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## Newsletter

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### Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn term.

The Spring term starts on Tuesday 4th January—see you all bright and breezy.

#### Team Cross Country

As I said last week, a huge well done to our children from Year 1—Year 6 who did their utmost in our Team Cross Country last week. The final standings are as follows:



Temple - 875  
Colne - 980  
Siege - 1,197  
Priory - 1,198  
Abbey - 1,246



So, well done Team Abbey for a stunning victory. Ironically my wife organised a Team Cross Country at her school this year (my ideal!) but they had a snow machine that the children got to run through so we will have to up our game next year!



#### They're Behind You—Oh No they're Not!

Once again huge thanks to our PTA who provided the children with a festive treat again this year in the guise of a Christmas pantomime—Cinderella!



A lovely way to start the end of our final week of this term and certainly very much enjoyed by almost every single child and member of staff at the school!



#### Booster Jabs and Flu Vaccines

Attached to the e-mail we have sent out with the newsletter is a flyer advertising 'Walk IN' Booster Jabs and Flu Vaccinations for Primary aged children.

Oak Tree Centre (Acorn Hall)

**Monday 20th December 2021 - 10am-4pm**

1st, 2nd and Booster dose Covid vaccinations for 12-18 year olds and their families (plus Flu vaccinations for school years: Reception - Year 11)

#### Essex Well Being Service

The Essex Wellbeing Service provides practical, emotional, health and wellbeing advice, support and signposting - supporting families to adapt to the 'new normal'.

Well worth a look if you feel/find things are becoming a bit much.

<https://www.essexwellbeingsservice.co.uk/>

**So far the total raised from the PTA Christmas Market is £2538 with the totals of the class stalls still to be added—Thank you.**

#### Goodbye and Thankyou

We say goodbye to Mrs. Powell today who has been teaching class Star since September whilst Mrs. Correia recuperated from her operation.

Susan has been brilliant in her role and has been an absolute asset to the school over this term. So, on behalf of everyone, thank you and good luck in your next role.

Class Star, you will, I'm sure, have worked out that Mrs Correia will be back in the New Year.



#### Year 1 Christmas Songs

Year 1 Parents please also look out for an e-mail which will be sent out to you today with a link to our Year 1 festive songs.

It's all very Christmassy, although judging by the picture of Miss. Wiggins not everything went quite according to plan during the recording!

Please also remember that this link is for your private viewing and should not be shared on any Social Media sites for whatever reason.

My thanks to Lee Brooker from 'Happy Days Photography' who came in to school to make both The EYFS and Year 1 recordings free of charge.



### The Big Question for Assessment Period 2 is — Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for next week—New Year/Dreams and Goals.

#### Christmas Quiz

On page 2 of the newsletter is our annual Christmas Quiz. You have the whole of the Christmas Break to work your way through the teasing and tantalising questions. Good luck and don't forget to hand your entries and answers back into school in the New Year.

#### Merry Christmas

On behalf of all the staff of St John's Green Primary School, many thanks for the cards and small gifts you have bestowed on a variety of people. Whilst not necessary, it is always very much appreciated, so thank you.

May I also take this opportunity to wish you the very best over the festive season and the New Year.

May the very best of this year be the very worst of your next year.

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#### Term Dates

Last day of Autumn Term— Thursday 16th December

First Day of Spring Term 2022—Tuesday 4th January

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

#### Colchester Walks



This week's walk is the first part of the Colchester Orbital. It's all on the website under the tab 'Colchester Walks'. We move on to Colchester Orbital South bit of the walk—which is Shrub End to Highwoods.

As always it's on the school website under 'Colchester Walks'

As parents, the most important thing we can do is read to our children often. Reading is the path to success in school.

Laura Bush

Children will not remember you for the material things you provided but for the feeling that you cherished them.  
—Richard L. Evans



#### Miss Alexander

I have pretty much been given a daily countdown over the last few weeks by Miss Alexander who wants me to know that as of today there is only 6 days left until she gets married!

From January then, Miss Alexander will be Mrs. Woodham. So, good luck to Miss. Alexander and Nick, her husband to be.

As for me—I still haven't been invited to the wedding!

#### Christmas Trivia—Did you know?!

**Christmas Wreaths are Religious Symbols**

The Christmas wreath first originated as a symbol of Christ. The holly represents the crown of thorns Jesus wore at his crucifixion and the red berries stand for the blood he shed. So when you see a wreath this holiday, you'll remember the reason for the season.

**The term 'Xmas' dates back to the 1500's**

Contrary to popular belief, "Xmas" is not a trendy attempt to take Christ out of Christmas.

"Christianity" was spelled "Xianity" as far back as 1100. X, or Chi, is the Greek first letter of

"Christ" and served as a symbolic stand-in at the time. In 1551, the holiday was commonly called "Xtemmas," which was later shortened to "Xmas."

**If you gave all the gifts listed in the "Twelve Days of Christmas," it would equal 364 presents.**

**Article 17** (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

## Christmas Quiz 2021

(After all you can't watch the TV all of the time!)

- 1, In what town was the baby Jesus born?
- 2, In the Christmas movie 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas,' the Grinch was described with what three words?
- 3, Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in 'The Polar Express'?
- 4, What's the name of the main villain in 'The Nightmare before Christmas'?
- 5, What is 'firmest crash hat' an anagram of?
- 6, What was the Turkish city of Istanbul called before 1930?
- 7, What country won the very first FIFA World Cup in 1930?
- 8, How many taste buds does the average human tongue have?
- 9, Which city in India would you find the Taj Mahal in?
- 10, Who wrote 'Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more'?
- 11, Which musical legend is Jay-Z married to?
- 12, What was the name of the Egyptian God of the Sun?
- 13, What is the name of the fourth book in the Harry Potter series?
- 14, What is the tallest building in the world?
- 15, Who has been the longest serving monarch of the United Kingdom?
- 16, What gift did the Little Drummer Boy give to the newborn Christ?
- 17, What is a female donkey called?
- 18, How many cards are there in a deck of Uno?
- 19, The video game 'Happy Feet' features which animals?
- 20, The Chinese New Year is celebrated on what day and month?
- 21, The Islamic calendar is based on which cycle?
- 22, Whose nose grew longer every time he lied?
- 23, In which film will you find characters who are looking for a brain, a heart and courage?
- 24, How many players are there in a Water polo team?
- 25, How many sunflowers were there in Van Gogh's third version of the painting 'Sunflowers'?
- 26, What was the first Bond film, hitting the screens in 1962 with Sean Connery playing 007?
- 27, Can you name the six suspects in the game of Cluedo?
- 28, What is Captain America's shield made of?
- 29, What does the AC button on a calculator stand for?
- 30, Which London Underground line has the most stations?
- 31, Which vegetable was the first to be grown in space?
- 32, Who was the first woman to win a Nobel prize in 1903?
- 33, What is a plié in ballet?
- 34, What does BMW stand for in English?
- 35, Who were the four co-founders of the original Avengers?
- 36, How many permanent teeth does a dog have?
- 37, What are the five colours of the Olympic rings?
- 38, What was the name of the tower block where Del Boy and Rodney Trotter lived in Only Fools and Horses?
- 39, If you completed the Three Peaks challenge, which three UK mountains would you have climbed?
- 40, How many notes are there in a musical scale?
- 41, Who is the Special in the Lego Movie?
- 42, Gordon Sumner is the real name of what famous British musician?
- 43, Name all five Bronte sisters?
- 44, What is the home planet of the Slitheen and how, exactly, do you spell it?
- 45, Which character speaks the first line in the original 1977 Star wars movie?
- 46, What is the effect of the Obliviate spell?
- 47, In which country would you find the original Legoland?
- 48, How high is Mount Everest in metres?
- 49, What is the name of Will Ferrell's character in Elf?
- 50, What do Santa's elves learn in school?