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# St John's Green Primary School

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We ♥  
Maths

We are all  
writers ...



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### Family Group Photographs

Please remember, that as per the information in last week's newsletter, we have only taken individual photographs of the children in school.

If you want a Family Group Photograph, then you need to Pre-Book using the following link:

[www.happydaysphoto.co.uk/sjg](http://www.happydaysphoto.co.uk/sjg)

(Please type in the whole website address and all in lowercase in the web browser address bar, not into google)

Family Group Photographs are being taken tomorrow, Saturday 10th October at the Abbey Field site. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

There will be NO EXTRA charge for this and all sibling photos taken will be added to your oldest child's album, meaning you won't need to pay more.

There will be 5 minute slots available to allow for cleaning between groups of families. There will be a clearly marked out area for queuing and maintaining social distance. Please only bring siblings for the photos, not cousins, friends or your favourite pets.

School uniform on the SIBLING DAY - Saturday, is optional as these are your photos.

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

Jane D. Hull

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

YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

### PTA AGM:

The PTA AGM will be on Wednesday 14th October at 7.00p.m. **This will no longer be in the AF hall but will now be conducted using Zoom.**

The PTA do, I know, have a raft of ideas up their sleeves for fund raising for the school in the current climate.

If you would like to get involved or are already an existing member of the PTA and would like to attend the meeting, you must let Mrs Taylor at AF know and more importantly make sure that you give Mrs Taylor your e-mail address so that we can grant you access and a link to the meeting.

**Wildlife:** If you haven't yet managed to have a look on the school website in 'So Much More' and see our resident fox, these videos have now been added to. In addition, there is now a squirrel and bird helping Mr Bromley empty the bin.



### Flu Vaccinations

The date for Flu Vaccinations for the children that we have been given is Friday 6th November.

We've been given no other information at this time and will, of course, send it out to parents when we have received it.

### Data Sheets

Every child will have brought home a school data sheet this week which has on it key information such as your e-mail address, mobile phone number etc.

Please make sure that all this information is correct and current, including the emergency contacts.

We know that there are still a few parents that aren't receiving e-mails we send out and text messages. This is normally because the details we have for you is incorrect.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THOSE DATA SHEETS ARE DOUBLE CHECKED AND RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - James (MM)  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Mateo (MLM)  
Year 6 (Lathes) - Nathaniel (RREX)  
Year 5 (Oysters) - Nathaniel (MM)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Aaliyah (CC)  
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Maci-Blue (MM)  
Year 4 (Castle) - Maddison (MM)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Stanley (RROX)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Harry (MM)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Jack (CC)  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Romany (MM)  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Thomas (MLM)  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Isabelle (MM)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Freya (MLM)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Leah (MM)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Noman (MM)  
Year 1 (Circus) - Zack (RROX)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Lilly (RROX)  
EYFS (Jumbo) - Timi (RREX)  
EYFS (Star) - Franklin (CC)  
EYFS (Chariot) - Scarlett (CC)  
Attendance - Chariot



### Clean Air Day

Yesterday was 'Clean Air Day' and if you were at the front of our AF site you'd have seen one of our governors, Mrs Vasquez Walters, by a

small table next to a very large banner. The idea of the day was to raise awareness of the pollution that is caused by cars when their engines are left running.

CAREless Pollution is a new campaign launching in Colchester to encourage drivers to switch off their engines when stationary in a bid to improve air quality in the town and to reduce the amount of polluted air that people breathe inside their cars.

Scientific research shows that air pollution inside a car with the engine running is seven times higher than the air pollution outside the car. There is strong evidence that links air pollution to heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and lung cancer. Switching off your car engine is a simple action that brings health benefits to all car drivers and everyone inside the car. It can also cut pollution in Colchester by up to 30%.



### St John's Green PTA— The Great Pumpkin Trail

Our PTA have been hard at work and have devised a 'Pumpkin Trail' to keep you entertained on Friday 30th October.

It's all very simple—buy a map from the school office and then follow the clues to solve the trail and receive a prize.

The cost is £2.00 per child/per map and there is only one prize per child/map.

To enter the trail, please send in £2.00 in a sealed and named envelope. (Both first name and surname as well as class) The envelopes then need to be dropped in to either school office. There is no need to hand it directly to staff, please utilise the internal post-boxes—post and run as it were.

We will then send a map home with your child's name on it and you'll be all ready for Friday 30th.



### Year 7 Admissions—September 2021

Applications are now open for Year 6 parents to choose a Secondary School for next September.

Use the link to apply online <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place> and watch the video <https://youtu.be/Q0a8fi06WKY> to find out how. **The deadline for applications is 31st October.**

<https://sites.google.com/sthsch.com/year-6-transition-2020>

**MDA Vacancy:** We have a vacancy for MDA's at both of our sites to support the children at lunchtime. The role is 6.25 hours per week, 43.3 weeks (incl 5.3 weeks holiday pay). Scale 2.2, 18,198.00pa, £2,552.81pa pro rata. For details and an application pack please contact either school office.

Racism isn't born, folks, it's taught.  
I have a two-year-old son. You  
know what he hates? Naps! End of  
list.

Denis Leary

### And Finally,

October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated nationwide for more than 30 years.

The month was originally founded to recognise the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations.

Now, Black History Month has expanded to include the history of not just African and Caribbean people but black people in general.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49883230>

Have a Good Weekend—Simon Billings