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## Newsletter

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Just a reminder to parents that the last day of the Summer Term is next Friday 17th July.

### All Things Curriculum

Last week, I talked a bit about some of the changes around organisation that we'd see in and around the school as we return in September. This week, I want to focus much more on the curriculum.

We are very aware that the 17 weeks of lockdown followed by 6 weeks of Summer means that many children will have been absent from school for 23 weeks and this is an unprecedented amount of time.

However great the Home School provision you have been able to maintain, this can, in many ways, not account for the lost learning at school or the social interactions that children have missed out on.

We are obviously very aware of this as a school and will do all we can to support children in making accelerated learning and progress when they return in September and, more importantly, their social and emotional development. **Integral to this is the fact that it is not the child's fault that they have missed out on learning and our desire to help the children make accelerated progress must not be at the expense of their social and emotional needs.**

We have therefore made some changes to our Curriculum and it's delivery to help this process.

- Physical Activity and movement will play a key part in the 'Recovery Curriculum' and as well as PE, children will be taking part in specific 'Daily Move' activities twice daily.

- All children will focus on English and Mathematics in the morning (This will include: shared reading, speaking and listening, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing in English and mental manipulation, vocabulary, problem solving and reasoning in mathematics)

- Children will also have daily sessions of PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Emotional) learning.

- We are changing our 'Core' reading books to better reflect the 'Recovery Curriculum' and the diversity in our school. We will also be embedding books that support our PSHE teaching. (We will be writing to parents in the new term for their own ideas and inspiration for books that could be used to support our curriculum)

### What we did over Lockdown

We have created a final section on the school website called 'What we did over lockdown'.

What we're asking is for all parents to send a snapshot of no more than 6 photographs of some of the different things you did over lockdown. These can obviously be of anything (trips to the beach, walks, gardening, things you've made, cooking, learning you've done at home etc, etc.)

In essence, the 6 photos should be of the 6 things you think you'll always remember.

Even if parents haven't engaged yet with the school website—please do so now and remember to include your child's name and, if you like, a brief explanation.

### Summer Holiday Pre Teaching for September

Next week, we will send to all parents via e-mail 'Summer Holiday Pre-Teaching'.

This will be a series of links to resources that would greatly benefit children to engage with over the summer as it will support and prepare them for their learning in September.

Please make sure your children engage with them.

### Next Week: Music

Next Week is Week 16 of our Home Learning and the theme is: Music.



### Earrings

Just a reminder please to all parents that school staff are not allowed to remove children's earrings and all earrings must be taken out before a child does PE.

If you are planning on having your child's ears pierced, please do it at the start of the summer.

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### What about Home?

Please keep sending pictures and a small commentary of what you're doing at home to the admin@st-johnsgreen.essex.sch.uk account.

I am still putting these on the website—although contributions have tailed off over the last few weeks. With just two weeks of Home Learning left it would be lovely to see the different things that everyone is doing at home.

My children have a lifetime of learning ahead. The most important thing I teach them today is how to love learning.



### Article of the Week—Article 29

This week is Article 29 — The Goals of Education

Article 29 - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

### Summer Reading Challenge—Silly Squad!



The Summer Reading Challenge is back with Silly Squad!

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books.

This year, our Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin!

The Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge is available at

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**Please sign up and take part.**

### Classes for Next Year

Next week, we will be e-mailing all parents with details of your child's class and Class Teacher for next year. This will also include a short welcome message from your child's new Class Teacher.

Please look out for that e-mail—all things being equal it will come out on Tuesday.

### Collection of Books

We are slowly trying to pass back to parents, children's exercise books from this academic year. Children that are in school will be given them directly to bring home. Year 2 and Year 3 parents have already received text messages about collection and the rest will follow next week.

Please do come and take your children's exercise books as we will not be keeping them after next week and they will be disposed of.

Year 4 from T and Year 5 from AF collecting Tuesday 14/7/2020. EYF5/Year 1 not in school collecting on Thursday 16/7/2020.

Please bring a large bag with you!

### E-Mails

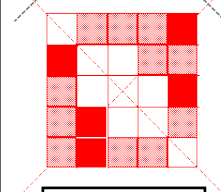
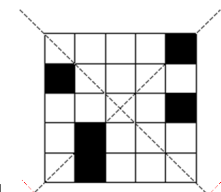
Please remember to keep monitoring your e-mails going forward. There will be several e-mails from the school next week and more communication in the latter part of the Summer Holiday, so parents have all the information they need ready for September.

### Quiz

The challenge this week has not been set by me but by Lucy F who has come up with a rather brilliant quiz. The link is here and is also available in the Home Learning section of the website.

<https://create.kahoot.it/share/st-johns-green-quiz/8e898e93-85cf-443f-b517-fc179e26bb82>

Question 70 is obviously the best question—try not to get it wrong!



The number of squares left unshaded is 9.

### PE

Please remember that next term children will need either a black or blue tracksuit for PE as PE will be outside as much as possible.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

And Finally,

There were hundreds of YESTERDAYS that passed and so many TOMORROWS still to come; But remember, there's only one TODAY to enjoy...!!  
So Enjoy The Day ...

Stay Safe—  
Simon Billings