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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We are all
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Newsletter

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Children's Open Evening

Many thanks to everyone who was able to come along on Wednesday night to share in your child's successes this year and meet informally all our staff. As well as obviously enjoying the culinary delights from Mrs Burke, Mrs Blackery and the kitchen team—many people I understand took serious advantage of the two sites—eating twice!

Hopefully, every parent has now collected their child's books as that endearing keepsake that proves your children did, in fact, do more than just 'nothing' at school over the course of the year.

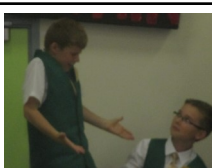


We're all Going on a Summer Holiday

Well not quite—but we're very close and our Year 6 children have done their best to put us in the right mood as for the last two days they have dazzled us with their quite brilliant production.

Many people I know saw it twice and why wouldn't you, with that kind of entertainment on our doorstep. The children put in some amazing performances that had the audience smiling, laughing and crying—and in some instances all at the same time.

Really well done to the children and as always a special mention to the Year 6 teachers and support staff who have put in so much time and effort to bring it all together.



Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Whole Class (CC)
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Whole Class (CC)
Year 5 (Oysters) - Whole Class (RROX)
Year 5 (Magnets) - Whole Class (RROX)
Year 4 (Castle) - Whole Class (CC)
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Daniel Caniparu (MM)
Year 4 (Garrison) - Freddie Barnes (CC)
Year 3 (Dutch) - Emily Warren (CC)
Year 3 (Iceni) - Reece Walker (RREX)
Year 3 (Paxman) - Max Knight (RREX)
Year 2 (Mercury) - Louie Seeley (RREX)
Year 2 (Claudius) - Austin Smith (RREX)
Year 2 (Romans) - Lucas Beswick (RREX)
Year 1 (Eagles) - Whole Class (MM)
Year 1 (Circus) - Whole Class (MM)
Year 1 (Roses) - Whole Class (CC)
Foundation (Chariot) - Whole Class (MM)
Foundation (Star) - Whole Class (MM)
Foundation (Jumbo) - Whole Class (RREX)
Attendance - Mercury

PTA

Please see page 2 of the newsletter for details of all the money the PTA have raised this last year with your incredible support for the children at our school.



The PTA will detail how they've utilised that money for the children next term.

Abbotts Hall Farm

On perhaps the rainiest day of July so far, yesterday, our Year 2 children had elected to go to Abbotts Hall Farm which was subsidised by our PTA. Whilst there, the children went on a walk around the farm and looked at the different crops that were being grown.

They were taught how to tell the difference between barley and wheat, (in layman's terms—barley has a long beard, while wheat has a shorter one and when ready for harvesting wheat is golden brown and barley is yellow white).

The children also made bread dough and cooked it on a fire (just—the rain did make this a touch tricky). They also went on a mini beast hunt and children in class Claudius managed to catch a moth which was a real achievement as they are so well camouflaged in their environment. An excellent, if slightly damp time was had by all.



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Diary Dates

Monday 22nd July. 5.00p.m.—7.45p.m. Year 6 Leavers games, BBQ & Disco.

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.

Summer Reading Challenge—Space Chase

The Summer Reading Challenge has now started across our libraries. If you haven't yet had a chance to sign up with your children—please do. It's just five books over the summer and as public outcry has caused a current reversal on county's plans to close some of our libraries, it's more important than ever that we get our children involved.

From an educational point of view—it makes such a difference to the children if they keep practising over the summer.



Funding for Schools

Many thanks to all our parents and children who multi tasked so effectively on Wednesday and joined Mrs Bourne at the Town Hall, to not only chant and wave placards, but also to hear her and the headteacher of Kendall (Mrs French) present in very real terms the effects that central governments funding cuts are having on schools.

A special mention as well to Thomas McFadden who was interviewed by BBC Radio Essex whilst he was there and spoke so eloquently stating that he was a UNICEF ambassador and quoting article 28 - 'I have the right to an education.'

Thomas can still be heard on the radio by following this link and listening in at 11.20 minutes seconds.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07dzh59>

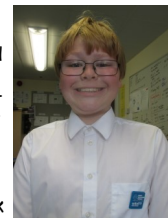
If you haven't yet had a chance to sign the petition for more government funding for schools then please go to <https://bit.ly/2Y4XUoR>

If you want to know how much funding our school is down by then go to <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/> and type in the Town Site postcode CO2 7HE

The government will state very eloquently that there is more money in schools than ever before...what it forgets to mention is that the reason for that is that there are more children.

50th Anniversary of Space Walk

Mr Bates has regaled all our children in two assemblies today as he told the children that 50 years ago tomorrow is the anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing. Neil Armstrong stepped out of the lander and became the first person to ever walk on the moon. There was never really any single justification for heading there—it was just because we could and therefore we should!



And Finally,

There are a plethora of things that can get me into trouble at home and this morning was no exception. Leaving the house this morning for work I asked my wife whether 2 1/2 (that genuinely is the cats name) had reappeared from it's nights gallivanting. Not yet she replied, to which I thought nothing more and went out to pop my bags in the car. As I opened the car door, out hopped the cat. I brightly remarked through the front door to my wife that I'd found the cat and that he'd been residing in the car over night. Her response was to lecture me on the virtues of checking the car before I closed the doors and locked it. The fact that I surely couldn't be held responsible for the stupidity of a cat getting into the car at night when I was taking my bags out was irrelevant and so duly chastised I gave the cat my most withering look, double checked that the cat hadn't left any presents in the car—resolving if he had, to take the other car and plead ignorance and set off for work. Having said to my wife that the cat really ought to be popped outside as he'd technically been in all night!

Have a Good Weekend

Simon Billings

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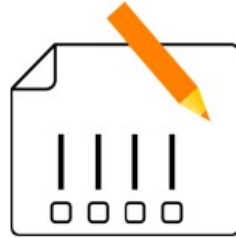
Thank you!

A huge thank you to our school community for supporting us throughout the year. Look at what we've achieved together for our school.....

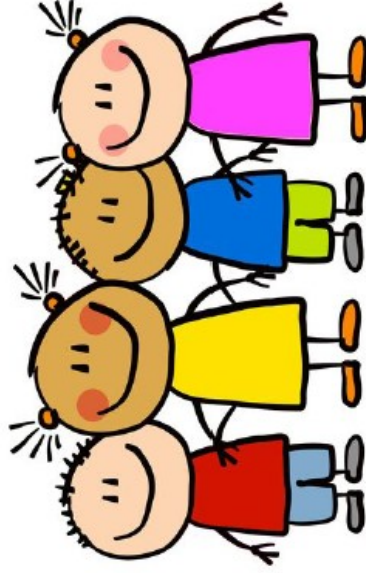
Christmas Fair
£4305



Christmas Cards
£705



Quiz Night
£112



Summer fair
£3670



Schools Discos
£583



Sponsored Walk
£3930

Christmas DVDs
£170



StarWars Raffle
£180



Wreath Night
£62



*These figures are not final. Full and final figures, together with a list of what the funding was used for will be available at our AGM in October. See newsletter for AGM date.