



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 11th January, 2019

Happy New Year, Welcome Back!

There are many exciting learning opportunities planned for 2019. Learning journeys this term are all on our website (www.johnbunyan.co.uk) for you to view. Homework can also be found on our website. We continue to strive to provide a broad rich curriculum which enables the arts and physical education to enrich the quality of lives. Mr Malam returns to teach brass to Year 5 on Thursdays. Mr Hazelwood will be teaching dance across school for the next two terms and Mr Norton and Miss Elgar from Mercury Theatre come in to work with us every Wednesday developing drama and creative writing skills. There are also many planned opportunities for engaging in sporting activities and competitions.

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 14th January – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 21st January – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 28th January – Week 4

On 17th January there will be a change to the menu as follows:
Build your own Burger Day
Ice Cream

Copies of the Winter menu are available on the School website and from the school offices.
Payment via ParentPay for KS2 pupils. We no longer require order forms.

Clubs

School Clubs start on Monday 21st January.
Please book clubs via ParentPay.

Forest School Dates for Reception Year

Thursday 24th January – Birches
Thursday 31st January – Spruces
Thursday 7th February – Chestnuts
Thursday 14th March – Birches
Thursday 21st March – Spruces
Thursday 28th March – Chestnuts

Termly Learning Conferences

Termly Learning Conferences will take place during the week commencing 4th February 2019. Further details about booking will follow, nearer the time.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

You can apply for a September 2019 primary (Reception) school place between 12 November 2018 and 15 January 2019.

Applications should be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Swimming

Pines class are swimming this term. Please bring your swimming kit every Thursday (including swim hat, which can be purchased from the school office if you don't already have one).

Foundation Stage Trip

Foundation Stage pupils will be visiting Stansted Airport as part of our "People who help us" topic. The trip is now on ParentPay for you to give consent. If you have any queries, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

ParentPay

ParentPay is now live – If you haven't activated your account please get a code from the school office. All clubs, trips and dinner payments will now be done via ParentPay.

PTFA Bingo

The PTFA are excited to be hosting a family BINGO afternoon on Thursday 17th January from 3.30pm in the Lower School Hall. All books to be bought on the door. (First come first served, due to limited hall space.) Price: £5.00 a book or £1.00 a strip – Lots of great prizes to be won!

You are welcome to bring your own food and drink. All the family is welcome! Any questions please email: PTFA@johnbunyan.co.uk

Hope to see you there for a family fun event.

Bad weather

The County as a whole experiences severe or exceptional weather from time to time, though conditions can vary considerably from one area to another and for this reason the responsibility for decisions about an individual school's organisation on any particular day rests with the Head Teacher.

In the eventuality of bad weather every opportunity will be made to keep the school open. If, however, we have to close the school parents can see the full list of closures on the Essex County Council website. The page can be accessed using the below link and path: [http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx)

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The quickest and easiest way to find out if the school is open is to visit our website where the information will be displayed on our front page – www.johnbunyan.co.uk and we will keep you updated via Parentmail.

Every Wednesday commencing 9th January – Brass sessions for Year 5
Every Thursday commencing 10th January – Mercury Theatre sessions for Year 1 and Year 3 pupils
Every Thursday commencing 10th January – Dance specialist in school working with various year groups
Tuesday 15th January – Rugby competition
Thursday 17th January – PTFA bingo for families 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Week commencing 21st January – Writing Week in school
Friday 1st February – Celebrating World Number Day
Wednesday 6th February or 13th February – Foundation Stage trip to Stansted Airport (details to follow)
Thursday 24th January – Forest School for Birches
Thursday 31st January – Forest School for Spruces
Week commencing 4th February – Termly Learning Conferences (details to follow)
Thursday 7th February – Forest School for Chestnuts
Monday 11th February – Year 2 Great Fire of London workshops in school
Tuesday 12th February – Cricket sessions for Years 1, 2 and 3
Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February – Half Term Holiday
Monday 25th February – Back to School
Monday 26th February – Year 5 road safety sessions (details to follow)
Thursday 14th March – Victorian Day Trip to Braintree Museum for Year 2 (details to follow)
Thursday 14th March – Forest School for Birches
Friday 15th March – Comic Relief Day
Thursday 21st March – Forest School for Spruces
Thursday 28th March – Forest School for Chestnuts
Friday 5th April – Break up for Easter holidays

Term Dates for 2018-2019 Academic Year

Spring Term: 3rd January – 5th April
(Half Term Holiday ~ 18th – 22nd February)
Summer Term: 23rd April – 24th July
(Half Term Holiday ~ 27th May – 31st May)

