

# The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



### Friday 6th September, 2019

A very warm welcome back to school for what we hope will be another year filled with rich, memorable learning experiences that allow everyone to master skills, develop passions and reach heights they did not imagine were possible. We especially extend a welcome to our new children and their families; we look forward to a long, happy and successful partnership with you and your children over the coming years as John Bunyan Primary School and Nursery grows and evolves.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children have all returned to school looking smart in their uniform and ready to work hard, learn and have fun.

Today in Assembly we were pleased to welcome back one of our past pupils who has just been awarded a double first from Kings College, Cambridge, who spoke about her time at John Bunyan and the impact that had on developing her love of learning.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to the 29 pupils who managed to achieve 100% attendance for the last academic year – we are all very proud of you. These names were put into a hat and the winner drawn out. Nicole Ferreira has received a Cineworld family cinema ticket.

#### E-Safety

We have spoken to pupils this week about staying safe and being responsible online as we have become aware of a number of incidences over the summer break. Each of our computing units of work in every year group begins with e safety, please talk to your children about it and reinforce the messages at home.

#### **Swimming**

Yews class will be swimming this term. A letter has been sent about this. Swimming lessons take place every Thursday morning between Thursday 19th September 2019 - Thursday 28th November 2019.

## Toddler Group

Back by popular demand we would like to invite you to come into school on

#### Wednesday mornings 9 - 10am

from Wednesday 11th September and bring your toddlers and pre school children. Our staff will be there to provide opportunities to engage in messy play, singing, storytelling and it is also an opportunity for you to meet other parents and carers.

Stay and Play with your Key Stage 1 child every Monday from 8.45am Come and Read with your Key Stage 2 child every Friday from 8.45am We look forward to welcoming you all.

#### **School Dinners**

Copies of the Summer menu are available on the school website <a href="www.johnbunyan.co.uk">www.johnbunyan.co.uk</a> and paper copies are available from the school office.

Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September – Week 2 Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Week 3 Week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Week 4

#### **Trips and Activities now booking**

Now available to book via ParentPay:

- After School Clubs
- Colchester Castle trip Year 4



Learning units for this term and homework grids are available for you to view on the School website.

#### **Snacks**

Under a Government funded scheme, all Key Stage 1 pupils receive a piece of fruit or vegetable for midmorning snack at breaktime. Key Stage 2 pupils are able to buy an item of fruit in school for 20 pence, as a healthy snack. We usually have apples, bananas, pears, plums and satsumas. Pupils are of course, welcome to bring in their own healthy snack from home but this should be fruit or a fruit-based cereal bar.

#### P.E. Kits

Please ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school at all times. The kit should include white top, green or black shorts and plimsoles or trainers.

The Essex County Council policy is that <u>NO</u> 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.

#### Well done Archie!

A huge well done to Archie Rolph in Year 3, who is the new British Auto Cadet Champion after competing at the British Youth Grasstrack Championships recently. We are all very proud of your achievements Archie, well done!



### **Diary Dates**

#### Week commencing 16th September - After School Clubs start

Tuesday 17th September – Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle

Tuesday 17th September, 9.10am – Meeting for Reception Year parents regarding Forest School

Thursday 19th September – Yews class start swimming lessons

Tuesday 8th October – Year 3 trip to Lee Valley

Wednesday 9th October - Forest School for Willows

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Bikeability for some Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Forest School for Conifers

Monday 21st - Tuesday 22nd October - Bikeability for some Year 6 pupils

Wednesday 23rd October - Forest School for Oaks

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Non-pupil day

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – Half Term Holiday

Monday 4th November - Non-pupil day

Wednesday 13th November – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford

Wednesday 13th November - Forest School for Willows

Thursday 14th November – School Photographer for individual and sibling group photos

Wednesday 20th - Friday 22nd November - Year 6 Residential Trip

Wednesday 20th November - Forest School for Conifers

Wednesday 27th November – Forest School for Oaks

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Pantomime in school for Years 1 and 2

Friday 13th December – Year 4 Performance

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's Church Bocking

Thursday 19th December – Break up for Christmas holidays

#### Term Dates for 2019-2020 Academic Year

Autumn Term: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 Half Term 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November

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

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

Half Term 17<sup>th</sup> February – 21<sup>st</sup> February

Summer Term: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May, and May Bank Holiday Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May