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St John's Green Primary School

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Firstly my apologies there was no newsletter last Friday. We were interviewing all day and with the Summer Fair as well, it just wasn't possible.

So a bumper newsletter this week, with lots to congratulate, notify and make people aware of as we go into our last full week before the Summer Break...Please read on and be prepared to be regaled...

Open Evening

Please remember that next Thursday is our Open Evening at both school sites from 4.30p.m.—6.30p.m.

This is really an opportunity for parents to come into the school and say goodbye to their child's current class teacher, and say hello to their new one. Children's books will not be out for parents to see.

We will display, lost property in both school halls, anything unclaimed after this point will either be disposed of or given to the PTA as part of their free Uniform event on the 21st July.

In both school halls as well, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Blackery will have some culinary delights to share with you and can sample some of what we offer to the children for school dinners.

In the classrooms across the school we will also have some curriculum based things for parents to look at. If you pop into the Year 6 classrooms you can have a go at some of this years Year 6 SATs questions. Mr Eves will have some of the school's historical records in his room—St John's Green School (not Mr Eves) is 125 years old next year! Pop into Year 1 to learn more about our ELS Phonics Scheme and in Year 4 you can see the Multiplication Check or learn how to Bar Model. There'll be some music and Road to Writing in Year 5 and some of the KS1 SATs papers in Year 2.

This evening is very informal and is just about parents being able to come in and see the school, with your children acting as your

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I make Good Decisions?

Our Assembly Theme next week is: reflecting Roxy—What have we learnt this year.

Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Changing Me.

Last Call for Book Bingo

All Book Bingo entries will be collected in on Wednesday 13th July. Everyone who completes their Book Bingo will have a non-uniform day in September.

Many thanks

Mrs Skinner and Miss Wiggins

Term Dates

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates

Monday 11th July—Year 6 Leavers BBQ—(Water Themed!)

Monday 11th July—Class Roses to First Site

Tuesday 12th July—Class Eagles to First Site

Tuesday 12th July—AP3 Reports to Parents

Wednesday 13th July—Nick Butterworth Day

Wednesday 13th July—An evening with Nick Butterworth (talk to parents). 6.00p.m. @ AF. Separate letter already been sent out.

Thursday 14th July—Open Evening 4.30p.m.—6.30p.m. AF & T

Friday 15th July—Class Circus to First Site

Friday 15th July—EYFS Beach Dress up day

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term. Non Uniform Day. Children, parents to give/donate to school any unwanted/un-needed school uniform.

Thursday 21st July. Free PTA School Uniform. 10.00a.m.—1.00p.m. @ AF.

Monday 5th September. 1st day of Autumn Term.

Sunday 18th September—Friday 23rd September. Year 6 Residential to Kingswood.

Year 2 Parents—End of Universal Free School Meal Entitlement

All parents of a child in Year 2 were sent a letter a couple of weeks ago reminding them that the Universal Free School Meal Entitlement, comes to an end as children move to KS2.

The letter detailed the fact that parents should apply for FSM if they were in receipt of certain benefits. I would urge parents, who think they might be entitled to get in contact with either school office and apply, if they think this applies to them. You have nothing to lose and once in receipt, it means that your child can have a school dinner, whenever they want. It will also reduce the cost of residential and swimming lessons.

Children's Books: All children will be given their old school books to bring home next Friday (15th July). Please could you make sure that children bring a plastic bag into school with them next Friday so that they can carry the books home. We will keep a few of the most recent books from a couple of children in each year. This is just in case Ofsted rock up in September and they want to see that the children did some work last year. We will make sure that these are returned.

HOT Weather Warning: Please be aware that there is a Hot Weather warning in place for all next week. Please can all parents make sure that their child has a full water bottle everyday and is liberally coated in Sun Cream. Many Thanks.



Awards (WB 27/6/2022)

STAR—Alfie (MLM), CHARIOT— Isabella (MM), JUMBO- Hakam (RREX).

EAGLES— Isaac (RREX), ROSES— Felipe (MM), CIRCUS- Barney (MLM)

MERCURY— Noman (MM), CLAUDIUS- Josephine (RROX), ROMANS- Alice (RREX), George & Izzy (CC)

DUTCH— Summer (MM), ICENI— Awana (MM), PAXMAN— Freddie (MM).

CASTLE— Sam (MM), CAVALIER— Bethany (MM), GARRISON— William (RROX)

OYSTERS- Jacob (MM), MAGNETS- Chloe (RROX), RAEDWALD- Honey (MLM).

CYMBELINE— Beau (CC), TRINOVANTES— Sam (MLM), LATHES- Taliyah (RREX).

ATTENDANCE— Romans

Awards (WB 4/7/2022)

STAR— Whole Class (RREX), CHARIOT— Whole Class (RREX), JUMBO- Whole Class (RREX).

EAGLES— Whole Class (RREX) & Kane (RREX), ROSES— Whole Class (RREX), CIRCUS- Whole Class (RREX).

MERCURY— Annabel (RREX), CLAUDIUS- Henley (MM), ROMANS- Whole Class (CC).

DUTCH— James (MM), ICENI— Sophie (MM), PAXMAN— Evelyn (MM).

CASTLE— Harry (MM), CAVALIER— James (MLM), GARRISON— Teejay (MM).

OYSTERS- Freya (MM), MAGNETS- Myla (MM), RAEDWALD- Tyreese (MLM).

CYMBELINE— Scarlett (RROX), TRINOVANTES— Bethany (MM), LATHES- Freya (RROX).

ATTENDANCE— Magnets

Children's Reports (AP3)

Your children's final year reports (AP3) will be sent home next Wednesday. Please remember that these reports are written for you as parents and as such will be in a sealed envelope.

Also in the reports will be details of the class teacher your child has next year. With the exception of Mrs. Minshall, who is unable to attend, all other staff will be at the Open Evening next week and parents will have an opportunity, should they so wish to meet them.

The covering letter in the report will explain what everything means, but if you're in any doubt—just ask.



GET Outside Hilly Fields

I have to confess, I've never actually been here. Nonetheless on our doorstep, so to speak, and most definitely worth a wander.

<https://www.visitcolchester.com/things-to-do/hilly-fields-p1190251>

As always the PDF of the walk is on the school website in, 'Colchester Walks.'

Article 2 (non-discrimination) The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

Full Governing Body Meeting, Monday 4th July.

Governor meeting report to parents., by Lynn Spencer-Campbell.

On July 4th The Governors held their final summer term meeting.

There was wide ranging discussion about the staffing for next year and Mr Billings was pleased to report that we have a full complement of teachers for next term.

Mrs Bourne gave a report on Pupil matters. Our attendance is high compared with many schools and it is a credit to parents that children are sustaining high numbers. Two senior leaders had attended an attendance briefing. It was pleasing to note that as a school we have many strategies in place to support pupils and their families in these challenging times. Pupil and staff wellbeing remains high as a school priority; we have learned a lot in the last two years.

Staff training is at a high level; we were provided with a summary of the training through staff meetings this term. It is a very impressive range of developments, that are need to keep up to date with developments and changes in Education.

The curriculum is kept under close scrutiny by the senior Management Team to ensure that all opportunities are in place to enable children to continue their learning progress after two years of disruption.

The new phonics teaching that was adopted in September is having an impact on children's reading and writing skills.

(The progress of our Strategic Priorities was discussed. Children are really enthusiastic about the books they are reading, they are mostly taking part in physical activities and feel safe in school. Their mathematical problem solving skills are developing.)

There was a lengthy discussion around the 3 year budget. School is faced with the same economic challenges as the wider community and there are forward plans to deal with these.

There are some monies outstanding for the two residential events next year; while times are financially challenging I can fully endorse the value of these opportunities for children.

Some Governors will be acting as Marshalls at the Junior Parkrun on July 17th. We look forward to seeing you there.

A report from the PTA was very welcome; they have been really busy raising money for activities for all children including circus skill, ice creams to end the term, the Jubilee picnic and our highly successful Summer Fayre. The Governors are very appreciative of all the hard work of the PTA.

Colchester Roman Society's 35th Anniversary Open Day (FREE)

2022 35 YEARS OF ROMAN RE-ENACTING & LIVING HISTORY



CELEBRATE WITH US!

OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 9 JULY 2022

10 AM - 3 PM

ROMAN CIRCUS VISITOR CENTRE
ROMAN CIRCUS WALK, COLCHESTER CO2 7GZ

FREE ENTRY & FREE GUIDED TOURS
ROMAN MILITARY & CIVILIAN DISPLAYS



Green Day

Hopefully you were aware from your children talking and the fact that we asked for a lot of recycling bits and pieces to be brought in, on Wednesday, we held a 'Green day.' This was all part of an Essex initiative to schools who were asked to help raise awareness of environmental issues.

We had quite a few different bits and pieces going on during the day.

The Bico Bus Bike was at Abbey Field for the day and at the end of the day a few of our children took it for a test spin across Abbey Fields with Mrs Bourne in tow! I watched.



- We had video presentations at both school sites on the construction of the Mercury Theatre with sustainable materials and at Town site a representative from the Mercury Theatre popped along.
- Ben Plummer, Environmental Officer for Colchester Borough Council, popped in to meet with Mrs. Corria in the EYFS garden and drop of some seeds, compost and children's garden equipment.
- Children brought in some recyclable materials and during the day each class then had to create and name their sculpture. (The winning sculptures are on display at AF & T—for your viewing pleasure on Thursday)
- Children also watched some climate change videos and undertook some 'green' activities.



**Non-Uniform Day
Monday 18th July**

Help St. John's Green Go...

GREENER

By Recycling, Reusing & Repurposing school uniform!

Please donate any unwanted or outgrown items of school uniform in a **CLEAN** and **WEARABLE** condition.

All uniform is accepted including shoes, trainers, PE kits, bags, tights/socks coats etc

Please put items in a bag for your child to hand into class on the day

Together as a school we can help the planet



Beaver Success

Really well done to Oliver. Oliver joined Beavers in March, and was initially a bit nervous, especially when it came to the promise ceremony. He has made sterling progress and a few weeks ago was awarded with 4 badges which is apparently no easy thing and takes real commitment. Oliver was very proud of himself and quite rightly so. Very well done Oliver.



Nick Butterworth

A further reminder about our evening with Nick Butterworth next Wednesday (13th) July from 6.00p.m.—7.00p.m. at Abbey Fields. Please do send that reply slip back and make sure you come along—it's not often that you get to see a renowned author and hear them speak about their love of reading. Rumour has it we will also be raffling a signed copy of David Williams latest book. He is apparently a very good friend of Nick Butterworth!



Sports Days

As far as children from Year 2—Year 6 were concerned—Sports days with a bit of a difference as we raised that competitive element, whilst trying to maintain and embed those aspects of fun. So competitiveness was the nature of the days and the winning children from the different classes will come together at the end of next week to compete against each other in the grand Year Group finals. Details of this will be sent out for those parents early next week. Thank you to all the parents that came on to cheer and support their children in sprints, relays, javelin throwing, speed bouncing, hurdles etc



Our EYFS/Year 1 children stayed with the same format as we utilised before the pandemic, so it was very much about Teams and there was a lovely atmosphere and great support from all the parents.

For EYFS and Year 1 the results were as follows:



- 1st—Team Temple 1477
- 2nd—Team Siege 1470
- 3rd Team Priory 1440
- 4th —Team Abbey 1399
- 5th—Team Colne 1389

My thanks to Miss. Wiggins for organising it all, ably supported by Mrs. Crane and all the school staff.

PTA Summer Fair

Well done to our PTA and many thanks to all our parents, children and helpers on, who were able to come to our Summer Fair last Friday.

A huge amount of work from the PTA and all School Staff went into bringing this altogether and it was fantastic to see so many people at our Abbey Field site. In total **£4,133** was raised for the PTA which will be spent on resources and experiences for the children in our school. Thank you to Taylor's Dance Company and the choir and yoga clubs for providing some excellent light entertainment—well done those children.

