



# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

## Newsletter

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We  Maths We are all  
writers ...

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Please remember that the next payment of £65 for the Year 6 residential to Kingswood is now due.



**Purple Pinkie**

We have been supporting the Rotary Club for a number of years now as part of their on-going world wide campaign to totally end polio. Polio is a particular nasty disease that affects peoples brain's and spinal cord and can cause paralysis. Purple Pinkie gets its name from the immunisation programme, where the little finger is stained with a purple die to show that a child has received the vaccination.

*(Polio does still exist, although polio cases have decreased by over 99% since 1988, from an estimated more than 350, 000 cases to 359 reported cases in 2014. This reduction is the result of the global effort to eradicate the disease. Today, only 2 countries in the world have never stopped transmission of polio (Pakistan and Afghanistan).*



A vaccination costs 50p, so for every pound we collected today as part of our non uniform day—two children will be able to receive the vaccination. So far £323 has been handed in for today's non uniform day. I am aware that there are a few £1's owing, so please could parents make sure they drop their owing money in as soon as possible.

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

**Bikeability Fix & Learn to Ride**  
Please see page 2.

**Joint Working**  
On Tuesday, we hosted a joint staff meeting with the teachers from Kendall and Cherry Tree Primary School. As part of the consortium of schools that we belong to, our three schools work together as a triad supporting each other in professional development and moderation. On Tuesday, the teachers were moderating writing against the National Curriculum.



**Diary Dates**

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.

Friday 5th February—closing date for entries for School Logo competition.

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.'

Please keep practising reading, spellings and x tables at home. We have seen a tremendous improvement from a lot of children and the impact that your work at home is having is immeasurable. However, there are still some children, who are not getting that support from home. Setting your children up for life, as life long learners by helping them learn each day, is a far better gift than an ipad or xbox.

- Awards**
- Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Tilly McIver
  - Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Heleina Tolosa
  - Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Holly Dowle
  - Rory the Lion Award (Dutch) - Naomi Hearn
  - Pluto Award (Iceni) - Jamie Humphrey-Johnson
  - Sully Award (Mercury) - Elliot Bridges
  - Diddle Award (Claudius) - Millie Self
  - Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Kushal Patlola
  - Bumble Award (Circus) - Ella Hughes
  - Simba Award (Roses) - Ashton Southern-Wilson
  - Stitch Award (Chariot) - Bethany Hall
  - Hathi Award (Star) - Beau Sales
  - Mickey Award (Jumbo) - Caleb Dean
  - Spot— Keaton Southern-Wilson
  - Attendance — Jumbo

**The Summit Programme 2015-2016**

**Base Camp**

I am delighted to report that nine of our Year 5 children have recently attended The Summit Programme - Base Camp, which has been funded by the Department of Education and Child First.

Our pupils have worked alongside other pupils from another local primary school, which has developed their confidence, enhanced their self-esteem and enabled them to develop friendships, while managing their emotions, building upon their resilience and working as a team member.

Our pupils have reported back that they found The Summit Programme - Base Camp an enjoyable experience, where upon they had the opportunity to meet other children, work as part of a team, listen to others thoughts and ideas while gaining a deeper sense of themselves.



It seems exceptionally likely that Colchester United's FA cup run will come to an end tomorrow afternoon. However it's the FA cup and all sorts of things could happen. I shall be optimistic until the game starts. If you are going—I'll see you there.

**Maths Challenge**

This weeks challenge.  
Last weeks answer— was 16 days.

**Find the numbers**

Can you find the numbers A, B, C and D so that the following works?

$$\begin{array}{r} ABCD \\ \times \quad 4 \\ \hline DCBA \end{array}$$

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 ...

I have to confess that in some aspects I have not embraced modern technology and I struggle with the fascination that is the world of 'Selfies.' Some of my staff have no such qualms however, and when tasked with a relatively simple challenge of taking some pictures of the children, I shouldn't have been that surprised when a few additional photos turned up! So, for posterity I give you Mrs Simmons and Mrs Cooke, Selfie Queens.



Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

## Bikeability Fix and Bikeability Learn to Ride

During the February half term, Cycle Colchester have teamed up with the Colchester Travel Plan Club and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) to offer more courses to help you get (and stay) on your bike. Both courses will run on Thursday 18 February during the half term holiday at Thomas Lord Audley school in Monkwick.

**Bikeability Fix** is a 1.5 hour session for kids 8 years and older and adults to learn the basics of fixing their bike. The course includes how to:

- Learn and name parts of a bike
- Adjust saddle height (and knowing what height to set)
- Repair punctures/change an inner tube
- Adjust their brakes
- Learn how gears work
- Understand when to get a qualified mechanic to fix their bike instead

**Bikeability Learn to Ride** sessions are for children or adults who are unable to cycle. This includes those struggling to master the skill, adults who have never learnt to cycle or children making the transition from cycling with stabilisers to cycling without. Each session is 1:1 and lasts 45 minutes.

### **Interested?**

The sessions are all provided FREE by SERPS, however there is a £5 charge per learner to cover the hire of the school.

To find out more and to book a place visit the [Colchester Travel Plan Club Website](http://www.colchestertravelplanclub.co.uk/?cat=16)

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