



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 12th July, 2019



We recently organised a working party to tidy up our wildlife area, which had become quite overgrown. It is looking much better now and several classes have made use of the area for bug hunting and pond dipping.

Year 6 Parents: our Year 6 leavers awards evening and production of "The X Factory" will be held on Thursday 18th July at 6.00pm. Please book your tickets via ParentPay.

A message for Year 2 Parents

From the Autumn term your child will no longer qualify to receive a free school meal as part of the Government's initiative for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils. If your child is eligible to receive free school meals (if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit), then your child's meal will continue to be free. If you think you could be eligible for free school meals then please contact Mrs Pickard or check www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

If you are not in receipt of free school meals a charge of £2.00 per meal will be charged. This must be paid in advance or on the day via ParentPay. If you have not activated your account please contact the school office.

Swimming

The last swimming lesson for Hawthorns class will be on Thursday 18th July.

Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to our recent parent survey. The results and responses can be found on the school website www.johnbunyan.co.uk

School Dinners

Copies of the Summer menu are available on the school website www.johnbunyan.co.uk and paper copies are available from the school office.

Week commencing Monday 15th July – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 22nd July – Week 4

Trips and Activities now booking

Now available to book via ParentPay:

- Year 6 Frinton trip
- Year 6 production and awards evening – 18th July



PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Inflatable Fun Day. A good time was had by all.

School Games

Thank you to all pupils who have represented our school in sports activities this year. You have always made a great effort and been fantastic ambassadors for the School. Well done to you all.

We are delighted to report that Rebecca Keenan, a former pupil of John Bunyan Primary School, has graduated from Kings College, Cambridge, with a double first degree in History. We are incredibly proud of her continued hard work and achievement.

Upper School pupils

Please would parents ensure pupils do not arrive too early for school. The Upper School office is not staffed until 8.30am and therefore we are unable to safeguard your child before this time.

Nursery Places

Our Nursery is currently at full capacity. We are allocating September places. Therefore, please register your child as soon as possible if you would like a nursery place, in order to avoid disappointment. We can take children from the age of 3.

Transition Week

There will be an opportunity to meet the new teachers at Stay and Play on Monday 22nd July for Key Stage 1 and Come and Read on Tuesday 23rd July (Key Stage 2). Staff, including Foundation Stage teachers, will be in the lower school playground helping Foundation Stage and year 1 children into their new classes. Year 2 children will go into school via the Upper School gates where they will be met by staff and they will be able to show you where to meet your child at the end of the day. We hope that 'Transition Week' will enable all children to feel safe & secure over the Summer break as they know routines etc. for September.

Warm weather

Now the warm weather is here please ensure that your child has a sun hat and that sunscreen has been applied in the morning at home. Children may bring in sunscreen to apply themselves if you wish.

Pupils are encouraged to bring in water bottles, separate from any lunchbox drink, in order to stay hydrated in school. This is especially important when the weather is warmer.

Lost Property

We still have lots of items of lost property so please remember to have a look in the lost property box before we break up for the holidays. Any lost property remaining will be recycled or discarded. We always try to return named items to the owner so please remember to write your child's name on all uniform.

Please check the diary dates for end of term events for parents.

Uniform for September

GIRLS:

- Black or grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers
- White blouse/shirt/polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece.
- In summer, green and white gingham dress is optional.

BOYS:

- Black or grey trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt
- Green sweatshirt or fleece.
- In summer grey shorts are optional.

BOYS AND GIRLS – PE KIT:

- Green or black shorts
- Plain white T shirt
- Black plimsolls, Light training shoes can be used for outdoor work.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are named.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not appropriate for safety reasons and should not be worn for school. The Essex County Council policy is that **NO** earrings should be worn for P.E. Please ensure that your child does not wear them on the day their class has P.E if they cannot remove them on their own. Small studs only are permitted at all other times. If your child wishes to have their ears pierced over the summer break, please ensure that this is done early in the holidays so that the earrings can be removed by the time they come back to school in September.

Hair

We advise that children with long hair have it tied back. Haircuts/colour that attract additional attention from other children are not suitable for school and cause unwanted distractions often resulting in children becoming upset.

Shoes

Children should wear appropriate footwear for school which is comfortable and enables them to play outside safely. Shoes, not trainers, are advised.

Diary Dates

On Friday 19th July teachers will move to their new classrooms ready to welcome children on Monday 22nd July. There will be an opportunity to meet the new teachers at Stay and Play on Monday 22nd July for KS1 and Come and Read on Tuesday 23rd July (KS2). Staff will be on hand to welcome children on the Monday 22nd July and help them settle with their new teachers.

Tuesday 16th July – Year 1 celebration of learning with parents at 2.00pm

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 leavers trip to Frinton (please note the late time for their return to school)

Wednesday 17th July – Reception Year Pirate Picnic at 2.00pm

Thursday 18th July – Last swimming lesson for Hawthorns class

Thursday 18th July (evening) – Year 6 leavers production and awards

Thursday 18th July – Yr 4 celebration of Learning for parents at 2.30pm

Monday 22nd July – Wednesday 24th July – Transition days for Year Reception to Year 5 (children to go straight to new classroom), Year 6 children to meet in the Lower School Hall.

Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term, pupils break up for summer holidays. Back to School Wednesday 4th Sept.

Term Dates for 2019-2020 Academic Year

Autumn Term: Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – Thursday 19th December 2019

Half Term 28th October – 1st November

Non-Pupil Days: Tuesday 3rd September, Friday 25th October, Monday 4th November

Spring Term: Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term 17th February – 21st February

Summer Term: Monday 20th April 2020 – Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Half Term 25th May – 29th May, and May Bank Holiday Friday 8th May

And finally.....Thank you

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank you, on behalf of all the staff, for your continued support.

Reflecting on the past year I have had so many opportunities to feel proud of our children and staff for their talents, skills and commitment to learning. The Arts Council has recognised the rich cultural curriculum we have been able to offer our children supported by our links with the Mercury Theatre, Royal Opera House Bridge, Active Essex, Livewell Project to name but a few organisations and all of these continually comment on the enthusiasm, creativity and resilience that our children show. These qualities were also praised by the assessors who visited recently to assess our Inclusion Quality Mark. As soon as we receive the final report I will pass it onto you. I am also very pleased to present to you the findings from our summer term parent survey – a copy can be found on our website; thank you all for your contributions. I am delighted to inform you that the year 6 results reflect the effort and hard work children put in and the percentage of children gaining greater depth in writing, reading and maths has doubled this year. Our year six children move confidently onto their secondary schools and we are justly proud of all that they have achieved.

We look forward to welcoming many new children in September and staff will be in the playground from 8.40 on 4th September to welcome everybody back.

For years 1 and 2 we will operate as we do for 'Stay and Play' on Mondays for the first two days: Wednesday and Thursday, so that you can accompany your child into their new class if you wish. Thereafter, children will be able to go into school between 8.45 and 8.55 via the usual routes. Members of our senior team will continue to be in the playground every morning to meet and greet the children and to answer any queries.

We will be speaking to the children in assemblies next week about staying safe during the summer break but should you have any concerns you will find a number on the website under 'keeping children safe' which you can ring for advice.

We are continually striving to make John Bunyan Primary School and Nursery the very best that it can be; by working together we can ensure that each and every one of our children receives the very best education we can provide.

I hope that you enjoy the summer break and I look forward to working with you again in September.

Mrs Bailey