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Please don't forget about the PTA AGM next Tuesday (10th) @ 7.00p.m. at AF. A great opportunity to get involved in raising money for the school—for the school to spend. Please just pop along to find out more.

As in last week's PTA article, there was a hidden chocolate word—and no one mentioned it to me I gained a chocolate bar—which was very nice. Same word this week.

Informal Parents Evening

Please note that we have had to change the date and time of our EYFS Informal parents Evening due to staff absences on that day.

The EYFS Informal parents Evening will now be on Tuesday 17th October from 3.00p.m.—5.00p.m. at AF.

For Children in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 the Informal Parents Evening will be on Wednesday 18th October from 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m.

This is a chance for parents to come and talk informally with class teachers and staff and have a look at the work that children have completed in their books so far this term.

School Dinners

Just a reminder to parents, please do go through the school dinner menu's with your child and remind them of what they're having each day.

Menu's are on the school website in 'Parent Information.'

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/school_dinners/288581

Some children become quite upset when they don't like the choice that's been made for them by their parents!

Thankyou

A huge thank you from Mr. Payne our Librarian for all the book donations received by the school.

Mr. Payne is delighted, as are the children.

If parents have any more books—then Mr. Payne and the school are grateful recipients!



The MORE that you
READ, the more things
you will KNOW.
The MORE that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll GO.

Year 5 Parents: Please remember there is an Informal Information Meeting next Tuesday (10th) @ 5.00p.m. at AF, about the Year 6 Residential to Kingswood. Please pop along if you can.

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Term Dates

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—Half Term
Monday 30th October—Non Pupil Day—the School is Closed
Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term
Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th October—Year 5 Kingswood Information Meeting (Year 6 Residential) 5.00p.m. @ AF

Tuesday 10th October @ 7.00p.m.—PTA AGM. AF.

Friday 13th October. Non Uniform Day, 'Just one Tree' £1

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Wednesday 18th October @ AF & T—Informal Parents Evening. 5.00p.m.—7.00p.m. for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Friday 20th October—Individual Child Photographs @ AF.

Saturday 21st October 'Walk a Mile to End Polio' 12.00p.m.—2.00p.m. (Meet at Museum Street Gate).

Please keep your eye on the school's website calendar for other

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

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

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion) Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Non Uniform Day—Friday 13th October—Just One Tree. £1.

If you can wear something green. If you want to be really creative—look like a tree.

More 'Just One Tree' information has been sent out electronically with the newsletter.

Awards

STAR—Lucas (CC), CHARIOT—Kara (RREX), JUMBO— Iris (MM).

EAGLES— Georgie (RREX), ROSES— Eli (MM), CIRCUS— Bayley (RREX).

MERCURY— Adam (MM), CLAUDIUS— Lilian (CC), ROMANS— Neave (MM).

DUTCH— Sofia (MM), ICENI— Afreen (MM), PAXMAN— Nikola (RREX).

CASTLE—Kyra (MM), GARRISON— Lexi (RREX), CAVALIER— Alfred (CC).

OYSTERS— Ivy (RREX), RAEDWALD— Jasmine (RREX), MAGNETS— Tim (RROX).

TRINOVANTES— Tia (RROX), CYMBELINE— Igor (MLM), LATHES— Luca (MLM)

ATTENDANCE— Eagles & Dutch

School Uniform and Earrings

A reminder about school uniform please.

1, Earrings—these should be studs only and should not be worn on PE Days unless the child can remove them themselves.

There is no wriggle room on this—children cannot wear earrings when they're doing PE.

2, School Uniform should be as per the policy which can be found here:

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/school_uniform/288493

Boys

Grey or black trousers.

Grey or black shorts (these must not be sports shorts).

White collared shirt or white polo shirt.

Navy fleece, sweatshirt or jumper.

Black shoes or black trainers. Navy, brown or black closed-toed sandals.

Girls

Grey or black trousers or skirt.

Grey or black shorts (these must not be sports/cycling shorts).

White collared shirt or white polo shirt.

Navy fleece, sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan

Blue pique summer dress.

Grey pinafore.

Sensible flat black shoes or black trainers. Navy, brown or black closed-toed sandals.

Let's Talk Reading

The thing about reading is that it is integral to a child's success at school and in life.

It is so important that we, as parents, read with our children and share things with them.

At every new intake meeting, I always say to parents that fundamentally we want our children to be happy and to do better in life than us—make better and wiser decisions! Our children become partly what we invest in them. This is not about money, it is about time, 'our time.'

A big part of that is reading with our children to develop with them a fluency and love of reading.

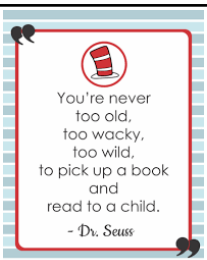
Now I know that every parent has a phone—because we often see you at the end of the day on them—checking something.

Ideally, could parents please use their phones to log their child's reads on 'BoomReader' - then we know that your child is reading with you.

Please also have a look at the school website: Curriculum Information—Reading and Phonics as this details some very useful helps and tips about reading with children.

https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/reading_and_phonics/288515

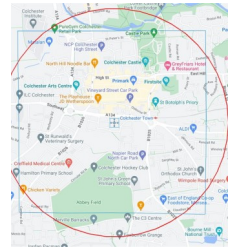
What I'm really saying, as politely as I can, is please read with your children because if you do and do it daily, then it will have a huge impact on their learning and really will help them succeed!



Assembly Theme for WB: 9/10/2023—Black History Month—Bold Women in Black History



HISTORY ON OUR DOOR-STEP... ONE SQUARE MILE.



Jumbo

Did you Know?

- Jumbo Water Tower is a water tower at the Balcerne Gate in Colchester, Essex. Charles Clegg (c.1855-c.1904), the Borough Surveyor and Engineer, designed the structure.
- The tower is 40.1m tall overall and contains 1.2 million red bricks.
- The tower was nicknamed 'Jumbo' after the London Zoo elephant as a term of derision in 1882 by Reverend John Irvine who was annoyed that the tower dwarfed his nearby rectory at St. Mary-at-the-Walls.
- Construction took around 20 months and was completed in 1883 .
- The tank is constructed of cast-iron bolted panels and when it was in use could hold 1069 cubic metres (37,800 cubic ft) of water.
- A central cast iron spiral stair rises 157 steps to the tower room.
- The total weight of the tower is over 5,000 tons
- In December 2021, the tower was leased by Paul Flatman to North Essex Heritage for a 150 year term. The Trust plans to adapt the tower to house a restaurant, visitor experience and historical interpretation space.

Victorian Colchester had a very poor water supply, relying for the most part on unsanitary wells and a few large cisterns. One such cistern was located inside the old Roman Balcerne Gate, near St Mary's church. A private company, The Waterworks Company, supplied water to wealthy customers for just a few hours a day, and eventually took over the Balcerne Gate cisterns and built a large reservoir.

Throughout the first half of the 19th century several damaging fires broke out in central Colchester, and the time it took water to arrive at the fire scene meant that many business and private houses were badly damaged. In 1849, an outbreak of cholera drove home the point; a better solution was needed.

In 1875, the Public Health Act made local Councils responsible for ensuring public health; it was the jolt that Colchester's Council needed to take action. In 1880, the Council purchased the Waterworks Company and proposed a new water tower to supply water to all of Colchester, 24 hours a day.

Plans were approved in 1881, with a budget of £6,700. Over Reverend Irvine's objections, contracts were awarded in 1882 (though the tower was moved to a site 60 feet from his rectory). And it seems he might have had valid objections, for rather than supplying all of Colchester's water 24 hours a day, the finished tower could only supply water 6 hours a day.

The tower was officially opened on 27 September 1883, 20 months after construction began. Either by design or through a curious coincidence, 20 months is the gestation period of an elephant.

<https://www.britainexpress.com/counties/essex/properties/jumbo.htm>

