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# St John's Green Primary School

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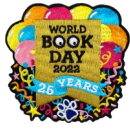


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### World Book Day



Just a reminder to everyone that next Friday (4th March), we are celebrating World Book Day.

Class teachers will have a plethora of reading related activities planned so the day will look a little different to what it might do otherwise.

On this day, children and staff are welcome to come into school dressed as a Book Character. (Just to clarify, football kits are not really entering into the spirit of things when it comes to dressing up as book characters—not of course to be disparaging about football stories!) To add some encouragement and creativity to everything and to put the pressure on the judges, we will judge and reward the best dressed book characters in each class. There will also be a best book character for the Year Group and a final prize for the best character in the phase—that is I appreciate a lot of judging! (I have my costume ready, not 100% sure whether I'll walk between sites in it.)

There will be no PE this day with the exception of after school clubs. For children doing after school clubs, they should bring their club clothes to school in a separate bag and class teachers will facilitate somewhere for them to change at the end of the day.

### Coronavirus Update

Obviously we're entering a brave new world as far as Coronavirus is concerned and the school has received some new advice.

There is a separate letter from Essex County Council that will be sent out by e-mail with the newsletter today. The letter goes into more detail with regards to the following:

- The government has removed the legal duty to Self isolate following a positive test.
- Anyone testing positive is still advised to stay at home and Self isolate for at least 5 days.
  - Routine contact tracing will end
  - Attendance at school is mandatory

As from Monday 28th February, all Covid cases will be authorised if we get evidence of the positive LFT from parents and will be recorded as 'authorised illness' for child's attendance records. We will authorise positive LFTs same as we would for a cold/flu/chicken pox, etc. This will no longer be entered separately and as such, means that because it is being entered as 'illness', it will affect the children's attendance record.

We will continue to notify parents by e-mail if we get a positive case in a class.

### Awards

STAR— Maria (RROX), JUMBO— Michel (MM), CHARLOT— Alexander (MLM).

EAGLES— Scarlett (MM), CIRCUS— Sofia (MM), ROSES— Morris (MM).

MERCURY— Whole Class (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Isla (MM), ROMANS— Oilly (MM).

DUTCH— Thomas (RROX), ICENI— Ashton (MM), PAXMAN— Harvey (MM).

CASTLE— Lianna (MM), CAVALIER— Moses (MM), GARRISON— Tabitha (CC).

OYSTERS— Alan (MM), MAGNETS — Lorenne (MLM), RAEDWALD — Joey & Vada (RREX)

CYMBELINE— Gideon (MM), TRINOANTES— Francesca (MM), LATHES— Max (RREX).

ATTENDANCE— Claudius

### The Big Question for this Assessment Period— Who is Responsible for the World?

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Dreams and Goals

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:

Environmental Issues

### Environmental Issues

On page 2 of the newsletter is a brilliant letter from Taliyah, one of our Year 6 children and the response from David Attenborough to whom she had written.

It seems apt to share it this week as our assembly focus next week is the environment.

Did you know...

There will be more plastic in our oceans than fish by 2050.

Scientists believe that up to 50% of the world's species will be extinct by the end of this century.

About eight million tonnes of plastic are dumped in the ocean each year - that's as heavy as 632,411 London buses!

St John's Green  
**Parent & toddler drop in.**  
Everyone welcome!

Every Wednesday  
(term time only)  
Abbey Field Site  
**9am - 10am**

Come along for a chat and play.

### School Development Priorities

100% of pupils are able to share a book they have recently read and talk about the story, or the key features.

This will be a huge focus for us next week and it would be much appreciated, if when reading with their children, parents can also make sure they talk with the children about the book they're reading.

### School Library and Reading Book Amnesty

Please could children and parents have a route around their homes, in boxes, under beds, in bookcases, behind the fridge, etc for any school reading or library books that have so far not found their way back to school. It would be appreciated and Chris Payne (our librarian) will be very thankful.



### Term Dates

Spring Half Term. Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February.

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

### Diary Dates

Friday 4th March. Non Uniform Day for World Book Day—Come to school dressed as a Book Character. Parents too if you'd like.

Monday 7th March—Thursday 10th March Book fair after school at AF & T.

WB 28th March— Online Safety Week of Awareness

WB 28th March—St John's Green—Science Week

29th March—AP2 Reports to Parents

30th March—4.00p.m.—6.00p.m. Parents Evening (incidentally it's also my birthday)

Monday 4th April—Monday 18th April, Easter Holiday

Tuesday 19th April—1st Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 19th April—Friday 22nd April Year 4 Danbury Residential.

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.

### School Holidays

Please note that the school has now confirmed the end of the Summer Term 2022 and the start of the Autumn Term 2022.

The last day of the Summer Term will be Monday 18th July.

The first day of the Autumn Term will be Monday 5th September.

### GET OUT THERE AND WALK !



This week's walk is 'The Essex Way'. For those of you not aware, The Essex Way is a long-distance path stretching from Epping to Harwich a distance of 81 miles. Probably best to walk it in stages! As always, it's on the school website—under Colchester Walks.

### Pay360

Just a reminder please to parents that please if at all possible, could monies owing to the school for services, such as School Dinners/Breakfast Club be paid for using Pay360.

All the details for this are on the school website under the tab 'Parent Information.

Many Thanks

### Breakfast Club and/or MDA Vacancy

The school still has a vacancy for a Breakfast Club Assistant.

Daily hours: 1 hour and 15 minutes Monday - Friday

Hourly rate of pay: £9.43

Annual salary: £2,552.81

This role is for term time only excluding non-pupil days.

Application packs can be collected from either school office.

**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.

Dear Sir David Attenborough,

I enjoy watching your programmes. When I grow up I want to be a conservationist. I want to travel the world and help animals.

I have adopted over seven animals including an elephant, Rhinos, a tiger, pangolin, beluga whale, a cheetah, walrus, a panda, and a polar bear. I always adopt the most endangered animals. I have also had 3 close experiences where I go to, get close and feed, Tigers, Rhinos and a zoo cadet course where I fed a skink, coatis, snakes, hyenas, mardill and cheetahs. I have a kitten called Mala who is seven months old. When I am older I want to save the world like you.

From Talayah, 11 years old

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21.1.22

Dear Talayah,

Thank you for your letter  
I am so glad you enjoy my  
programmes.

Best wishes

David Attenborough

from David Attenborough