St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

We ♥ Maths

We are all writers …

Reading is the Key!

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> At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.
>
> Jane D. Hull

Clocks go Forward

DON'T FORGET TO SET CLOCKS FORWARD!

Please don't forget that clocks go forward one hour this Sunday at 1.00 a.m.

Jack Trelawny—Author Visit

Next Wednesday, children's author Jack Trelawny will be visiting both our sites to meet our children. He will read to the children from his fantasy adventure 'Kernowland' series and 'Thirteen Things' series. He will also present an 'Edutainment' slideshow all about writing.

We have sent out a letter this week giving children an opportunity to buy one of Jack's books dedicated with their name and signed by him. If you do want to take advantage of that, it's important that the pre-order is handed in to either school office before Wednesday.

For more information on Jack Trelawny go to:

https://www.jacktrelawny.com/

Year 5 Squash

Well done to our Year 5 children who had their first furore onto a squash court this week to implement the skills they've been learning in PE. According to Mrs Wall, the picture may be a bit blurry because the children were moving so fast!

World Autism Awareness Day

There has been a bit of confusion around the 'Silly Sock Day' at our school. This is because Autism Awareness Day is on Tuesday 2nd April and Silly Sock Day, which is being organised by Autism Anglia, is on Friday 5th April.

Autism Awareness is about celebrating the unique talents of those with autism, while putting a huge focus on the warm embrace and welcome that these skills deserve through community events around the globe.

We are supporting it to raise awareness, so the day for silly socks is Friday 5th April

Could I also ask parents to have a quick look at this link:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/pablo-talking-to-your-child-about-autism

As the day is about awareness, with the newsletter we'll also be sending home a blank sock template.

Each and every sock design we'll put up in the main halls at our Town and Abby sites—that's 570 socks—that's a lot of socks!

Silly Sock Day 2019

Many thanks to all our parents who came along to the school on Tuesday evening to share in the learning successes of your children (and eat some food) . There was a really good atmosphere across both sites and it was lovely to have so many of you here.

Assembly Theme for Next Week:

I can stay calm in difficult situations.

The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 17:

You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

> "Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

Music Assembly

Really well done to our budding musicians who regaled us on Wednesday morning with their musical talents. From someone who has literally only just started to learn her musical instrument to those children more proficient, the children stood at the front of the hall and played with assurance and skill.

Really well done to all those children—excellent stuff.

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to come in to school and sign the funding petition, please could I urge you to do so as soon as possible. We need to send the signatures back to Will Quince as soon as possible, so next week is really the last week for signing.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd April—World Autism Awareness Day

Wednesday 3rd April—Jack Trelawny (Author) visiting AF & T.

Wednesday 3rd April. Year 4 Production to Parents. Town. 2.00p.m. Pre-school children/babies welcome.

Wednesday 3rd April & Thursday 4th April. Year 4 Production to parents. No pre-school children or babies. 6.00p.m.

Thursday 4th April. PTA Coffee Morning. 9.15a.m. @ T

Thursday 4th April. Year 3 trip to V&A Museum

Friday 5th April. Silly Sock Day

Monday 8th April—Monday 22nd April—Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23rd April—First Day of the Summer Term

Tuesday 30th April—Friday 3rd May. Year 4 Danbury Residential.

Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May. Year 6 KS2 SATs.

WC 24/6/19—Year 2 to Skreens Park

Tuesday 23rd July-Last Day of Summer Term

Wednesday 4th September. First Day of Autumn Term.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Football Team

Like the phoenix from the ashes, our Football team reset themselves following last week's defeat to take on the mighty Braiswick yesterday afternoon. Slick passing, stout defending and a resilient attitude meant that, for the first time this season, we emerged victorious with a stunning 7-3 victory. Really well done to the boys and Miss Pickard and well done to the Referee who was excellent.

Danbury

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend the meeting last night. As mentioned last night, the final information letter is on the school website in 'Parent Information.'

Learning Disposition

Motivating Melinda—Be keen to Succeed; Try your Best.

Motivation is the motor that moves our world. You may often hear about a lack of motivation at school or at work, where children have difficulty studying, learning at home, staying focused, or getting work done, but the same children have no problem learning all 300 Pokemon!

To help promote learning, it's important that we:

- Concentrate on the child's learning process and encourage and reward them for a working hard.

- Reward when it really matters, or else they won't see these kind of rewards as special, but rather commonplace and expected

- Avoid using negative labels, and instead talk about their strengths. Make sure they understand that just because they're not the best at one thing, doesn't mean that they're a failure, it just means that they have other strengths

Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Arhant Ghodeswar (MM)

Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Sophie Ratcliffe (RRex)

Year 5 (Oysters) — Sienna Sim (CC)

Year 5 (Magnets) - Isabel Stubbings (MLM)

Year 4 (Castle) - Lacey-Marie Durant (RREX)

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Alexander Newton (MM)

Year 4 (Garrison) - Lilly Humphrys (MM)

Year 3 (Dutch) - Jakov Radunovic (MLM)

Year 3 (Iceni) - Scarlett Bloomfield (MM)

Year 3 (Paxman) - Arslan Polyak (MM)

Year 2 (Mercury) - Talisa Chiwira (MM)

Year 2 (Claudius) - Samuel Akintola (RROX)

Year 2 (Romans) - David Oprea (MM)

Year 1 (Eagles) - Lily Towns (MM)

Year 1 (Circus) - Connor Fisher (MM)

Year 1 (Roses) - Sean Kang (RREX)

Foundation (Chariot) - Lydia Allen-Tait (MM)

Foundation (Star) - Kia-May Crummy (RROX)

Foundation (Jumbo) - Summer Hayward (MM)

Attendance — Chariot

Mother's Day

As if anyone has forgotten but this Sunday is Mother's Day on the Christian Calendar. However, celebrating mums is something that happens across the world and across religions at different times. In India, there is a ten day festival where Hindu's honour Durga, the goddess of mothers. In Japan, you'll see carnations as these flowers symbolise sweetness and endurance.

Whenever Mother's Day is celebrated and regardless of your beliefs—Mother's Day serves as a reminder of what all mums do for their families every single day and the honour they deserve because of it.

Mothers are like buttons they hold everything together

Nut Allergy

Please remember that we do have a number of children at both our sites who are allergic to nut based products and for whom we have Epipens in school. Please remember that children should not be bringing any nut based products into school as part of their snack or packed lunch. This does include 'Nutella' chocolate spread which as it's name suggests is nut based. Many thanks.

And Finally,

According to the British Retail Consortium, around £45 million is spent on Mother's Day Cards with around 30 million cards sent, and around £55 million is spent on chocolates, with around 4 million people buying a box for their Mum. I have to confess I haven't bought chocolates for my mum - as she doesn't like them. Instead I've found a loving quote for her—**Dear Mum. Thanks for not feeding me to a shark or selling me to the circus. I know it was a real possibility. Happy Mother's Day. Love Simon.**

Have a Good Weekend   *Simon Billings*