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our learning



St John's Green Primary School

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We ♥
Maths

We are all
writers ...



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School Development Priorities

100% of pupils can identify a piece of writing that they are proud of and talk about their next steps.

Egg Comp-egg-tition

Hopefully all parents have seen the leggger we sent out this week with regards to the Egg Decorating Competition.

Eggciting times...

The premise is very simple and as per the letter quite self explanatory. Take an egg (either hard boil it or blow it) and then get as creative as you can or your heart desires in creating something eggstraordinary. You don't just have to submit an egg, we've had whole scenes before with the egg as the star of the show.

Egg entries can be brought to the lower hall at Town and the main hall at AF from 8.30 (AF) and 8.40 (T). The PTA will then take your entry fee from you and give you a slip of paper to pop on your egg design. Children will then take their eggs to a table which will be somewhere else in the school.

The closing date to bring eggtries in is Thursday. Every child (and parent) who eggters will be given a small chocolate egg after judging for the main prizes for each year group.

I've popped the letter we sent out this week on the main page of the website—just in case you want to read it again.

Here's a couple I put together this week, ready for next week—just to inspire you! (O.K. I got these from Google Images...I confess)



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

Our Jigsaw Theme for Half Term—Healthy Me

Our Assembly Theme for next week is:

Recapping on our four concepts from this term:

- Responsibility,
- Education,
- Aspirations,
- Democracy

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.

Term Dates

Last day of Spring Term—Friday 1st April

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

First day of Summer Term—Tuesday 19th April

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates

Friday 25th March @ 3.00p.m. PTA EYFS/Year 1 Biscuit Decoration in EYFS learning garden.

WB 28th March— Online Safety Week of Awareness

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

WB 28th March—PTA Easter Egg Competition

29th March—AP2 Reports to Parents

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

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



GET OUT THERE AND WALK!

This week's walk is 'Bourne Valley'
Practically on our doorstep!

A boardwalk linking Mersea Road and Old Heath Road runs through woodland beside Bourne Brook. The attractive brook is lined with willows and in places large numbers of Orb Mussels can be seen on its bed. Bluebells thrive on the drier slopes. The boardwalk passes Blythe Pond, a former mill pond overhung by willows and surrounded by wetland plants that provide cover for toads and frogs. Bats feed over the water on warm evenings.

As always, it's on the school website—under Colchester Walks.

Parents Evening

Please remember that next Wednesday, from 4.00p.m.—6.00p.m. at both our AF and T site, is our Parents Evening.

For many of our parents, this will be the first time you've experienced a Parents Evening at the school that is live—so really exciting and really looking forward to it.

When you come to school, please bring your children with you. This is really important as you are coming to look with your children at the things they have been learning about and doing in school.

Hopefully your child will be able to take you to their classroom—but if they've forgotten, we'll help you out.

When you get to the classroom, your children's books will be on their desk. Please have a sit down and spend some time with your children looking through their books. There will be a crib sheet in every class for you to go through with the children so they can point out their best piece of writing, what they found hardest, etc.

Class Teachers and Support Staff will be on hand in the classroom and will talk with parents and answer any questions they have but there is no expectation that parents do this. The most important thing is that you come along with your children and celebrate what they have achieved this term.

Please remember, that even us as adults, thrive on being told well done and being supported in what we do—as parents it's really important that we do this for our children too.

The best thing we can ever give our children is our time.

See you Wednesday.

If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money.

COVID-19 is still active and experts have advised that parents of all children aged 5 to 11 years should be offered the chance to have their child vaccinated.

The NHS will contact parents to explain how to make an appointment.

In the meantime more information can be found in a leaflet which is on both the 'Welcome' page of the school website and the 'Coronavirus' page.



A special mention to Tilly who has been working towards her 'Rainbow Promise'. She has been waiting about a month for me to pop her in the newsletter so hopefully she's all promised up now. Tilly promised to think about her beliefs and always be kind and helpful. Well done Tilly.

Awards

STAR— Alfie (CC), JUMBO— Elise (MM), CHARIOT— Zachary (MM).

EAGLES— Zahra (RREX), CIRCUS— Sienna (MM), ROSES— Emma (RREX).

MERCURY— Jasper (RROX), CLAUDIUS— Lily (RROX), ROMANS— Albert (MLM).

DUTCH— Charlotte (RROX), ICENI— Leah (MM), PAXMAN— Reggie (MM).

CASTLE— Ava (MM), CAVALIER— Leila (MM), GARRISON— Kian (RREX).

OYSTERS— Jimmy (RROX), MAGNETS— Lucy (RROX), RAEDWALD— Amelia (MLM).

CYMBELINE— Rudra (MLM), TRINOVANTES— Cameron (MM), LATHES— Dylan (MM).

ATTENDANCE— Iceni



Attendance

When you get your child's AP2 reports next week, you will notice (I hope) that we have included their percentage attendance for this academic year.

I cannot stress how important it is that your children attend school each and every day.

We are coming to the third term in what will be our first full academic year for two years. For our Year 1 and Year 2 children, this will be the first time they've been able to complete a full year in school.

Children, like adults, need consistency and routine. They need to know what they're doing and when. We maintain this in school by trying to keep our timetables as consistent as possible so the children know what they're doing. Our part is that bit, your part as parents is bringing them into school.

I fully appreciate and understand that we've had individual cases of Covid as well as the normal run of bugs, colds, sniffles and a bit of sickness for good measure—and there are times when your child is genuinely too ill to come to school.

There are other times, however, when children are kept off, when they could very well be in school.

What I'm asking all parents for, is a huge effort for the Summer Term to bring your children in to enable them to enjoy their learning. For those parents that are already all over this—thank you. We do notice. For those parents that need to up their game a bit—the Summer term awaits!

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.