



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 18th November 2022

Mrs Jagger

At Christmas we will be saying farewell to Mrs Jagger who has accepted an exciting post setting up a new special school in Chelmsford. Mrs Jagger has worked at John Bunyan for twenty years and I know you will join me in thanking her for her commitment and care she has shown for all in our community. From January Mrs Thatcher will take over the post of Inclusion Lead and Special Educational Needs coordinator.

Friendship Week

We have enjoyed talking about what makes a good friend. We have shared books on how to make new friendships and talked about what makes us special, as well as what we like about our special friends.

Children in Need Day

There were some lovely spotty outfits for Children in Need today. Don't forget to donate online at [Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)

Remembrance

Last Friday we held a service in school outside for all year groups including Nursery. A child from each class laid a poppy and we were so very proud of the respect all of the children showed.

On Sunday, Erica and Joseph laid a wreath on behalf of us all at Bocking Public Gardens.



School Photographs

Reminder: The school photographer to be with us on Tuesday 22nd November to take individual and sibling group photos.

All pupils should bring home a ticket next week, with details of how to view their photo. Please be aware that the photos can take up to 5 working days to appear online.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will finish on 1st December. New clubs will start for the Spring Term when we return to school in January after the Christmas holidays and we will notify you when these are available for children to choose.

Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed their flu vaccination in school for any reason and you would like them to have this then please see the attached flyer with details of the catch up clinics where you can get this done.

School Applications for Reception Year 2023

From 7 November 2022 you can apply online for your child to join us in reception year in September 2023. Applications are open until 15th January 2023, via www.essex.gov.uk

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 21st November
Monday 19th December
Come along for an informal chat

Foundation Stage Parents and Carers (Reception Year and Nursery)

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

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Year 6 residential trip 2023
- Home School Agreements
- Young Voices
- School football team matches
- Year 1 Christmas performance
- Year 4 Christmas performance
- Christmas wreath making workshop for adults

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



Available on ParentPay

- Book bags
- PE bags
- Nursery and Reception Year snack



Christmas Diary Dates

Year 1 and Year 4 parents and carers can now book tickets to their Christmas performances via ParentPay.

Sports Activities

Well done to both our girls' and boys' football teams, who have been in action over the last couple of weeks. The boys won 4-2 against St Francis Primary and the girls won 5-4 away, against Great Bradfords Juniors. They all showed great team spirit and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.



School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 21st November – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 28th November – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 5th December – Week 3

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.



Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 14th December

The menu will be:
Roast chicken or Quorn roast
Yorkshire pudding
Roast potatoes
Carrots/Peas/Brussel Sprouts
Gravy
and

Christmas crinkle cookie or fresh fruit



Termly Learning Conferences

Termly Learning Conferences for the remainder of this year will be as follows:

Spring Term – week beginning 27th February 2023

Summer Term – week beginning 12th June 2023
(Year 6 – week beginning 11th July 2023)

Please see the school website for TLC and report arrangements.

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).

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

Since September, the number of late arrivals at school has been increasing. 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/carers who must sign them in.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd November – School photographs - individual and sibling groups

Monday 28th November – PTFA event for parents/carers – Christmas wreath making

Thursday 1st December – After School clubs finish

Monday 5th December – Year 2 performances

Tuesday 6th December – Year 2 performance

Wednesday 7th December – Year 1 performances

Thursday 8th December – Reception Year performances

Thursday 8th December – PTFA event – Bingo – win a turkey for Christmas!

Friday 9th December – Reception Year performance

Monday 12th December – Year 4 performances

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 15th December – Nursery Christmas celebrations

Monday 19th December – Mini market for Nursery, Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2 children

Tuesday 20th December – Last day of term, Christmas jumper day

Thursday 5th January – Back to School

Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

Autumn Term: Thursday 1st September 2022 – Tuesday 20th December 2022

Half Term Holiday Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Non-Pupil Days: Thursday 1st Sept, Friday 2nd Sept, Friday 21st Oct, Monday 31st Oct

Bank Holiday Monday 19th September

Spring Term: Thursday 5th January 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

Half Term Holiday Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Summer Term: Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023

Half Term Holiday Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May, Monday 8th May