent writing as a result and know more about local history now than many adults.



### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Stanley Hobbs  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Harrison Caulton  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Leon Chapman  
Year 4 (Castle) - Mia Wickers  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - George Tyler  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Alexander Newton  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Noah Horn  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Bailey Smith  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Finley Bateman  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Shriyan Kar  
Year 2 (Romans) - Beau Brindley  
Year 1 (Eagles) - David Opera  
Year 1 (Circus) - Jimmy Brooker  
Year 1 (Roses) - Eliot Pun  
Foundation (Chariot) - Luca Castagnoli  
Foundation (Star) - Riley Bilton  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Summer Howard  
Heads' Award— Whole School  
Attendance — Circus



### Shared Supper

Please don't forget that next Tuesday from 5.30p.m. is our Shared Supper at the Abbey Field site. An excellent opportunity to meet and spend time getting to know other parents and sampling the excellent cuisine on offer.

Parents please bring a dish of food which can be shared. Please bring along anything from savoury to sweet e.g. pasta dishes/rice dishes/sausage rolls/egg sandwiches/cake/dessert.

Only one dish per family!! Soft drinks will available on the night.

### Inter Faith Week

Next week is Inter Faith Week—The aims of Inter Faith Week are quite simple and include: highlighting the good work done by local faith, inter faith and faith-based groups and organisation, enabling greater interaction between people of different backgrounds, celebrating diversity and helping to develop integrated communities.

We have 36 different cultures represented at our school, all of whom are part of our school community. It is vital we celebrate our differences and continue to value and respect the differences we have.

Next week we will also be thinking about—Article 39: You have the right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated.

Inter Faith Week



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

Jane D. Hull

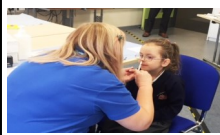
### Ofsted

You will of course be aware that having waited for over 5 years, the school had its Ofsted inspection this week. Unsurprisingly, this moved to a two day inspection due to size and geography of our two sites. There is, I'm afraid, a bit of a wait now, for the inspection report, which by the time the processes have been gone through could take up to 5 weeks. We will send all parents a copy of the report as soon as it is published.

Many thanks to parents who took the time to comment on Parent View and many thanks to all your children, who were quite frankly—brilliant.

### Flu

Really well done to all our children, whose parents elected for them to have the flu vaccination today. Never an easy thing having a vaccination—even in spray form and the children were brilliant.



Books are the bees which carry the pollen of thought from one mind to another.

James Russell Lowell (Poet.)

Assembly Theme: Know how to help if someone is being bullied.

### Diary Dates

Monday 13th—Friday 17th November—Inter Faith Week and Anti Bullying Week.  
Monday 13th—Tuesday 14th November. 3.15p.m. Book Fair @ AF.  
Tuesday 14th November - Shared Supper, 5.30p.m. @ Abbey Field  
Wednesday 15th—Thursday 16th November. 3.30p.m. Book Fair at Town.  
Friday 17th November. PTA Christmas Fair Meeting. Please come along to get involved. 9.15a.m at AF.  
Friday 1st December—Xmas Fair, 5-7pm  
Wednesday 6th December—Open Evening, 5.00-7.30pm  
Friday 15th December. Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. £1.00  
Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.  
Wednesday 3rd January—First Day of Spring Term.  
PLEASE LOOK ON THE CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES/EVENTS THIS TERM INCLUDING END OF TERM PRODUCTIONS AND CHRISTMAS DINNER.

### Reminders

- Swimming Money reminder for Years 3 and 6
- Shared Supper is this coming Tuesday 14th at 5.30p.m.
- Xmas Fair—Friday 1st December 5-7pm
- If you are having any problems with the on-line payment system 'Sims Agora' please refer to the trouble shooting guide in 'Parent Information' on the school website. There is also a fault reporting form here.
- Children in Year 5 will all bring home Kingswood letters today following on from the meeting last night.
- Reminders have been sent to those parents who have not yet completed, signed and returned photographic consent form.

### A Picture and a Meaning.

A slightly different challenge moving forward to the end of this term. Every flower, has a meaning. For example if you give a red rose to someone, it means you love them.

Our challenge for the rest of this term is.

- Draw a brilliant picture of the flower pictured.
- Write a sentence about what the flower means.



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,

Last week our Foundation children had a dress up day to end their Meg and Mog week. Mr Innocent, went a little over the top while attempting to convert himself into a Minion. If you look closely you can still see some yellow paint on him a week later!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings



If you're not busy this Saturday afternoon:

Chinese Dragon Dance Group at FIRSTSITE at 4.30p.m. A website link is on the school calendar.





**FREE – ALL WELCOME**  
**COME ALONG AND MEET OTHER PARENTS**

**SHARED SUPPER**

***You are all invited to a social evening at our school on Tuesday  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
from 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.***

Parents please bring a dish of food which can be shared. Please bring along anything from savoury to sweet e.g. pasta dishes/rice dishes/sausage rolls/egg sandwiches/cake/dessert. Only one dish per family!! Soft drinks will be available on the night.

School children will be able to eat with you first and then will be taken away for a bedtime story with the teaching staff.

Children may wear their pyjamas.

Please complete the slip below to let the school office know if you can attend the evening.

Older children cannot attend unless an adult stays for the shared supper.

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**PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> November**

NAME OF CHILD: ..... CLASS : .....

I/We will be able to attend the social evening on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Number of adults/pre-school children attending shared supper: .....

Number of children attending shared supper: .....