



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

As this is the first official newsletter of the autumn term I would like to say a warm welcome to all the new families and children who have joined us. As I mentioned last week in my ParentPay message, I am extremely proud of how the children have returned to school and adapted to all the new routines. They have been washing their hands, moving around the school site safely and observing social distancing.

In our zoom assemblies this week we have revisited our Code of Conduct and talked about the importance of reading. I hope some of your children have talked with you about switching the subtitles on when they are watching TV/Youtube/Xbox etc, as there is much research to say that this can help to increase literacy levels.

We all really appreciate your patience and understanding with our queuing systems and staggered start and finish times, which are in place for everybody's safety. This is difficult for everybody but please, please do try and stick to the times stated.

FS	8.45 - 2.55	50 minute lunch	Top Key Stage 1 gate in and out
1/2	8.55 - 3.05	50 minute lunch	Top Key Stage 1 gate in and out
3/4	8.45 - 3.10	50 minute lunch	Year 4 bottom gate in and out Year 3 middle gate in and out
5/6	8.55 - 3.15	50 minute lunch	Year 5 middle gate in and out Year 6 bottom gate in and out

Children who also have siblings at this school may come into school together at the earlier time and make their way to their classrooms. However, at home time all children need to be collected at the designated times at the given exit points so that we can ensure each child is safely handed over to their family.

If you have any queries or questions for teachers, please phone and leave a message with the office and teachers will call you back when they are not teaching.

Stay safe,  
Mrs Bailey

#### Great News

We are delighted to inform you that Miss Worrall married her partner during the summer break and will now be known as Mrs Nicholls. Mrs Ledwell gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Daisy, and Ms Clark, who works in the office, married and has become Mrs Grenfell.

Congratulations to them all.

We would also like to warmly welcome Mr Smith who has joined our site team this term.

#### School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Week 2

Copies of the school dinner menu are available to view on our website [www.johnbunyan.co.uk](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) and paper copies are available from the school office.

#### Reminder

Don't forget to keep practising your times tables for the upcoming times tables competition, taking place in your classes. Plenty of prizes will be on offer for winning teams competing against other classes and year groups. We can't wait to get started in a couple of weeks and hope you are looking forward to it too.

Mr Cullum and Mr Shean

### **Termly Learning Conferences**

In the current climate, we are unable to invite parents into school for our Autumn TLC meetings.

Class teachers will therefore be contacting parents via telephone to discuss their children's progress to date. Staff will telephone during the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> September for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October for Nursery and Foundation Stage.

We hope you find these calls both useful and helpful during this time.

### **Key Stage 1 Snack**

The delivery of fruit for Key Stage 1 pupils will resume next week and so children in Key Stage 1 only will be offered this at break time.

## **Diary Dates**

### **Term Dates for 2020-2021 Academic Year**

**Autumn Term:** **Wednesday 2 September 2020 – Friday 18 December 2020**

*Half Term 26 October – 30 October*

*Non-pupil days 2 September, 23 October*

**Spring Term:** **Monday 4 January 2021 – Friday 26 March 2021**

*Half Term 15 February - 19 February*

*Non-pupil day 12 February*

**Summer Term:** **Monday 12 April 2021 – Wednesday 21 July 2021**

*Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday 3 May*

A message from Dr Mike Gogarty:

Education settings have been able to return to full-time opening for all students this term, due in large to a reduction in COVID-19 cases in the community. This reduction is thanks to the sacrifices every member of the community made earlier this year, by staying at home, not seeing friends and relatives in person, and maintaining social distancing measures. However, as restrictions have been eased and schools and colleges are now returning full time, we must all remain alert.

Schools and colleges have measures in place for pupils attending in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19. They are asking pupils to wash their hands more regularly, restricting time spent in communal areas and, importantly, keeping pupils in class or year group-sized bubbles. This limits the number of people each pupil and staff member comes into contact with in their setting.

When travelling to and from settings, we know groups of pupils and parents must arrive at the same time. Schools have put measures in place to aid the safe entry and exit of pupils. These may include queueing systems, one way systems or monitors to oversee arrivals and departures. It is crucial that pupils and parents maintain a two metre distance from others at the school gate. The whole school population, whether on school grounds or off it, must remain vigilant and observe social distancing measures. It is vital we all play our part if we're to avoid a spike in the community and the reintroduction of lockdown measures.

I thank you for your support.

Dr Mike Gogarty

Director of Wellbeing, Public Health and Communities, Essex County Council.