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St John's Green Primary School

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Term Dates

Summer Term: Monday 12th April—Friday 16th July 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May

Summer Half Term—Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June 2021

Autumn Term Starts—Thursday 2nd September 2021

Please remember that this weekend is a Bank Holiday Weekend and the school is closed on Monday.

Arts Day

This Wednesday was a whole school 'Arts Day' and the children in every year group put their artistic and creative talents to the fore.

Each Year Group had a different focus dependent on their current curriculum.

Year 3's art was linked to their history on ancient Greece with the children designing and creating vases using water colour wash and pens to recreate Greek myths and patterns on vases.

Year 6 studied local artist 'Sally Howard' and sketched some of her work. In literacy, they are studying the book 'Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen and they also created a collage and print of key elements of the story.

Our EYFS children were creating life cycles of butterflies onto paper plates using different types of pasta whilst in Year 1, the children were experimenting with mixing and tinting colours using 'Paul Klees' work.

Year 4 and Year 5 both focussed on Islamic art—with Year 5 focusing on their use of pattern and tessellation as well as creating their own printing blocks. Year 4 concentrated on geometry and designed plates.

Finally, Year 2 looked at work by William Morris and were using printing and rolling using bubble wrap to create pictures of flowers.



Crossing Patrol

Many parents will have noticed that they conducted the first count this morning from Circular Road East and onto Flagstaff Road. Which is the pre-cursor for hopefully meeting the criteria for a crossing patrol. A second count is due within the next couple of weeks. If parents can continue using their feet over the next few weeks you'll not only feel very virtuous and healthy but it will also help the school's case.



Birthday Tables

Children/Parents are, of course, still welcome to book Birthday Tables for that special in-school meal.

Awards

- Year 6 (Mrs Rayner) - Ore (CC)
- Year 6 (Mrs Wall) - Katie (CC)
- Year 6 (Mrs Smith) - Lewi (MM)
- Year 5 (Mrs Rowe) - Ezra (CC)
- Year 5 (Miss Kerr) - Beau (RREX)
- Year 5 (Miss Stockwell) - Brandon (MM)
- Year 4 (Miss Salmon) - Tallulah (RREX)
- Year 4 (Mr Rudge/Mrs Hancock) - Kezia (RREX)
- Year 4 (Miss Mitchell) - Amelia & Jacob (MM)
- Year 3 (Mr Eves) - Trae (RREX)
- Year 3 (Mrs O'Shea) - Charlie (MM)
- Year 3 (Miss Aston) - Rhys (MM)
- Year 2 (Miss Witzendorf) - Kiara (RROX)
- Year 2 (Miss Pickard) - Esme (MM)
- Year 2 (Mrs Kibbler) - Bella (MLM)
- Year 1 (Miss Wiggins) - Kian (RROX)
- Year 1 (Mrs Scotting) - Theresa (MM)
- Year 1 (Miss Roberts) - Lillie (MLM)
- EYFS (Mrs Correia) - Lilly-Mae (CC)
- EYFS (Miss Cook) - Morris (RREX)
- EYFS (Mrs Palmer) - Avni (MLM)
- HUB— Lucas (MM)
- Attendance—Romans

Secondary School Induction Days/Clash with Year 6 Kingswood Residential

We have now also heard back from St Helena with regards to the clash of dates. St Helena are looking to offer a separate afternoon session for our Year 6 children on residential in the final week of term.

Kingswood Residential (Current Year 6, Sunday 4th July—Friday 9th July)

A reminder please to our current Year 6 parents that payment for the residential to Kingswood **must be made in full by Friday 4th June**. If we don't have full payment by then—the place cannot be booked and parents will lose their deposit.

Kingswood Residential (Current Year 5, Sunday 19th September—Friday 24th September)

A reminder please to our current Year 5 parents that payment for the residential in September should be made by Friday 11th June.

There is quite a lot outstanding as far as this year group is concerned, which bearing in mind everything is not surprising. However, if parents could please now up the ante as far as these payments are concerned it would be appreciated.

Attendance

Now that we are all back into the swing of things this term and the fact that school's are fully reopened—we will be focusing very specifically on attendance over the next few weeks.

The best place for children to learn is obviously in school—but this is challenging for them if they're not here.

The routine and daily structure of school life is really important for all children (and adults too) - we need to know what the expectations are for us and what we need to do next.

For children as well, each day's learning builds on the previous days learning—as soon as children miss a day, they miss a part of their learning and that makes their return to school just a little bit more challenging.

If we are concerned about your child's attendance, we will be asking you to come in for a review meeting in the next few weeks.



Children are able to have anyone from their year on their Birthday Table—but parents must be aware that if one of the children on the birthday table does have a positive Coronavirus test—then the Birthday table attendees would have to Self Isolate.

Two of our parent governors have come to the end of their four year term, both have been great ambassadors for the school and are keen to continue. We do though, have to offer this out and if there is anyone interested in standing please let Mrs Bourne know by Friday 7th May. If more than two people are interested then we will ballot parents.

Essential Living Fund

On The Welcome Page of the school website, there is a link to Essex's Essential Living Fund, which aims to provide emergency help with bills, food and other items.

<https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/web-site>

YOUR CHILD WILL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT YOUR ADVICE.

Year 1 Forest Schools

Our Year 1 children will start Forest Schools next week and parents will have received a separate letter about this. Year 1 parents please note that this means that Year 1 will no longer have PE on a Wednesday. So Forest Schools—Thursday, PE—Friday.

Year 2/3/4/5/6 Break times/Lunchtimes

From next week, children in Year 2/3/4/5 & 6 will also be able to interact with the other year group classes at break times when they are outside.

And Finally,

-There is only one country that has fewer public holidays than England (8) which is Mexico (7)
-Public holiday's used to be called 'St Lubbock's Days' after the banker Sir John Lubbock who authored the act which gave us Bank Holidays.

-According to the Royal Meteorological Society since 1978:

Approximately 1 in 5 of the early May bank holiday weekend have been fine and dry for most, 1 in 10 have been unsettled or complete washouts, and 3 out of 4 tend to be mixed.

Have a good 'Bank Holiday Weekend' - Simon Billings