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# St John's Green Primary School

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We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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Please remember that next week is Half Term and the school will close.

### Home Learning

As next week is Half Term, we are not setting any learning at home for next week although parents are, of course, very welcome to continue to utilise all that is available on both the school and wider websites.

### Week 10 of our Home Learning is for the WB 1/6/2020 and the theme is: Community.

These packs have already been delivered/posted to you and are also now on the website.

If you haven't had your pack delivered, please let us know so we can rectify it.

Packs for Weeks 11/12 will start coming out to you the WB 8/6/2020.

### Website Changes

You will have noticed that we've made some changes to how we're displaying the work/pictures you're sending us on the website.

Everything is now linked to the theme weeks—which definitely makes it easier for me and hopefully makes it easier for you.

I will move some of the previous posts (especially around the 'Space' week to the new link) I just haven't done it yet. As I say to my wife fairly frequently—'it's on my list!'

As already said, please do keep sending things in for the website—it will go on there, just bear with me.

### Frustrations

I share the frustrations that we are all feeling about the lockdown and the lack of clarity as far as schools and re-opening is concerned.

As a parent, I am very aware that my children are significantly missing out on the quality and diversity of education that we can give them at home and both my wife and I are teachers.

I am also very aware that they are missing their friends and the social interaction that school provides.

As a Headteacher, I am keen to move on and welcome as many children back into school as I am able to.

However, my hands in many ways are tied. I have a number of teaching and support staff who must continue to self isolate. We're also beholden to the fact that we must provide (quite rightly) for our Key Worker and vulnerable children, in what will be class bases of no more than 15 children.

It's also important that we continue with the Home Learning and support calls to the children in these times.

By welcoming back our Year 1 and EYFS children, as well as continuing to provide for the Key Worker and vulnerable children, I have reached capacity for the school staff and have no wriggle room left and this education will look very different from what we are all used to.

I would dearly love to welcome back all our children but at the current time—we are where we are and as I said at the start—I very much share your frustrations.

What we can and must do is psychologically prepare ourselves and our children for coming back to school as, unless a miracle cure presents itself, we will be moving back towards a sense of normality whilst Coronavirus is still very much present in our society.

We can't be cowed by it, but we must be aware of it and act and behave accordingly.

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](mailto: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 28

This week is Article 15—Freedom of Association

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Power Point resources for this article are on the school website at the bottom of the first column.

What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?  
A promise

### Multi Schools Council Talent Show

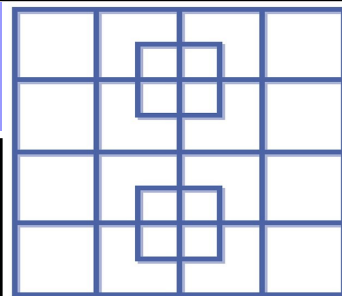
Not long left now if you were thinking of entering the 'Multi Schools Council Talent Show.'

The team in the North of Essex are running a multi-schools talent show. They are inviting any children between the ages of 5 - 16 to send them their talents i.e football skills, singing, a piece of art, whatever it might be!

The deadline is the 1st June 5pm and entries should be sent to this address: [mschoolscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mschoolscouncil@gmail.com)

They also have several podcasts that are available which talk through issues around mental health and SEND

<https://feeds.captivate.fm/the-multi-schools-lowdown/>



**5. How many squares are in the picture?**

### Facebook Online Forum

Do join other parents for the SJG Monday 8.00p.m. chat on our Facebook Forum. This week Facebook Event Monday - Staycation

It's half term holiday and perhaps you haven't even told the children! The SJG Monday Chat event is all about your staycation plans for the half term. Join other parents for an hour of comment and idea swapping at this link [shorturl.at/dsKPZ](https://shorturl.at/dsKPZ)

**Mr Bates' Sunflower Challenge:** You will have all received your sunflower seeds in your packs with a covering letter. Happy Growing.



### Year 1 Parents

Year 1 parents should all have received an e-mail this week, detailing the opening of the school for their children from WB 8/6/2020. Please could you make sure you return the form as soon as possible.

EYFS parents and Key Worker/vulnerable children parents (currently in school) will receive an e-mail after Half Term.

All other parents, please just bear with us. I want your children back in as much as many of you do but, for now, Home Learning must continue.



### Caption Competition

A competition set by our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors. This is an image taken by one of the two of them during

last weeks briefing meeting.

The competition is very simple: come up with a caption or captions to go with the picture.

Please send the entries directly to [admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk)

Closing date will be after Half Term and, as always, there will be prizes. Parents are very welcome to enter too.

### Bedtime Story

There are now a plethora of stories from our staff on the website, with us doing the work for story time for you. Sit back and relax for a bit.

Go to 'Curriculum Information and then 'Reading and Phonics' and then scroll down to the bottom of the page.



And Finally,

Yesterday the responsibility for Home Learning for my children fell to me. I genuinely feel your pain at home because I find this the most traumatic part of my week. My daughter halved the length of a pencil sharpening it whilst I was focussed on my son who still seems to think that the reading of instructions to complete a task is a waste of time—when he can just do what he thinks they want and then do it again, when he's told it isn't. The very concept that it's actually quicker to read the instructions first rather than not—is totally alien to him.

Stay Safe—Simon Billings