



St John's Green Primary School.

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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Monday 24th November—Foundation Parents, information meeting about online Learning Journeys. 9.00a.m. or 2.30p.m. at the Abbey Fields site.

Wednesday 26th November—Open School 3.15-4.00p.m. (please pop in to speak to class teacher and look at your children's work)

Friday 28th November—Christmas Fair (Abbey Fields) 5.00-7.00p.m.

Tuesday 9th December—Flu immunisation for all children

Tuesday 9th December—Year 2 Production—It's a Baby, (adults and pre-school children) @ 2.00p.m.

Wednesday 10th December—Year 2 Production—It's a Baby (Adults and children of school age only) @ 6.00p.m.

Tuesday 16th December—Abbey Fields children Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December—Town Children Christmas Lunch

Friday 12th December—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children—£1

Friday 19th December—Last day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 6th January—First day of Spring Term

Sporting Prowess

Within the last week, both our Year 5/6 netball team and our Year 3/4 football team have been demonstrating their sporting prowess.

Last Friday, our netball team had their first league match against Home Farm Primary School. Whilst we dazzled at times with our passing and slick foot work, we were also very generous and quite often passed the ball straight back to the opposing team or thoughtfully gave them another chance to shoot if they'd missed the first time. It's all part of a learning curve and the children did represent the school fantastically well—we'll get them next year...



Yesterday afternoon, the Year 3/4 football team battled through the November mud in a round robin football tournament against four other local primary schools. We started brilliantly and a stunning strike from Thomas Stubbings sealed a victory against North Primary School. Any victory against North gives me immense bragging rights over their headteacher who does suffer from convenient memory lapses when I remind him of our victories. Unfortunately we couldn't maintain our tremendous start and narrowly lost our next couple of games.

Well done to all the children for representing themselves and the school so well.



Yoga



On Monday and Tuesday this week, the whole school—children and staff alike were given the experience of Yoga. The instructor, worked with every class teaching them different positions including: good sitting, the stick, tree and sun sequence. The use of yoga with the children aids their speaking and listening skills and helps you focus and concentrate.



School Website

Please remember that we are constantly adding to and editing the school website.

The revised school prospectus for 2014/15 is now online as are the School Development Plans for this year. The governance link has recently been updated as have the curriculum links which include the curriculum letters and topic webs.

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Mackenzie O'Brien

Pluto Award (Iceni) - Ava Dawson

Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Alexei Abdrafikov

Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Elena Brown

Lion Award (Dutch) - Calli Ganley-Pintado

Sully Award (Mercury) - Mila Lake

Diddle Award (Claudius) - Ruby Fricker

Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Millie Self

Bumble Award (Circus) - Archie North

Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Evie Anna-Smith

Mickey Award (Roses) - Riley Noellen

Hathi Award (Snowdrops) - Thomas Smith

Heads' Award — Year 6

Spot—Yehia Abou Wafia

Danbury & Kingswood

Please remember that the deposits for both these residential experiences are due today.

Christmas Fair—Friday 28th November—5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.—Abbey Fields

Please don't forget that next Friday from 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. is our Christmas Fair.

A variety of Christmassy stalls will be on hand to tempt and tease you including class stalls, with various Christmassy delights that your children have made, chocolate tombola, raffle, cakes, books and games.

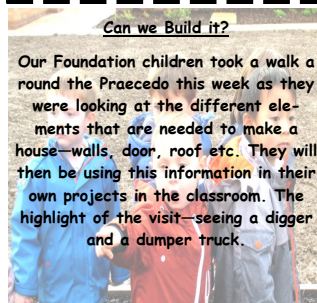
There will also be refreshments on offer—including burgers and curry.

If parents do still have some items that we could use as raffle prizes and/or any books that you would be happy to donate please hand them in to one of the school offices.



Can we Build it?

Our Foundation children took a walk a round the Praecado this week as they were looking at the different elements that are needed to make a house—walls, door, roof etc. They will then be using this information in their own projects in the classroom. The highlight of the visit—seeing a digger and a dumper truck.



Flu Immunisation

A letter giving details about the flu immunisation and a consent form will be sent out next week. As stated in the newsletter, if parents do have any questions with regards to it could you please call 01206 518521 and NOT your GP.

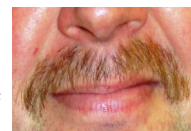
Newsletter Challenge

Each week we will print a partial photograph of an object in the school. All the children have to do is say what the object is and where in the school the object is.

The partial photo from last week was of the 'school logo.'

This week, a new partial photo...

At the risk of giving the answer away the partial photograph is of a member of staff who is supporting 'Movember.' The charity seeks to raise awareness of men's health problems such as prostate and testicular cancer.



If you feel you can support the mystery member of staff with a burgeoning moustache please go to <http://mobro.co/danbates>

If you are on Town Site—answers to Mr. Bates door. If on Abbey Site—answers to Mrs Smith's door.

And Finally...

On Tuesday Mrs Bourne and I attended a 'Whole Education' conference in London. Mrs Bourne was in charge of transportation and gave me very explicit instructions about catching the 7.27a.m. train from Manningtree, sitting at the back of the train and saving her a seat for when she got on at Colchester. By 7.00a.m. I was at Manningtree Station primed and ready. Carrying out my laminated instructions to the letter, I travelled with a degree of self contented smugness all the way to London as Mrs Bourne had missed the train.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings