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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We are all
writers ...



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Coats

Now that the weather has turned decidedly chilly and wet, I cannot impress enough on parents that your child **MUST** have a coat in school—every day! Unless it is a torrential downpour, we will be taking the children outside at breaktime and lunchtime as fresh air (and vitamin D) is good for us.

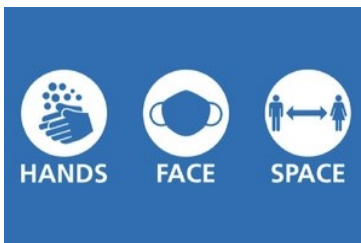
Likewise, PE is also timetabled to be outside for all year groups apart from EYFS. Again, the children need a coat as this will be taking place if practically possible. Not having a coat, will not excuse the children and they will end up being damp, wet and cold.

Simple solution, please make sure your child has a waterproof coat in school EVERYDAY whatever the weather looks like in the morning.

PTA AGM: The PTA AGM will be on Wednesday 14th October at 7.00pm. **This will no longer be in the AF hall but will now be conducted using Zoom.**

The PTA do, I know, have a raft of ideas up their sleeves for fund raising for the school in the current climate.

If you would like to get involved or are already an existing member of the PTA and would like to attend the meeting, you must let Mrs Taylor at AF know and more importantly make sure that you give Mrs Taylor your e-mail address so that we can grant you access and a link to the meeting.



Reading

You're Never too old,
too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book
and
read to a child.



Also being sent home today is a letter that talks about the importance of reading and the different ways we are both encouraging and supporting reading at school.

Please in particular, having read the letter, look in your children's book bags and have a detailed look at the new Bingo cards as this is an excellent way in which you can support reading at home. Please also have a look at the school website in 'Curriculum Information' and 'Reading and Phonics' as we have updated this page to reflect the changes we have made in school.

Awards

- Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Malaki (RROX)
- Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Logan (CC)
- Year 6 (Lathes) - Yan (MLM)
- Year 5 (Oysters) - Joanne (RREX)
- Year 5 (Magnets) - Riley (MM)
- Year 5 (Raedwald) - Freya (MM)
- Year 4 (Castle) - Jimmy (MLM)
- Year 4 (Cavalier) - Vada (RREX)
- Year 4 (Garrison) - Jennifer (MM)
- Year 3 (Dutch) - Emily (MM)
- Year 3 (Iceni) - Amber (RROX)
- Year 3 (Paxman) - Ivy (MM)
- Year 2 (Mercury) - Holly (MM)
- Year 2 (Claudius) - Maynee (RROX)
- Year 2 (Romans) - Awana (CC)
- Year 1 (Eagles) - Ruby (MM)
- Year 1 (Circus) - Logan (RREX)
- Year 1 (Roses) - Izzy (MM)
- EYFS (Jumbo) - Thomas (RREX)
- EYFS (Star) - Max (MM)
- EYFS (Chariot) - Ronnie (MM)
- Attendance—Eagles

VIRTUAL SCENTSY NIGHT

Facebook address:
SJG PTA Scentsy Event

Thursday the 8th of October
8pm
From the comfort of your own home.

Hosted by Sally Smith (school parent),
Independent Scentsy Consultant.

All commission generated on the night will be
donated to the PTA

Join us virtually and help raise funds for the
school



"Practice isn't the
thing you do once
you're good. It's
the thing you do
that makes you
good."
- Malcolm Gladwell

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

YOUR CHILD WILL
FOLLOW YOUR
EXAMPLE, NOT
YOUR ADVICE.

Face Shields, Face Masks and Social Distancing

Everyone will have picked up from the news the fact that Coronavirus cases are on the rise across the country and that the Government is taking this second wave, which was not unexpected, very seriously.

Our duty, as a school, is to take on board the Government's advice and to promote the safety of our children, parents and staff as much as possible.

To that effect, please take note of the following things:

- 1, Please could parents do their utmost to promote social distancing (which is 2m) when on the school site. Rather than crowding as near to the doors that the children exit from, please choose a location on the playground where you can see the door and more importantly where your child knows you are going to be standing.
- 2, From Monday, please wear a face mask when entering the school site. Whilst we will not try to enforce this, I would ask parents to comply unless they are medically exempt.
- 3, Parents will have to wear a face mask when entering the school building, which includes going to the office or using the toilet. The expectation is that parents comply with this.
- 4, School staff will be wearing face shields when they are out on the playground at the beginning and end of the day as will office staff.
- 5, Please when you are talking to staff outside on the playground remember to maintain social distancing

There will be no quick fix as far as Coronavirus is concerned and all we can do is our best to mitigate the risks to each and everyone of us and more importantly keep our school open for our children.

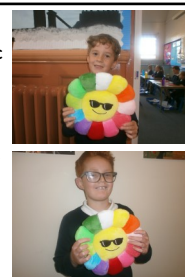
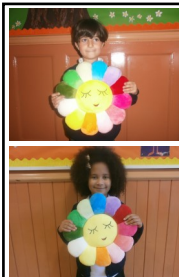
It's a Sunflower Thing

Really well done to all our fantastic sunflower growers. Mr Bates was hard pushed to make a decision on the victors but after much anguish—the results are as follows. Really well done to all our growers.

1st: Ody 300cm

2nd: Alissa 266cm

3rd: Donovan and Lenny 252cm.



Year 7 Admissions—September 2021

Applications are now open for Year 6 parents to choose a Secondary School for next Sept.

Use the link to apply online <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> and watch the video <https://youtu.be/Q0a8fi06WKY> to find out how. The deadline for applications is 31st October.

St Helena School have created a virtual tour and dedicated website for prospective children and this can be accessed here:

<https://sites.google.com/sthsch.com/year-6-transition-2020>

The links are also available on the school website in 'St Helena.'

MDA Vacancy: We have a vacancy for MDA's at both of our sites to support the children at lunchtime. The role is 6.25 hours per week, 43.3 weeks (incl 5.3 weeks holiday pay). Scale 2.2, 18,198.00pa, £2,552.81pa pro rata. For details and an application pack please contact either school office.

And Finally,

Staff have been getting to grips with their face shields this week and practising their use—some top tips to share with you from the staff. Mrs Bourne—don't sneeze whilst wearing one. Mrs Poole—strawberries cannot be eaten through a face shield. Mr Bates—the stars on my face shield are not random, they're constellations.

Have a Good Weekend—Simon Billings



Improve your English

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES IN COLCHESTER

for non-native speakers of English

Classes available at all levels. Classes are lively and enjoyable. We give you help with vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation. Come and practise speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

Where: Headgate Theatre, Chapel Street North, Colchester, CO2 7AT (Just off St. John's Street. Entrance up outside stairs to right of theatre building. Follow signs.)

When: Thursday mornings in term time, 10.00am to 12.00 midday.

How much: free, but please make a donation of £2.50.

How to join: come to Headgate Theatre on a Thursday morning and speak to Sue or Phil. Classes begin again on 10 September 2020.

Covid 19 restrictions will apply. Please wear a mask on entry and exit, hand-sanitise and keep 2 metres social distancing. Additional instructions will be given on joining.

Can you help the nation's farmers tackle one of earth's greatest challenges?



Need some inspiration?

Take a virtual tour, meet some of our farmers and visit our inspiration hubs filled with activities and videos to get you started!

The Prizes:

The top 9 entries will win £1000 for their school to spend on STEM or Outdoor Learning equipment and will receive their prize at a prestigious awards ceremony at the Houses of Parliament in Summer 2021

We're looking for young people to use their ingenuity and problem solving skills to create an innovation or invention to help farmers fight climate change.

The competition is open for learners aged 5-14 (Year 1 – Year 9) and closes on 31st May 2021

For more information go to www.farmvention.com

