



# The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Dear families,

As we start our second half term we see that unfortunately the end of Covid 19 restrictions are far from being in sight. We continue in school to follow all guidance including staying in our bubbles, regular hand washing, keeping the building well ventilated and thanks to our wonderful site team, continuing our attention to a detailed cleaning regime. Your children have been so wonderful, demonstrating resilience and adapting to so many changes.

We want our school to stay open and free from this virus; thank you for helping us by observing the staggered start and pick up times, keeping distance and, when this is not possible, following Government advice in wearing a face covering. Our senior staff are always on the gates in the morning and afternoons and although teachers are not available to talk with you in person they will always call you after school if you leave a message with the school office.

Mrs Bailey

### National School Meals Week 9<sup>th</sup> November – 13<sup>th</sup> November

We have had to make different arrangements to comply with Covid-19. Our wonderful catering team here met with children and adapted our menus so that we can offer nutritious, healthy, popular meals. A huge thank you to them all.



The menu for the week will be:

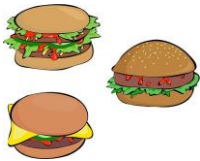
Monday – The Great British Burger

Tuesday – Children's choice chicken wrap

Meat-free Wednesday – Pizza

Thursday – "Thank You Key Workers" rainbow pasta

Friday – Fish and chips



### School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November –  
Special Menu (above)

Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Week 2

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

### Christmas Arrangements

We are busy planning our Christmas activities –  
watch this space!

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Jumper Day)  
we invite everybody to wear "something  
Christmassy" to school for the day; you could even  
dress up an old top with a bit of tinsel!

### Children in Need Day: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

# Feel Good Friday

Reminder: Feel Good Friday for Children in Need  
Pupils will take part in various activities in school,  
including Joe Wicks workouts. Please do not send in  
cash donations. Donations to Children in Need can  
only be made online this year, at

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>

**Children can come to school  
dressed in casual sportswear**



### Poppy Appeal

This year things will be very different as we will not  
be able to be all together paying our respects in the  
usual way. On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November we will be  
sharing in a special zoom Remembrance assembly  
which some of our older children have been involved  
in creating and we will of course observe the 2  
minutes silence on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.



### 11+ exams

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils who are sitting the 11+ exam over the next few days. They have been working extremely hard and are now more than ready to show what they can do!

### School Applications for Reception Year

You can apply for a school place for a child for Reception Year in September 2021 between 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021, via

[www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

### Maths Week England

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com).

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole, will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Thanks for your support,

Mr Cullum & Mr Shean

# 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*