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our learning

# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Christmas Fair

Please don't forget our PTA Christmas Fair tonight at our Abbey Field site from 5.00p.m.–7.00p.m.

Your children have been working really hard to create a dazzling array of Christmas treats and decorations—all just for you!

There's also refreshments, a games room, both a toy and chocolate tombola and of course, the 'BIG Christmas Raffle'.



### Children's Evening

Please don't forget that our 'Children's Evening' is next Wednesday (5th December) from 5.00p.m.–7.00p.m. at both our sites.

This is the evening which is led first and foremost by your children who will talk you through the things they have been learning about at school, how they've demonstrated the Learning Dispositions and the next steps in their learning.

It's also an opportunity to have a really good look at their books and see what they've been doing in school, that they haven't told you about.

Class Teachers and Support Staff will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Please don't forget that lost property will also be on view in the halls at both sites and our catering team will be cooking up some culinary delights.

### Christmas Dinner

All parents should have received today a 'Christmas Dinner' letter for our Christmas dinners at the two sites.

Please could parents complete and return the form as soon as possible.

It would also be really helpful if parents could make sure they pay for the Christmas Dinner in advance (KS2) children only as it saves us chasing.

### AP1 Reports

Please don't forget that your child's AP1 reports will be coming home next Tuesday.

These reports are for you, as parents and will detail what your children are doing well with and how you can further support them at home.

Please take the time to read through it carefully.

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.

### 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.



### Book Fair

Next week, at both our sites, will be a Book Fair for those extra stocking fillers.

On Tuesday & Thursday, the Book Fair will run from after school until 4.00p.m.

On Wednesday, it will run from 5.00p.m.–7.00p.m. as part of our Children's Evening.

### NSPCC—Speak Out, Stay Safe

On Monday, all children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in different assemblies led by the NSPCC. The children were taught to 'speak out' if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or to a child. Helping the NSPCC deliver the assembly was 'Buddy the Speech Bubble'.



### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Karina Ferreira  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Naomi Hearn  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Zoe Crayden  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Charles Carter  
Year 4 (Castle) - Nancy Hobbs  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Luke Peters  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Ivan Yu  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Lia Kang  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Steven-Jai Patmore  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Brandon McCree  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Dominik Krivickas  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Eliot Pun  
Year 2 (Romans) - Sofia Ana  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Violet Hanrahan  
Year 1 (Circus) - Leila Dixon  
Year 1 (Roses) - Millie Horn  
Foundation (Chariot) - Alexander Bennett  
Foundation (Star) - Ellis Thurston  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Dahlia Meal  
Heads' Award - Year 6 Girls Football Team  
Attendance - Castle

### Year 6 Girls Football Match

Yesterday, our Year 6 girls had their first ever football match at home to Heathlands. The girls were brilliant, with creative/flowing football and smiles all round. Sadly a debut victory wasn't to be...but oh, so close!



### Learning Powers

Embedded across our two sites on the playgrounds are our Learning Powers. Hopefully, you've seen these as all five powers are at both sites.



**Collaborating Carlos**  
Work well together, support each other.



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



**Reflecting Roxy**  
Learn from experience, build on your learning.



**Motivating Melinda**  
Be keen to succeed, try your best.



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

I'm sure by now everyone knows what they're looking for—but just in case.

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### Diary Dates

Friday 30th November. PTA Christmas Fair at AF. 5.00p.m.–7.00p.m.

Tuesday 4th December—Thursday 6th December. Book Fair at AF & T. 3.15p.m./3.30 p.m.–4.00p.m.

Wednesday 5th December. AF & T. Children's Evening.

Friday 7th December. National Letter Writing Day.

Friday 7th December. PTA Christmas Wreath making night @ AF. 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

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 a £40 deposit needs to be paid by Friday 7th December.

Any problems or concerns please let me know.

### Year 4 Parents—Danbury 2019

Please remember that the second instalment for the Year 4 residential in the Summer Term is now overdue.

### Newsletter Challenge—Learning Pit, Learning Powers

A slightly different challenge for this Half Term and a challenge for both parents and children to do together.

Each week, we will set a challenge that is a little tricky to solve, putting people firmly in the Learning Pit. You'll need to use, some if not all of our Learning Dispositions to solve the challenge—with the solution obviously being sent into school.

Good Luck

**Motivation** - be keen to succeed; try your best

**Reflection** - learn from experience; build on your learning

**Collaboration** - work well together; support each other

**Make Links** - make connections across all areas of your learning

**Resilience** - keep going even when it's hard; never give up

### This weeks Challenge

This weeks challenge has been requested the children in Jumbo class and links to coming festive season.

'What is does a Christmas Elf look like?

Children can either draw or write about it?

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 Gaman's door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at T.

And Finally,

Am really feeling the pressure this week! My beloved wife rocked up last Saturday evening with an Adnams Real Ale Advent Calendar just for me! This is the first time she has ever done anything like this and I am totally unprepared. I now have a matter of days to source a calendar that offers more than the occasional rogue chocolate. Obviously, I could just not do anything but having reflected on this, I'm just not that brave...oh the pressure!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

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

C.S. Lewis

Christina Tappin

## PTA

### Christmas Fair

Tonight from 5.00p.m. — 7.00p.m. at Abbey Field

Please join us to celebrate the start of the Christmas season:

Class stalls with handmade items made by the children

The BIG Christmas Raffle

Gift Tombola

Chocolate Tombola

Toy Tombola

Lucky Dip

Bric-a-Brac/Books/Crafts

Water/Wine Stall

Games Room

Glitter Tattoos

Story Time

Photography by Happy Days Photography

There will also be a host of refreshments including: Hot Dogs, Burgers and Curry, soft drinks, sweets and treats.



# Merry Christmas



Come and join us for our

## PTA CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

with a professional florist!

**FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER**

ABBEYFIELDS SITE

7PM - 9PM

**£15 PER TICKET TO BE PAID BY 30TH NOVEMBER**

**RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT**

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Wreath ring  
Wire  
Moss  
Foliage  
Festive nibbles

#### YOUR CHECKLIST:

- ✓ B. Y. O. and don't forget a glass!
- ✓ Spare change for the raffle
- ✓ Strong pair of scissors or secateurs
- ✓ Anything you would like to personalise your wreath.....decorations, ribbons, baubles, be as creative as you like!

PLEASE DROP IN CORRECT MONEY IN A SEALED ENVELOPE TO EITHER SCHOOL OFFICE, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT SLIP BELOW.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT WITH YOU

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's class \_\_\_\_\_

**£15 PAID** ☐