



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

#### Non-Pupil Days

Please remember that we have non-pupil days for staff training on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (the day before the half term holiday) and on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (the day after the half term holiday). The children come back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

#### School Photographs

We are delighted that the school photographer will be with us on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November to take individual and sibling group photos. If you wish to request a photo of your children together, please do this via ParentPay from Monday.

#### Flu Immunisations

Unfortunately, due to 12-15 year olds being offered the Covid vaccine, the Immunisation Team have advised us that they are postponing our flu immunisations which were due to take place in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. As soon as they contact us with a new date, we will let you know.

#### Covid Update

This week we have had two children test positive in Rowans, year 4. Letters were sent to all families of children in Rowans advising that children obtain a PCR test. In line with Government advice class bubbles do not close now and children can attend school whilst they wait for the results of a PCR unless they are displaying symptoms. Please continue to be vigilant and seek advice if your child develops symptoms (new continuous cough, high fever or loss of sense of smell or taste).

Thank you for continuing to support our school to remain a safe place for everybody.

#### Summer Holiday 2022

Essex County Council have changed the published school term dates for this year, to take account of the extra Bank Holiday for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The last day of term will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July will be a training day for teachers.

#### Coats

Please ensure your child has a named warm coat or waterproof in school every day.

#### School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Week 1  
Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Week 2

After the Half Term holiday, we will start on Week 1 of our Winter menu, a copy of which is attached for your information.

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.

#### Foundation Stage Parents and Carers (Reception Year and Nursery)

Please remember to bring in your child's birth certificate or passport for us to check their date of birth is correct on our computer system.  
Many thanks.

#### Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

The application period for admissions to Year 7 (secondary school) for September 2022 is now open. Parents and carers of current Year 6 pupils need to make their applications via [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk) by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

#### School Applications for Reception Year

From 8<sup>th</sup> November you can apply for a school place for your child to join us in Reception Year in September 2022. Applications are open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022, via [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

#### Harvest Festival

Many thanks for all the donations of tinned and packet food, which we have passed to Braintree Food Bank to help local families in need.



## Attendance Matters

At John Bunyan we value good attendance and punctuality.

Please think carefully before keeping your child at home.

**90% ATTENDANCE = ½ DAY MISSED EVERY WEEK.  
1 school year at 90% = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED!  
Learning and achievement will be severely affected.**

### Be Punctual

We expect pupils to be in school before the gates close, ready to start learning. If pupils are on time they will be calm and ready to begin learning. They will not miss out on the vital introduction to a lesson or feel anxious about walking into a classroom once the lesson has started.

### Let us know

We do understand that children become ill! If that is the case, please remember to phone the school by 9.30am on the first day of illness.

**Absence Line: 01376 321814, option 1**

Illness:

Children should not be in school:

- For 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhea
- If they have anything contagious. Your doctor or the school will be able to advise you on when they should return.
- Until you have discussed any broken bones or fractures with the school

If you are not sure, please speak to the school.

### Leave of Absence

The school is not permitted to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Evidence of exceptional circumstances needs to be provided alongside a completed leave of absence form. Forms are available from the School Office. If you have any queries, please ask the School Office.

If an absence request is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the Local Authority can issue a penalty notice.

### Attendance

**A**ttendance is important  
**T**ogether we can achieve the best for each child  
**T**here is advice and support for parent/carers  
**E**stablishing good habits from the start  
**N**ot being in school affects life opportunities  
**D**iscuss with your child what goes on in school  
**A**rriving late can be disruptive  
**N**otify the school when your child is absent  
**C**elebrate good attendance  
**E**VERY DAY COUNTS

**Above all we want your child to be happy and successful at school and we believe that only by working in partnership with you, will this be possible.**

### Sports Events

In the last two weeks some KS2 children have competed in two football tournaments against other schools. Of 7 games, they lost 3, drew 1 and won 3. The children showed excellent team work, resilience and determination.



Pupils have been taking part in a Mini Marathon during their PE lessons this week, running for over 20 minutes and seeing how many laps they can do around the playground. Well done everyone!



### Residential Trip for Year 6 Pupils

We are excited to announce that we have organised a 4 day (3 night) residential trip at Kingswood in West Runton in Norfolk between Tuesday 22nd and Friday 25th March 2022. There will be a range of thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities for the children to take part in. The cost of the visit will be £211 and includes return travel by coach, all food, accommodation and a full programme of activities. **There is still time to book your child's place.** Please contact the School Office if you have any queries.

### Termly Learning Conferences

Thank you to all parents and carers who took part in termly learning conferences with their child's teacher this week.

### ParentPay Items for Consent

Home-School Agreement – all years  
Imperial War Museum trip – Year 6  
Sports events – Various

Please check your ParentPay items regularly to see if you need to add consent to any events.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Non-Pupil Day  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Holiday  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Non-Pupil Day  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Back to School  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parkour event for some pupils  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Trip to ballet at Royal Opera House in London for some pupils in Year 5  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Individual and Sibling photos  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Dodgeball event for some pupils  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers

### Term Dates for 2021-2022 Academic Year

**Autumn Term:** **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021*  
*Non-Pupil Days: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November*

**Spring Term:** **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**  
*Half Term Holiday Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022*

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