



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

#### Well Done!

A ballot was held for all pupils who had 100% attendance last half term. Congratulations to Leonard in Sycamores, who was first name out of the hat! The prize is a free family ticket to Braintree Rugby Club fireworks display on Sunday. Keep up the good attendance everyone!

#### Termly Learning Conferences

Thank you to everyone who took part in termly learning conferences this week.  
After School Clubs and Year 1 story time sessions will resume next week.

#### SEND Parents

Support for parents and carers with children of any age with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

Drop in coffee afternoon and chat in school  
1.45pm – 2.45pm on  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Come along for an informal chat

#### Poppy Appeal

We have a limited number of poppies available and these will be sold on the gate in the mornings.



#### Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to Spruces for the extra effort put in during the half-term holidays in completing TTRS. They are winners of 'Battle of the Bands'!

- 1st - Spruces 39796
- 2nd - Chestnuts 14110
- 3rd - Rowans 8336

Keep up the good work everyone!

#### Cold Weather

Please ensure your children have clothing for cold weather with them each day, including a named warm coat and suitable shoes.

#### Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Year 6 trip to Duxford
- Home School Agreements
- Year 4 to Colchester Castle
- Young Voices for School Choir
- Tag rugby for some children



#### School Dinners

##### WINTER 2023 MENU

Week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Week 2  
Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Week 3  
Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Week 1

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

#### Flu immunisations

Reminder: Flu immunisations take place in school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. You need to have given permission for your child to receive this. If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Team direct on 0300 790 0597.

#### Save the Date

Pupils can **wear something spotty** for Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. (If they do not have something spotty, children may wear their own clothes for the day)

Donations to Children in Need can be made at <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=11608>

#### Road Safety – Be Bright, Be Seen!

We are speaking to the children in assemblies about staying safe outside of school now that the mornings and evenings are darker, including crossing the road at a safe place and wearing bright clothing or something reflective to ensure they are seen by drivers.

#### School Applications for Reception Year 2024

From 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 you can apply online for your child to join us in reception year in September 2024. Applications are open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, via [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

#### School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taken on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. This year no sibling photos will be taken during the school day, but you can request a sibling photo to be taken after school on that day on a sit-and-wait basis. This can be requested via ParentPay.

### Attendance Matters

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

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).

### Holidays and absence in Term Time

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.

#### Lateness

Obviously occasional late arrival at school can be unavoidable, however, when lateness is more frequent the children concerned may become anxious and miss valuable teaching times. Lateness also causes disruption to the class and therefore we are asking for your co-operation to ensure that your child/children attend punctually in the future.

Foundation Stage and Lower School (Years R, 1, 2): Gates open 8.45 a.m. and registration closes 8.55 a.m.

Middle and Upper School (Years 3, 4, 5, 6): Gates open 8.40 a.m. and registration closes 8.55 a.m.

**Children arriving after 8.55 a.m. are required to come into the school via the school office with a parent/carer who must sign them in.**

## Diary Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Football tournament

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Flu immunisations

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to Duxford

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – School photographs

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day (non-uniform)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Firs class to visit Braintree Library

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Tag rugby event

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Sycamores class to visit Braintree Library

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, break up for the Christmas holidays

### Christmas Diary Dates will be sent out next week!

#### Term Dates for 2023-2024 Academic Year

**Autumn Term:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*Half Term Holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*

*Non-Pupil Days: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October*

**Spring Term:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

*Half Term Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February*

**Summer Term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

*Half Term Holiday Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May*

*Non-Pupil Days: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

*Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*