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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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# Newsletter

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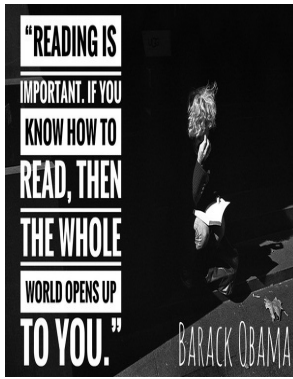
### Reading

Reading is the cornerstone of your children's learning and it's the one thing as parents we should commit to as far as supporting our children's learning isn't concerned.

We all want our children to do better than us, to succeed where we have failed, to get good jobs and be happy.

We know this as parents and yet, you'd be amazed at the amount and creativity of excuses that parents often make to teachers about why their children haven't read 5 x this week.

So I would beseech you all as parents to stop, turn off the TV, iPad, xbox etc spend 5-10 minutes with your children each night and listen to them read/read to them—reading opens up a whole new world and that time with just your child and a book is more precious and more worthwhile than you could possibly imagine.



### Term Dates

Monday 24th October—Friday 28th October—Half Term  
Tuesday 20th December—Last day of Autumn term  
Thursday 5th January—First day of Spring term

### Diary Dates

Thurs 13th October, 7.30pm PTA AGM

Our Assembly Theme next week is: DIVERSITY

Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Being Me in My World

The **Big** Question for the Autumn Term Assessment Period — Where are my Roots?

### Creative Excuses for not Reading 5 x a week

- My dog ate my book.
- The cat was sick on my book.
- My Reading book broke.
- My mum/dad were too busy.
- I was too busy. (What were you busy doing? - Watching TV!)
- My dad used my book to stop the table wobbling
- My book flew out of the window of the car.
- I forgot I had to read.
- I was too sick to read.
- My book fell out of my bag and down the drain.
- My mum/dad sold my reading book.
- My mum/dad forgot to remind me to read.
- I didn't have time because a new dishwasher was being installed.
- My mum/dad used my book to light the fire.
- I was reading to my goldfish and accidentally dropped the book in the bowl.
- I put it in the fridge so I'd remember to read when I took out the milk for my cereal—but I had toast this morning!

**PLEASE REMEMBER—READ WITH YOUR CHILDREN 5X A WEEK AND LOG IT ON GO-READ.**

### Basketball Brilliance

Three of our Year 5 pupils, James, Lenny and Kian have all been selected for the Essex Rebels under 11's Basketball team for the 22/23 season which kicks off in October.



Essex Rebels are the No.1 Basketball in Essex

sex <https://www.essexrebels.co.uk/>

Possibly future NBL players in the making!

### Mini Marathon

The school has signed up to take part in the Mini-Marathon. The idea is for children in Years 1-6 to run, jog or walk 2.6 miles in school before Friday 21 October - around the time of the TCS London Marathon on Sunday 2 October 2022.

**Article 28 (Right to Education)** Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

### Year 4—Trip Deposit

Now is the time to pay the deposit for Year 4 Danbury Trip in the summer term. Online or cash £50 to Town site office by Friday 30th September.

### Secondary School Applications

Secondary School applications need to be completed by Year 6 parents by Monday 31st October.

Applications can be made online via: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

If there are any old comic annuals floating around at homes or books that your child no longer uses—please drop them off at either site.

We will gladly make use of them.  
Many thanks.

### Goodbye Ms Chapman

Today is Ms. Chapman's last day with us as she leaves to take up a new challenge. Ms. Chapman has been with us for over 12 years and will be sorely missed—we wish her the very best.



### Attendance

Just a couple of things as far as attendance is concerned.

1, Please make sure your child is in school. Children are excellent at looking very poorly and then making exceptional recoveries when they know they don't have to go to school and have had a spoonful of calpol.

Obviously, there are times when your child is genuinely unwell and home is absolutely the right place to be. Quite often though, school is the best place. We can administer calpol and keep an eye on them and if we do feel they are too unwell we will call you.

When children are absent, they miss out on learning and things that have happened in the classroom and this does affect their learning.

2, The school can only authorise leave of absence requests for exceptional circumstances if a child has over 97% attendance in the 14 weeks preceding the request. To put this in context children attend school for 190 days a year. Every day a child is absent equals 0.5%.

Using the 14 weeks as this is the schools marker for leave of absence requests— if a child is absent for three days or more then the request will be unauthorised and parents could face a fixed penalty notice.

The bottom line is we want to work with you and facilitate leave of absence requests, but we can only do that if your child is in school. More importantly—we want them in school to help them learn and achieve their best.

### Awards

STAR—Scarlett (RREX), CHARIOT—Kudiwa (MM), JUMBO—Sophie (RREX).

EAGLES—Farad (RREX), ROSES—Oakley (MM), CIRCUS—Noah (MM).

MERCURY—Jack (MM), CLAUDIUS—Elisabeth (RROX), ROMANS—Owen (MLM).

DUTCH—Ellis (MM), ICENI—Jaxon (MM), PAXMAN—Jack (RREX).

CASTLE—Jackson (MM), CAVALIER—Layla (MLM), GARISON—Haatim (MM).

OYSTERS—James (MLM), MAGNETS—Pashton (RREX), RAEDWALD—Kian & Sophia (CC).

TRINOVANTES—Connor (MLM), CYMBELINE—Aisha (RROX), LATHES—Rose (MM).

ATTENDANCE—Jumbo

LIBRARY AWARD—Ethan (CC).

## 8 WAYS PARENTS CAN PROMOTE READING AT HOME

As a parent, you are your child's first - and most important - teacher. Here are eight ways you can help your child become a better reader.

1. Read yourself. Your actions really do speak louder than your words. When your kids see you reading the newspaper or curling up with a book, they will want to follow your example.
2. Make sure your children read every day. Reading - like shooting baskets and playing the piano - is a skill. Like other skills, it gets better with practice. Researchers have found that children who spend at least 30 minutes a day reading for fun - whether they read books, newspapers, or magazines - develop the skills to be better readers at school.
3. Get the library habit. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card. Schedule regular trips to the library. While you are there, check out a book yourself!
4. Read aloud to the children. In \*The Read Aloud Handbook\*, Jim Trelease reports on research showing that this is the most important thing parents can do to help their children become better readers. Here are some tips from the book: Start reading to your children when they are young. It is never too early to begin reading to your children, according to Trelease. Don't stop reading to your children as they grow older. You will both enjoy the chance to do something together. Set aside some time each day for reading aloud. Even 10 minutes a day can have a big impact. Bedtime is a natural reading aloud time. Other busy families read aloud at breakfast or just after dinner. Read books you enjoy. Your kids will know if you are faking it.
5. Here is a way to use your newspaper to encourage reading: a scavenger hunt. Give your child a list of things to find in today's newspaper. Here are some ideas:
  - A map of the United States.
  - A picture of your child's favourite athlete.
  - The temperature in the city where a family member lives.
  - Three words that begin with "w".
  - A film that is playing at a nearby cinema.
6. Give books as gifts. Then find a special place for your children to keep their own library.
7. Make reading a privilege. Say, "You can stay up 15 minutes later tonight if you read in bed." Or you might say, "Because you helped with the dishes, I have time to read you an extra story."
8. If you are not a good reader, you can still encourage your children. As your children learn to read, ask them to read to you. Talk about the books your children have read. Ask a friend or relative to read aloud to your children.

## Reading at Home

At St John's Green our expectation is that children read at home at least 5 x a week.

'Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.'

Emilie Buchwald



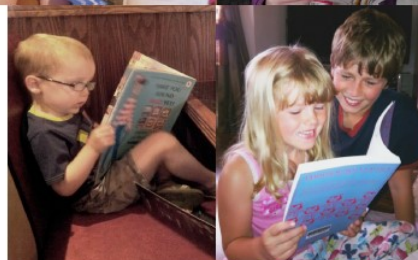
'There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.'

Jacqueline Kennedy



'Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read.'

Marilyn Jager Adams



'So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, Go throw your TV set away, And in its place you can install, A lovely bookshelf on the wall.'

Roald Dahl, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory