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St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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We we are all
Maths writers ...



Newsletter

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Please keep your eye on the school's website calendar for other dates/information—including Christmas Production Times, EYFS and Year 2 Production dates are on e-schools.

Meal Options

You will all have received the menu cycle for the next 6 weeks. Please could I ask you to go through the menu with your children and choose with them if and when they're having a school meal.

A lot of the children don't know what they're having when they arrive in the dining room and get upset because we've cooked one thing for them and they want something else. Please mark and keep your spare copy on the fridge or something. Many thanks.

Roman Cup Finals

Our Year 6 squash team competed in the Roman Cup finals yesterday and achieved fantastic scores! We came a respectable 4th and 3rd place in the tournaments we played in with Stanley Taylor securing the prestigious 'best sportsman' trophy too! It's moments like these that Mrs Woodham won't forget in a hurry. She is incredibly proud of the resilience and efforts our Year 6's have put into this experience and especially how everyone was incredibly supportive when faced with difficult opponents. Well done everyone!



Mrs. Woodham

PTA Christmas Fair

Please don't forget our Christmas Fair tomorrow from 12.00—2.00p.m. at AF.

A host of things to entice you to spend some money and keep you warm.

YEAR 2 CHOIR PERFORMING AT 1.00 P.M.

REFRESHMENTS (HOT FOOD)

HOT CHOCOLATE + DONUTS

XMAS TREE WONDERLAND

TOMBOLA RAFFLE

BRIC A BRAC/ BOOK STALL

SCHOOL UNIFORM STALLS

(OUTSIDE PROVIDERS)

GAMES/CRAFTS



Christmas Post Boxes

From Monday, our Christmas Post Boxes will be up and ready for the children to post their Christmas Cards.

There will be one post box at AF in the library area and another one at T in the Top Hall.

Should the children wish to send Christmas Cards, our magical Christmas Elves will make sure that they are all delivered safely. Please could you make sure that when writing Christmas Cards, you put the first name and surname initial of the person you want the card to go to as well as their class name.

Class Teachers have been given copies of class lists, should you need a bit of help in that department.



Awards

STAR— Evie (MM), CHARIOT— George (RREX), JUMBO— Harley (MM).

EAGLES— Joshua (RREX), ROSES— Gabriela (MM), CIRCUS— Murray (MM).

MERCURY— Jess (MM), CLAUDIUS— Ben, (RROX), ROMANS— Cesare (CC).

DUTCH— Ripley (MM), ICENI— Emma (MM), PAXMAN— Myla (MM).

CASTLE— Alice (RROX), GARRISON— Harrison (MM), CAVALIER— Julie (RROX).

OYSTERS— Chineye (RROX), RAEDWALD— Ashton (RREX), MAGNETS— Dahlia (MM).

TRINOVANTES— Mabel (RREX), CYMBELINE— Rosie (MM), LATHES— Jared (MLM).

ATTENDANCE— Castle

UNICEF Assembly

Our School Councillors and UNICEF ambassadors have led two assemblies over the last week.

They started by talking to everyone about what UNICEF is and what is a 'Rights Respecting School?' Which is a school/community where children's rights are learned, taught, protected and respected. They also talked about how we all play a part in that.

Ambassadors also talked about real scenarios like child labour, refugees and how UNICEF rights relate to them.

Finally, the children explained about the work and presentation to earn four rights badges.



"Christmas magic is silent. You don't hear it—you feel it. You know it. You believe it."
— KEVIN ALAN WILSON

Year 5—Kingswood Residential



Please remember that the £70 deposit for Kingswood (the Year 6 Residential) is due today.

Flu Vaccine

The Community School Aged Immunisation Service have already visited our school to deliver the flu vaccine. However, we know that some children have missed out and may remain vulnerable to serious or even fatal illness that could have been prevented by the vaccine.

The programme for vaccinating children is due to end mid-December. If you would like your child/the child in your care to be vaccinated against flu, this can still be arranged by contacting the service directly.

There are community clinics available for children or young people who have missed any of the school-based sessions. Details of the community clinic dates, times and venues can be obtained by calling your local Immunisation Team office on 0300 790 0597.

IMPORTANT—PTA

The PTA will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Tuesday 5th December at 2.15 p.m. at the Abbey Field Site.

Nominations for any of the positions and to go onto the Committee will be welcome. Any parents are welcome to come along and join in with this meeting. Please ask at either school office for any information.

Term Dates

Wednesday 20th December—Last Day of Autumn Term

Thursday 4th January—First Day of Spring Term

Monday 19th February—Friday 23rd February—Half Term

Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break.

Diary Dates

Saturday 2nd December. PTA Christmas Fair @ AF. 12.00-2.00p.m.

Tuesday 5th December—PTA AGM @ AF @ 2.15p.m.

Tuesday 12th December - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December—AP1 Reports to parents.

Thursday 14th December - Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December—EYFS/Year 1 Polar Express Day (Non Uniform—wear pyjamas/dressing gown, etc)

Monday 18th December—Christmas Dress Up Day—Come to school as Christmassy as they like.

Monday 18th December @ 2.00p.m.—Year 1 Christmas Songs to Parents.

EYFS Nativity (@ AF) 'A Bundle of Joy'

Tuesday 12th December @ 10.00a.m.

Wednesday 13th December @ 10.00a.m.

Thursday 14th December @ 10.00a.m.

Year 2 Production (@ T) 'Our Happy Christmas'

Wednesday 13th December @ 2.00p.m.

Thursday 14th December @ 10.00a.m.

Friday 15th December @ 10.00a.m.

Assembly Theme for WB: 04/12/2023—Identity, Community, Diversity.

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

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term—Celebrating Difference

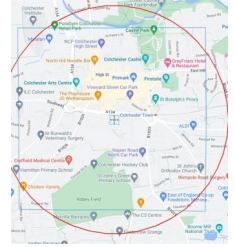
Rights Respecting Schools

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.

Please remember that the closing date for Reception Admissions is 15th January 2024.



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



Colchester Castle

Did you Know?

- Colchester Castle is a Norman castle and dates from the second half of the eleventh century.
- The keep of the castle is mostly intact and is the largest example of its kind anywhere in Europe, due to its being built on the foundations of the Roman Temple of Claudius, Colchester.
- The keep bears a striking similarity to the Tower of London's White Tower. Colchester has the same basic rectangular design with an apsidal projection on its south east wall.
- The keep uses the foundations from the ancient Roman temple as a base and its structure incorporates Roman bricks and clays from the town as well as local stone.
- Colchester Castle has only been besieged once in its history. In 1215 a number of barons rebelled against the unpopular King John I of England. They invited Prince Louis of France (later King Louis VIII) to take the English throne. In 1216 Colchester was held by Louis' supporters and King John was forced to besiege and capture it.
- The castle remained in royal hands, but by the 13th Century it had become a county gaol.
- The castle also boasts the largest stone spiral staircase in Europe, built for ceremonial purposes.
- One of the most striking aspects of the Castle is its imposing keep, said to be the largest example of a Norman keep Britain.
- Colchester Castle was also the site of the interrogation and jailing of 'witches' in 1645 by the self-proclaimed Witchfinder General Matthew Hopkins.

