



# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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Please remember that next Friday 22nd January is a non pupil day and the school is closed.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

### Diary Dates

Monday 18th January, Open Morning. 9.00-10.15a.m. at both sites. (A chance to see the whole school in action)

Friday 22nd January 2016. Non Pupil Day, The School is closed.

Friday 29th January. Non Uniform Day, Purple Pinkie. £1. (Be as purple/pink as you can in support of the Rotary Club and End Polio Now campaign)

Wednesday 3rd February. 3.30p.m.—4.15p.m. Open School.

Week Beginning Monday 1st February. Writing Themed Week.

Week Beginning Monday 8th February, Inter House Team, Sports Competition Week.

Monday 15th—Friday 19th February. Half Term.

Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd March. Life Bus at Abbey Field.

Week Beginning Monday 7th March. Book Week. Including Theme day on Friday 11th March. (More details to follow)

Tuesday 8th March. Assessment Period 2 Reports to Parents.

Wednesday 9th March. 5.00p.m.—7.30p.m. Parents Evening.

Monday 21st March. 2.00p.m. Year 3/4 Production 'Yee Ha.'

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd March. 6.00p.m. Year 3/4 Production 'Yee Ha.'

### Open School



Thank you to all those parents who were able to pop in after school this week to spend some time with their children celebrating the work that they have done in school.

It's always a pleasure to see parents in the school, so thank you for those parents that were able to come. If you couldn't make it for whatever reason and would still like to pop in then please just grab your child's class teacher in the morning to arrange a time. Please note though, that on a Monday and Tuesday, after school the teachers have meetings and so will be unable to do these days.



### Spellings and Tables

Leading on from what I mentioned last week in the newsletter, I am keen to stress that the practice time sessions we are introducing at the start of lunchtimes are another way to help your children succeed. There has been some concern that this is a punishment, which they are most definitely not.

All the staff of the school want your children to do well and to succeed. We know we cannot do that without your support from home.

If despite the practice the children have completed at home and the things we have done in school, a child is still struggling, then we must help them succeed. If we don't then they will fall further and further behind.

The more we practice something, the better we become at it.

We will do everything we can in school, in the time we have, to help your children succeed. Just as you as parents would spend 30 minutes each day helping them practise at home.

The children are the future and the time we spend with them and our own expectations does shape their life chances.

### School Council

Our school councils have unanimously decided that they would like to invite the whole school to enter a competition to design a logo for the school council.

All children in the school can enter and entries should be handed into the school office at either site by Friday 5th February.

### Open Morning

Please remember that this coming Monday, from 9.00 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. is our Open Morning. This is your chance as parents to come in and see the whole school in action. You'll be able to wander around the different classes at both our sites, join in with lessons and generally enjoy what's happening in the school whilst your children learn. Please, do not bring any pre school children with you.

The morning will start in the lower hall at Town and the main hall at Abbey Field where they'll be some light refreshments.

### Awards

- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Ayana Curtis
- Eyore Award (Oysters) — Shay Gilbert
- Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Leo Morley-Robertson
- Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Oliver Smith
- Pluto Award (Iceni) - Alisha Vivian
- Sully Award (Mercury) - Isabel Stubbings
- Diddle Award (Claudius) - Heidi de la Cruz
- Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Leland Freeman
- Bumble Award (Circus) - Freya Cairney
- Simba Award (Roses) - Mia-Rose Richardson
- Stitch Award (Chariot) - Toby Abbott
- Hathi Award (Star) - Scarlett Webb
- Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Colesha Toluwase
- Heads' Award — Iceni
- Spot— Kye Thompson
- Attendance — Iceni

Thursday 21st January is a school Census day where the schools funding for the next academic year is decided.

It would benefit the school tremendously if as many children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 could have a school meal that day as this will impact on our school meal funding.

### Colchester United

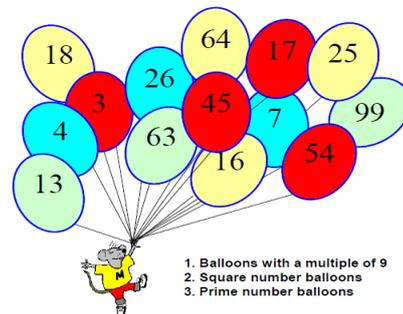
It's a rare thing to be able to comment positively (this season especially) about how well Colchester United have played. But...last Saturday they were genuinely excellent as they knocked Championship side Charlton out of the FA Cup to progress to the next round. Even better, Colchester have been drawn at home on Saturday 30th January against either Spurs or Leicester.

Exciting times for the U's, there's just the small issue of being bottom of League 1 at the moment.

### Maths Challenge

This weeks challenge.

If a number in one of the balloons is included in the answers to the four problems below then that balloon will fly away.



1. Balloons with a multiple of 9
2. Square number balloons
3. Prime number balloons

WHICH BALLOON IS LEFT?

Answers on Mr Bates' door if you are at Town site and on Mr Green's door if you are at Abbey site.

The winning entry each week from each phase will get to choose a free book or maths prize.

### And Finally ...

We sent Miss Witzenfeld to Southend yesterday afternoon for a conference linked to Numeracy. Miss Witzenfeld made the initial mistake of asking Mrs Bullivant for directions, 'oh it's somewhere near Clacton,' Mrs Bullivant confidently declared. Fortunately Miss Witzenfeld double checked before setting off and discovered that Southend was actually the other side of the county to Clacton.

Christmas Quiz  
Entries must be  
handed in by  
Tuesday 19th  
January.