



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 9th October, 2020

Thank you for engaging with staff last week in our 'termly learning conferences'. I know that staff are missing the contact they have historically had with parents via Stay and Play, Come and Read, termly learning conferences and that daily contact with you in the playground; they all valued speaking with you via the telephone last week. We hope that in time we will be able to resume that contact but for now keeping everybody safe has to be our top priority.

What a pleasure it has been for myself, Mrs Ledwith and Mrs Nicholls to visit classes and present certificates each Friday in 'bubble assemblies'. In each class one certificate is awarded by teachers for learning, perhaps for an exemplary piece of work or for outstanding effort. I know that teachers have found it very difficult to choose each week as children have returned to school and we are all so proud of the effort they are making and how they have adapted to the many changes we have had to introduce. The second certificate is awarded for following our Code of Conduct and this certificate is chosen by the children themselves and presented by the Learning Champions in each class. Something very special is felt when your peers recognise the contribution you make to the class. Our children report that they really enjoy celebration assemblies and we do too although we miss all meeting together and sharing the work across the school.

Mrs Bailey

Reminder

Non-Pupil Day Friday 23rd October 2020

Flu Immunisation: Monday 19th October

Flu immunisations for children will take place in school on Monday 19th October. Please ensure you have responded to the Immunisation Team using the link on ParentPay by Wednesday 14th October.

School Applications for Year 6 pupils

The application period for admissions to Year 7 (secondary school) for September 2021 is now open. Parents and carers of current Year 6 pupils need to make their applications via www.essex.gov.uk by 31st October 2020.

School Applications for Reception Year

You can apply for a school place for a child for Reception Year in September 2021 between 9th November 2020 and 15th January 2021, via www.essex.gov.uk

Parking near School

If you drive to school, please park with consideration to other road users and our neighbours near the school. Please do not block driveways. Thank you.

11+ Exam

We wish all our Year 6 pupils who are taking the 11+ exam over the next few weeks all the best!
Good luck to you all.

This week we welcomed Baloo, a three-legged police dog, into school. Baloo lost her leg in the line of duty and instead of retiring from the force, she now works as a therapy dog in the police force, helping members of the public who have suffered from trauma. The children discussed her resilience with the police officers and how she and her handler have overcome adversity and have adapted to a new role; continuing to help others in the community.



School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 12th October – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 19th October – Week 2

Copies of the new school dinner menu are available to view on our website www.johnbunyan.co.uk.

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd October - Non-pupil day, including Nursery

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October - Half Term holiday for whole school, including Nursery

Monday 2nd November – Return to school

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