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Just a reminder to parents that the last day of the Summer Term is Friday 17th July, which means there are now only 3 weeks left of this very strange term.

September—Bubbles

The Government has made clear that it wants all primary school children back in school full time from September. At the moment, the school has received no further guidance on this—other than it's the intention.

Personally, I would welcome this and the school will do all we can to facilitate it.

My best guess at the moment is that when we return in September we will run as class 'Bubbles' of 30. This might make break times and lunch an interesting challenge, but it does mean that all the children will be back in school, which is and can only be a good thing.

As and when more guidance comes out I will let you know, but as it stands it's looking positive for all children back in September. Hooray!

The Mighty Colchester United

The mighty Colchester United were sadly not quite so mighty on Tuesday and despite a positive spell at the end of the second half when they could have won it, lost their play off semi final, quite fairly, to Exeter.

So well done Exeter, bad luck Colchester and hopefully I'll be back in the stands in September as another year of League 2 football awaits.

Free School Meals

I have kept this in the newsletter for one more week just in case parents missed it last week. If you think you might be eligible than please contact the school as soon as possible.

The Government's recent announcement means that children who are in receipt of FSM will receive FSM vouchers over the Summer Holiday.

Many people's circumstances have changed recently and if you think you might now be entitled to FSM, then I would urge you to apply as soon as possible as it does take County a number of weeks to process applications.

There is no stigma attached to the receiving of FSM and many parents who are in receipt of them do still send their children into school with a packed lunch.

However, there are additional financial benefits both to the school, through Pupil Premium funding and for parents as individuals in reduced costs of, for example, residential trips.

If you think you might be entitled, please go online to <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Pupil-Parent-Support/Pages/Free-school-meals.aspx> or telephone 0845 603 2200.

If you receive one of the following you could be entitled to FSM:

Do you receive one of the following?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Sunflowers

How are your sunflowers coming along?

Following on from Mr Bates' 'Sunflower' challenge—sunflowers should be growing quite happily at the moment—especially considering the spell of good weather.

We have received a few photographs—so thank you Luke, for your photograph this week and please



send your Sunflower Photo's in—as well as your Home Learning.

Next Week: Blue Planet

Next Week is Week 14 of our Home Learning and the theme is Blue Planet.



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

What are you Doing at Home?

Please keep sending pictures and a small commentary of what you're doing at home to the admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk account.

We are putting all of these on the website for you to see with a commentary alongside of it. Feel free to e-mail the admin account back in response to any of the comments—the e-mails will all get to me.

More importantly—it's great to see what you're doing at home.

Home Learning—Website

Please go to the website for all Home Learning resources and also remember that you should have access to your children's Numbergym and Purplemash accounts.

The page is set into three sections:

On the left—On-line resources for Home Learning

On the right—Example Timetables and Subject Activities (Please also remember that at the bottom of this column are the new websites/links we're putting on the website)

At the bottom—Lesson Plans and Resources from the school

Article of the Week—Article 17

This week is Article 17 — Access to information from the media

Article 17 - 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.

Summer Reading Challenge—Silly Squad!

The Summer Reading Challenge is back with Silly Squad!

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. This year, our Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin!

The Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge is available at

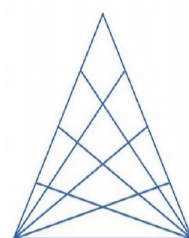
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Please sign up and take part.

Year 6 Parents please keep an eye on your school e-mails.

We have sent an e-mail this week about Leavers memories and photographs and will be sending an e-mail next week about the end of term.

Year 2 Parents will have received an e-mail this week about the cancellation of the Year 2 Residential to Skreens Park.



How many triangles are there in this diagram?

Bonus question: How many quadrilaterals?

And Finally,

It is sometimes very easy to consider our own plight and how things affect our lives when there is a crises. The Coronavirus Pandemic is no exception and some interesting facts can put things into perspective. According to World Health:

- The number of people experiencing acute hunger is expected to double in 2020 to 265 million because of the coronavirus pandemic.
- 5 billion students, 87% of the global student population, were out of school at the end of March because of the new coronavirus.
- Over three months of quarantine, global cases of domestic violence and abuse are expected to increase by 20%, according to the U.N. Population Fund.

Stay Safe—Simon Billings