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St John's Green Primary School

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Newsletter

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Learning Conversations

Many thanks to all our parents who came along to the school last night to spend some time with your children in learning conversations. It was brilliant to see all our children talking with their parents so animatedly about their work, what they were proud of and those bits of learning they still find a bit tricky. Some of the children I know pretty much went through every page of their books—in great detail!



Please do keep supporting your children at home with their reading and spellings. Please also keep asking them those questions about the WALT. A follow up question would be to ask them how they know if they've been successful in their learning?



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: Know how to give and receive compliments.

Mathematics focus for next week: Convince Me!



Diary Dates

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

National Gallery

After a very long journey, our Year 5 & 6 children arrived at the National Gallery in London on Wednesday. The children took part in a re-enactment of the story of Cupid and Psyche. They moved between 2 rooms using the paintings as the setting for the story while being trees themselves as Psyche weaved her way through. They were also told the story of Odysseus and Penelope through the use of a painting. The children were encouraged to use the clues in the paintings and the questions asked of them to work out the story and the meaning behind the painting. The children also walked around the section of the gallery linked to the Renaissance Period and Greek Mythology where they chose a painting to sketch in their art books. All in all a fantastic but exceptionally busy and long day. The children were brilliant and we are tremendously proud of them and how well they coped with the day.



Earwig

Hopefully all of our parents are now engaging with Earwig. Just as a reminder: Earwig is an online Learning Journal that allows you as parents to see and comment about some of the things that your children are learning about at school. If you have not yet signed up, please do as soon as possible. There is no cost.

Earwig also has two new features for parents

-Parent Plus

-The one-click photobook

Further information is on the school website under the Earwig tab.

Christmas Fair

Please see page 2 of the newsletter for a few details about our Christmas Fair next week—an event not to be missed!

Many thanks for all of your donations today, very much appreciated.

If you're able to bake a cake or two for the cake stall, that would be excellent—but please not be brought in until next Friday.

In addition, one of our parents who works for a professional photographic company will be taking, if parents choose the option, pictures of children with Father Christmas himself, who is I'm told coming especially from Lapland. The cost of the photo is £5, with half of that £5 going to the school PTA and the other half being donated to the charity fund for Aya.

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Max Howie
Year 5 (Oysters) - Kate Luney
Year 4 (Castle) - Freddie Szaj
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Isaac Peek
Year 3 (Dutch) - Zak Linnemoller
Year 3 (Iceni) - Sofia Helene
Year 2 (Mercury) - Kian Feasey
Year 2 (Claudius) - Martina Salvatori
Year 2 (Romans) - Riley Ring
Year 1 (Eagles) - Finley Bateman
Year 1 (Circus) - Louie Galloway
Year 1 (Roses) - Colesha Toluwase
Foundation (Chariot) - Samuel Cornell
Foundation (Star) - Alice Campbell
Foundation (Jumbo) - Louie Seeley
Heads' Award—Year 5 & 6
Attendance — Chariot

Goodbye Mrs Cooke

Very sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Cooke today who is off to start a new career in conveyancing. On behalf of all the school and our community I would like to say thank you to Mrs Cooke for everything she has done to help make our school the special place it is and wish her the very best in her new career.



Web-site Calendar

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

Colchester United

Talking of Success Colchester United are now up to 15th in League 2 after a rather impressive 4-0 win at home, believe it or not at the weekend. Their next home game is on Saturday 17th March...is it just possible they could win two games at home on the trot!



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

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

And Finally,

You will have noticed two new benches on the playgrounds at both sites. These were asked for by our school council and are 'Buddy' or 'Friendship' Benches. Our feelings about the benches were however decidedly unfriendly at the start of the week! Being cunning we had asked for the benches to be delivered separately to each site! Unfortunately they had been packaged incorrectly so we had two left sides and two right sides at each site. No sooner had Mr Bromley swapped them over and attempted to put them together then he realised that the centre parts were each at the wrong site too. The patience of a saint our Mr Bromley!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings



Christmas Fair.



FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER

5.00 – 7.00 p.m.

At

Abbey Field Site

Class Stalls with items designed and made by the
children

Santa's Igloo/Photo Booth

Refreshments (Drinks/Burgers/Hot Dogs)

Raffle/Chocolate Tombola

Sand Art/Lucky Dip/Various Games/
Cake Stall

(Donations of homemade cakes to be brought to
the school office on the morning of the Fair)

Thank You !

Please come along and support the school !!