



St John's Green Primary School.

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

WB—10/3/14—Book Week—includes Book Fair

Thursday 13th March 3.10p.m.—4.00p.m.—Open School

WB 17/3/14—Bake Off Week

Thursday 27th March—Whole School Open Morning 9.00a.m.—10.00a.m.

Friday 28th March—Non Uniform Day—Pinkie—Purple—£1

End of Term, Fri 4th April—Return Tues 22nd April

Shrove Tuesday

Mr. Bates was in full culinary form this Tuesday as he demon-

strated to the school, the fine art of pancake making. As well as the obligatory, pouring, mixing, cooking and tossing—Mr. Bates also reminded the children about the origins of Shrove Tuesday—or Pancake Day.

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent.

'Shrove' stems from the old English word 'shrive' meaning 'confess all sins.' It is called Pancake Day because it is the day traditionally for eating pancakes as pancakes were a way to use up any stocks of milk, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

Bake Off

'Bake Off' will return to the school the week beginning 17th March. This is just an advance warning to enable you an opportunity to dust off those baking books—obviously there's a lot of kudos in being the St John's Green baking Champion.

Netball Competition

A group of our Year 5 and 6's headed off to St Helena on Tuesday afternoon to take part in a netball competition against six other local primary schools. I gave my usual pep talk to the children before they left—reminding them that above all else—the most important thing was that we beat my friend Mr. Garnetts school at North. Unfortunately that was not to be...The children, however, were brilliant and tried there very best, which is all we could ask. Very well done.



Marie Curie Cancer Care

We are again selling the daffodil badges in support of Marie Curie cancer care. Badges are available from the school office.



Book Week

Next week is book week and the focus for us as a school will be poetry. A classic poem then to get us started.

"Now We Are Six"

When I was one,
I had just begun.
When I was two,
I was nearly new.
When I was three,
I was hardly me.
When I was four,
I was not much more.
When I was five,
I was just alive.
But now I am six,
I'm as clever as clever.
So I think I'll be six
now and forever.

Author: A.A. Milne

Road Safety

I'm sure many of you will be aware that on Tuesday after school, there was quite a nasty accident outside another local school when two children were knocked over by a car when leaving school and were, at the time, using a pedestrian crossing. We have spoken to all children about crossing roads safely. The importance of stopping, looking and listening and carrying on looking and listening whilst they cross the road. Please could you, as parents reiterate this message with your children and make sure that they cross the roads safely. Our Year 6 children today had a road safety awareness talk with a local road safety officer.



Chicks



Mrs. Bullivant's class is rife with squawking at the moment as ten chicks have hatched in the classroom. This is all part of their work this assessment period on animals.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Fay Singleton

Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Jack Ferguson

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Jacob Hicks

Lion Award (Dutch) - Zara Hearn

Sully Award (Mercury) - Amanda Dugdale

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Harrison Caulton

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Ede Jones

Bumble Award (Circus) - Chloe Catrall

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Morgan McGivney

Mickey Award (Roses) - Millie Gee

Simba Award — Dutch

Spot Award — Joshua Mann

Attendance Award -

Trinovantes/Claudius/Daffodils

Year 4 Residential Danbury

Please remember that the next payment of £40 for the Year 4 residential is due on 14th March.

Newsletter Competition

Each week in the newsletter we will give you a single word. The challenge is to use that word correctly in a sentence. Children should write down their sentence with the word correctly used. The prize each week will be a book. This weeks word is 'verve' which means enthusiasm or energy.

Book Week

Next week at school is book week and we will be having a specific emphasis on books and in particular, poetry in school.

After school every day next week, in the Lower hall, will be our book fair. A host of books will be on display, to try and tempt you to part with your money. We will be giving all the children a £1 voucher on Monday which they can use against the cost of a book.

We will be holding a colouring competition. On the back of the newsletter—depending on your child's year group is an illustration from a well known character. Entries must be handed in by next Friday (14th March). As well as receiving a book—the winners will also get to help Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Blackery in the school kitchen preparing lunch.

In addition, any child who has a school dinner next week—should look very carefully each day on the bottom of their dinner tray. There just might be a sticker on there, which would mean that they can choose a free book.

Finally—as our theme is poetry—we will be setting up a poetry corner in the school playground. Each day at different times (weather permitting) a member of staff will be reading a poem to all and sundry. I will start the ball rolling on Monday after school at about 3.10p.m.

And Finally...

On Wednesday, children in Year 1 baked pizzas following a shopping expedition. Very kindly in the afternoon, they brought some round to share with everyone. One small bit of pizza doesn't really go very far—so I very nicely asked the child bringing the pizza round whether, as Headteacher, I could have two bits. The child very politely said no, that I'd had my bit and wasn't allowed any more and then promptly left without a backwards glance. It's like being at home...

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

Colouring Competition – Year 5 and Year 6



Colouring Competition – Year 2, 3 and 4



Colouring Competition – Foundation and Year 1

MR. GREEDY

