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# St John's Green Primary School

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Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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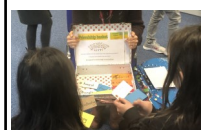
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### Prayer Space

This week, all the children in the school visited Prayer Space. This is an initiative that aims to help children

reflect on some big questions and think about the things they are grateful for in their own lives. Some of the activities included writing a wish or prayer for someone they care about, choosing the most important qualities they value in a friend, making a pattern with glass beads to help them think about how we are all unique and creating calm spaces for them to sit in and think about ideas that are important to them. Our thanks as always to Maldon Road Chapel for facilitating this for us.



### Christingle

The children in the school all listened to a Christingle Assembly this morning. A Christingle is a traditional event held between advent and Candlemas. (Candlemas was traditionally the time when candles in churches were blessed.)



The children learnt about the symbolism of a Christingle and what it means for Christians.

### Candlemas

Traditionally people believed that Candlemas predicted the weather. This year Candlemas is on the Saturday 2nd February.

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
Winter will have another fight.  
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,  
Winter won't come again.*

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

Jane D. Hull

### Assembly Theme for Next Week:

Have a Positive Attitude

**The 'Right' we will be focusing on this Half Term is Article 42:**

**You have the right to know your rights! Adults should know about these rights and help you learn about them, too.**

Children are NOT a distraction from more important work. They are THE MOST important work.

C.S. Lewis

### Reminder about Safe Parking/Driving in and Around our Two School Sites

The weather is particularly unpleasant at the moment and I appreciate that parents would rather be in their cars.

However, please could I remind parents of two things:

1. Please could parents not park and/or drive along the pavement
2. Please could parents drive sensibly and slowly

No child's life is worth the extra few seconds that some parents think they'll gain by speeding or accelerating quickly.

**Please just slow down and THINK. If you're a few minutes late for something, it's not the end of the world. If you hit a child in your car, it will change both the child's and your life forever.**

We constantly teach the children self regulation and thinking things through before they speak/act. It's important that we as adults all do the same!

### Year 2 Skreens Park

Many thanks to all those parents who were able to come along to our information meeting about our Year 2 residential.



If you were not able to come to the meeting your child should have brought home the information letter that we gave out on the Tuesday.

If you have not received it, please just pop into the school office.

I have also put the presentation and information letter on the school website in 'Parent Information—Skreens Park.'

Please remember that the deposit of £15 needs to be paid by Friday 8th February and this can be done by Sims Agora.

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 30th January. 3.30-4.00p.m. Open School.

Monday 4th January—Friday 8th January. Science and Computing Week. This includes:

- Tuesday 5th February, Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 6th February, Star Gazing Night at AF.
- Thursday 7th February. PTA Coffee Morning @T. 9.15 a.m.
- Friday 8th February. £15 deposit due for Year 2 residential—'Skreens Park.'

Wednesday 13th February. Open Morning. 9.00-10.00a.m. AF & T.

Friday 15th February. Non Uniform Day (Purple/Pink) - Pinkie Purple. Supporting Rotary Club, End Polio Now. £1.

Monday 18th February—Friday 22nd February—Half Term

Monday 25th February—Friday 1st March. RE Week. Chinese New Year.

Wednesday 27th February. 5.45p.m.—7.15p.m.—Shared Supper @ AF.

Monday 4th March—Friday 8th March. Life Bus in School.

Friday 8th March. Book Character Dress up Day. (Come to school dressed as a Book Character)

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

Tuesday 23rd April—First Day of the Summer Term

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

### School Vacancy

We have a vacancy for both a school MDA and School Breakfast Club member of staff. Both positions are for 6.25 hours per week and paid at Band 1 Point 8, £8.62 p/h. Please contact the School Office for details and an application form.

### Newsletter Challenge

The ability to reflect on our learning is a really important skill, the key is to then make it better next time.

We often write things down, which aren't quite right, but can't see it ourselves when we read back through it.

The newsletter Challenge for this next half term is to 'Reflect' on the sentence written below but more importantly write it out again correctly with the errors corrected.

As it's the start of term, I'll tell you what the errors are this week. All you need to do is write the sentence out correctly and hand it in.

The next day, George's father came down to breakfast in a state of greater excitement than ever. 'I've been awake all night thinking about it!' he cried.

'About what, Dad?' George asked him.

'About your marvellous medicine of course...' (4 spelling mistakes, 1 capital letter, 1 question mark)

A bonus prize for someone from each phase who makes the sentence even better. Answers, with your name and class popped in the folder outside Miss Salmon's door at AF and Mrs O'Shea's door at Town.

As always, the winning entry from each phase will be chosen and that child will then be able to choose a free book.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Surayyaa Hasanally (MLM)

Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Harrison Caulton (RR)

Year 5 (Oysters) - Harvey Feasey (MM)

Year 5 (Magnets) - Alex Ward (RR)

Year 4 (Castle) - Bibhuti Aryal (MLM)

Year 4 (Cavalier) - Jamie Burke (MM)

Year 4 (Garrison) - Freddie Barnes (CC)

Year 3 (Dutch) - Scarlett Webb (CC)

Year 3 (Iceni) - Jeahlyn Valencia (MLM)

Year 3 (Paxman) - Max McQuiston (RR)

Year 2 (Mercury) - Harry Hughes (MM)

Year 2 (Claudius) - Kenzie Betts (RR)

Year 2 (Romans) - Adyan Ali (MM)

Year 1 (Eagles) - Tia-Rose Jones (RR)

Year 1 (Circus) - Nikola Mihai (MM)

Year 1 (Roses) - Lilly-Grace Smith (RR)

Foundation (Chariot) - Aida Bryson (RR)

Foundation (Star) - Joshua Hallman-Cole (RR)

Foundation (Jumbo) - Iona Pop (MM)

Attendance - Garrison

And Finally,

Mrs Smith celebrates a birthday somewhere between 30-40 (closer to 40!) this Sunday. Coincidentally the 27th January is also 'Chocolate Day.' This works out quite nicely as Mrs Smith is partial to chocolate—and M&S chocolate cake in particular. According to the official chocolate cake rhetoric, the way to celebrate chocolate cake day is, 'throughout your day, incorporate as many types of chocolate cake as you can!' Hopefully Mrs Smith is up for the challenge!

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

