



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 20th May, 2022

Jubilee Celebration

To mark the Queen's Jubilee this Summer, we would like to invite you to an afternoon of events on the school field on Thursday 26th May 2022 from 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

Each class will be allocated a space on the school field, where parents can collect their children from the teacher. Please bring a picnic to share with your child/children if you wish. During the afternoon, each class will perform a short celebration in the arena.

There will be an opportunity for families to enjoy a range of activities throughout the afternoon such as hook a duck, penalty shoot out "Royal style", Royal photo booth, pin the tail on the corgi and lots more! Gemma's farm will also be on site for you to enjoy.

There will be no cost to families.

We would like children & staff to dress-up as kings and queens or to wear red, white and blue as part of the celebrations on that day. Please feel free to join in parents and carers!

Take One Picture Project – National Gallery

We have been lucky enough to be selected, for the second year running, to have our work displayed at The National Gallery in London as part of their 'Take One Picture' project. Year 3's 'Egyptian Jewellery' project and Reception's 'Animals of the Nile' projects have both been selected. They will be on display in the Gallery from June 9th – 11th September 2022.

We are very proud of all the classes who took part this year and can't wait to see our work on display! For more information please click the press release link here – John Bunyan Primary even get a special mention here too!

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/about-us/press-and-media/press-releases/take-one-picture-2022>

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 23rd May – Week 3
Half Term Holiday

Week commencing Monday 6th June – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 13th June – Week 2

Copies of the school dinner menu are always available to view on our website

www.johnbunyan.co.uk and paper copies are available from the school office.



There will be a change to the dinner menu on **Thursday 26th May** for our Jubilee celebrations, as follows:

Jubilee Celebration lunch

Sausage or vegetable roll
Potato wedges
Sweetcorn

100% fruit ice lolly

Safety in the Sun

Now the weather is warmer, we want all pupils and staff to enjoy the sun safely. We aim to use a combination of sun protective measures for all outdoor activities.

Shade - The availability of shade is considered when planning outdoor activities and children are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

Hats - We ask that children bring a sun hat to school (spare hats are kept in classes for younger children to borrow when working in outdoor areas.)

Sunscreen - We ask that parents /carers apply all-day water resistant sunscreen at the beginning of the day, especially if the UV levels are high. Pupils can bring a named bottle of sunscreen to school, so that they can re-apply if necessary.

Water - Children will be encouraged to maintain their water intake in hot weather. Please ensure that they bring a water bottle to school; there is access to water throughout the day.

Curriculum All pupils will be reminded to be 'sunsmart' in the summer term and behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through posters and school assemblies.

WOW!

Well done to all the children for completing so many laps of the school field. Our sponsor money now stands at an amazing total of over £4,000. We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of parents, carers, relatives and friends. If you have any sponsor money that has not yet been handed in, please pass this to your child's class teacher. All money raised will go towards improving our wildlife area and outdoor spaces.

Every Monday 8.45-9.10am **Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Only** Stay and Play: A chance to join your child in their classroom or within their outside learning area and enjoy some fun activities.

Every Tuesday 2.30 – 2.50pm, **Maples** class only:

A chance to come into our library and enjoy a reading session led by Mrs Adams

Every Wednesday 2.30 – 2.50pm, **Hawthorns** class only:

A chance to come into our library and enjoy a reading session led by Mrs Bennett

Every Thursday 2.30-2.50pm, **Pines** class only:

A chance to come into our library and enjoy a reading session led by Mrs Turner

Every Friday 8.45-9.10am **Key Stage 2 only** Come and Read:

A chance to escort your child into class and read with them.

Attendance Matters

Attending school is essential for students to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better life chances.

Every student is expected by the **Government** to maintain at least 96.1% attendance.

Below are examples of how attendance impacts on learning over a year and five year period:

One year:

98% - approximately 4 days absent.

95% - approximately 10 days absent.

90% - approximately 4 weeks absent.

85% - approximately 5 ½ weeks absent.

80% - approximately 7 ½ weeks absent

Over a five year period:

85-90% is similar to half a year off school.

80% is similar to having a whole year off school

Please inform the school if your child will be absent or late for any reason (01376 321814).

The school gates close at 8.55am and all pupils should be in school by that time. If a pupil is late or at an appointment and needs to come in via the school office then a parent will need to accompany the child and sign them in as late.

Collection times remain as follows:

Foundation Stage: 2.55pm

Lower School: 3.05pm

Middle School: 3.10pm

Upper School: 3.15pm

Holidays and absence in Term Time

We have received an unprecedented number of holiday request forms in the last two weeks. Whilst we do understand that holidays may have had to be rebooked, due to the Pandemic, it is the position of the Local Authority that pupils should not be granted leave of absence in term time unless for

an exceptional reason. To comply with the attendance regulations parents **MUST** please complete an absence request form for any time that they are planning to take their child out of school, even if they know that it will be unauthorised. It is the directive of the Local Authority that if a parent decides to take their child out of school for **5 days or more** that they will incur a Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child. This money does not go to the school but to the Local Authority.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Interactive Safari

Beacon Trail, 30th April – 12th June &

Colouring Competition

An exciting family trail has been launched in Braintree to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Families can visit the High Street Safari website to locate the first story point and then head out to start their mission.

At the first location children need to hunt for a Jubilee-themed character which will usually be displayed in the window of the premises. There will be a QR to scan which reveals the first instalment of the story and allows children to see them in augmented reality.

From there participants are led to six other destinations around the town, with each one offering a new character to collect and the next part of the story.

The free trails are live now and run until 12th June, giving families plenty of time to take part.

More info, and location maps at the following link: <https://highstreetsafari.com/platinumjubilee>

FAQ: <https://highstreetsafari.com/help>

Win a £20 gift voucher and get the chance to have your design printed as a special commemorative poster by entering the Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon Trail Colouring Competition! Please see attached colouring pages, entry is via the following [online form](#). Deadline for entries is **June 12th 2022**. See full terms & conditions [here](#).

Nursery

We are currently allocating places in our Nursery for September. We can accept children into Nursery from the age of 3. If you would like to register your child for a September start, please contact the school office.

PTFA News

Our next PTFA meeting will be held in school on Tuesday 24th May at 10.00am. The PTFA organise events throughout the year to raise funds for various projects in school. News faces are always appreciated - everyone welcome!



Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars

Well done to all the children who are completing their Mathletics homework and using the TTRockstars at home to practise their times tables. The high scorers for Monday 2nd May to Sunday 15th May were:

<u>Mathletics – most points earned</u>	<u>TTRockstars – most coins earned</u>
1 st Thomas, Poplars - 8,570	1 st Olivia, Spruces - 34,928
2 nd Erika, Rowans - 6,040	2 nd Jake, Rowans - 31,598
3 rd Jake, Rowans - 2,570	3 rd Caitlyn, Junipers - 20,651

Keep up the good work everyone!



Trips and Activities now booking

- Home School Agreement for all pupils (if not yet completed)
- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Bikeability – current Year 5
- Snakes Alive – Year 2
- Abberton trip – Year 4



Author Letter

On Monday 16th May Rowans and Junipers classes received a letter from the author Catherine Emmett. Both classes had written to her after her amazing assembly on World Book Day. The children were excited that she had taken time to write to them and had enclosed some stickers for each child and a signed postcard.

If you are interested in becoming a school governor and would like to play a strategic role in the development of our school please speak to Mrs Pickard, clerk to our Governing body.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th May – Queen's Jubilee celebration, 1.30pm – 4.00pm, Parents welcome
 Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term holiday
 Monday 6th June – Back to School
 Friday 10th June – Year 2 mini beasts workshop in school
 Week commencing Monday 13th June – Termly Learning Conferences (further details to follow)
 Tuesday 21st June – Sports Day for Years 1 and 2, 9.15 am start
 Tuesday 21st June – Sports Day for Foundation Stage including Nursery, 1.45pm start
 Wednesday 22nd June Sports Day for Years 5 and 6, 9.15 am start
 Wednesday 22nd June Sports Day for Years 3 and 4, 1.45pm start
 Friday 1st July – Year 4 trip to Abberton Reservoir (details to follow)
 Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 trip to Frinton on Sea (details to follow)
 Wednesday 6th July - Year 1 trip to Call of the Wild Zoo (details to follow)
 Tuesday 12th July 9.15am Year 2 End of Year Performance **or**
 Wednesday 13th July 2.00pm Year 2 End of Year Performance
 Wednesday 13th July - Year 6 Leavers Performance at 6.00pm

Term Dates for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Summer Term: **Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Thursday 21st July 2022**
Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Non-Pupil Days: Tuesday 19th April 2022, Thursday 21st July 2022

The term dates for the academic year 2022-23 are now on our website