



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 31st January, 2020

Book Fayre

The Scholastic Book Fayre is currently in school. Please come along to the Lower School Hall at Stay and Play on Monday morning, and on Monday and Tuesday afternoons during TLCs.

World Book Day

World Book Day will be on Thursday 5th March this year. To celebrate it, we are asking the children to disguise a potato as their favourite book character and bring them into school. We are discussing possible ideas with the children in class and the potatoes will be displayed in the library. There will be a prize (one per year group) for the best disguised potato. We look forward to seeing how creative the children can be! Pupils need to wear normal school uniform on this day.

Toddler Group

Every Wednesday morning we hold our toddler group from 9.00 – 10.00am (free of charge). Our staff are there to provide opportunities to engage in messy play, singing, storytelling and it is also an opportunity for you to meet other parents and carers.

This year we are delighted that Braintree Library will be coming in to the Toddler Club to run a Song & Rhyme session. These will be during the toddler club sessions on:

12th Feb, 11th March, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July
We hope to see you there, everyone welcome!

Half-Term Holiday Activity Day

We are delighted to be able to offer an Activity Day Camp on Monday 17th February 2020 from 9.30 to 2.30pm. The camp will be run by qualified teachers and sports coaches. The cost for the day is £15.00 and children will need to bring in their own packed lunch, healthy snacks and a drink. Places are limited.

Please book your child's place via ParentPay if interested.

Trips and Activities now booking

Now available to book via ParentPay:

- Library visits for Year 4 and Year 1
- Medieval Day for Year 1
- Victorian Day for Year 2
- Braintree Museum workshops for Years 3 and 4
- Residential Trip
- Half Term Holiday Activity Day Camp
- Music Festival – Poplars class



Termly Learning Conferences

Termly Learning Conferences will take place during the week commencing 3rd February, as follows:

Monday 3rd February – Year 5 and Reception Year

Tuesday 4th February – Year 4

Wednesday 5th February – Year 2 and Year 3

Thursday 6th February – Year 1 and Year 6

Please speak with your child's class teacher if you have not yet received your TLC time.

Unfortunately there will be no Reception Year story sessions next week due to the Termly Learning Conferences taking place and the following clubs are **cancelled** next week:

Monday: Dance, Fencing

Thursday: Multi Skills, Jewellery, Homework club

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 3rd February – Week 1

Week commencing Monday 10th February – Week 2

--Half Term Holiday--

Week commencing Monday 24th February – Week 3

Copies of the school dinner menu are available to view on our website www.johnbunyan.co.uk and paper copies are available from the school office.

School Games and Upcoming Fixtures

Please give consent via ParentPay if your child has been invited to attend any of the following activities:

- Parkour Festivals
- Cross country running event
- Urban games

Cake Sale

Mr Stoneham, one of our sports coaches, is running the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April for MIND mental health charity. He and the children who attend Treehouse sessions are raising money for this important charity that helps millions of people all over the UK.

Please can we have any cake contributions, no matter how big or small, for our great, big, scrumptious sale on Friday 14th February.

The cakes will be for sale at breaktime on Friday 14th of February for a small cash donation.



For more information see www.mind.org.uk

We have a small supply of school scarves and woolly hats for sale at £2.00 each. Please come to the Lower School office if you would like to buy one.

Safer Internet Day – 11th February

We are always talking to our children about keeping themselves safe online and being kind when they are engaging with others on social media. Every unit of our Computing Curriculum begins with a lesson on internet safety and there are lots of resources for parents at www.thinkuknow.co.uk, you can find a direct link on our website under Parents/ E Safety. In school we have digital leaders who mentor pupils, lead assemblies and talk to the children about e-safety matters.

Residential Trip

The residential trip is open to current Year 5 pupils who will be Year 6 from September. The trip will take place in West Runton, Norfolk, between Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th October 2020. You can book your child's place via ParentPay. If you would like further information at this stage please see Mrs Powell.

Wet Play Activities

Wet play packs containing games have been distributed to all the classes, which were bought with the money raised from our Name the Elf competition. Thank you to everyone who took part. The games will be used when the weather is too cold or too wet to play outside.

Diary Dates

Week commencing Monday 3rd February – Termly Learning Conferences. Letters have been sent home.

Monday 3rd February – Beeches class visit to Braintree Library

Monday 3rd February – Termly Learning Conferences for Year 5 and Reception Year

Monday 3rd February – Key Stage 1 Parkour Festival

Tuesday 4th February – Termly Learning Conferences for Year 4

Wednesday 5th February - Forest School for Conifers class

Wednesday 5th February - Termly Learning Conferences for Year 2 and Year 3

Thursday 6th February - Termly Learning Conferences for Year 1 and Year 6

Monday 10th February – Yews class visit to Braintree Library

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February – Medieval Man coming in to Year 1

Wednesday 12th February – Forest School for Oaks class

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term Holiday

Monday 24th February – Back to School

Monday 24th February – Hazels class visit to Braintree Library

Monday 24th February – Essex Cricket workshops commence for Year 3, for 6 weeks

Tuesday 25th February – Year 2 Victorian Day

Tuesday 25th February – Key Stage 2 Parkour Festival

Monday 2nd March – SEND Support Group coffee afternoon

Monday 2nd March – Key Stage 2 Cross Country running event at Tabor Academy

Tuesday 3rd March – Year 3 to Braintree Museum

Wednesday 4th March – Year 4 to Braintree Museum

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Chestnuts class visit to Braintree Library

Monday 9th March – Year 2 Great Fire of London workshops in class

Wednesday 11th March - Forest School for Willows class

Friday 13th March – Non-Pupil Day for staff training

Tuesday 17th March – Music Festival for Poplars class

Wednesday 18th March - Forest School for Conifers class

Friday 20th March - Birches class visit to Braintree Library

Wednesday 25th March – Forest School for Oaks class

Thursday 26th March – Last swimming session for Hazels class

Friday 27th March – Spruces class visit to Braintree Library

Tuesday 31st March – Year 5 Celebration of Learning at 9.15am, parents welcome

Term Dates for 2019-2020 Academic Year

Spring Term: Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term 17th February – 21st February

Non-Pupil Day: Friday 13th March

Summer Term: Monday 20th April 2020 – Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Half Term 25th May – 29th May, and May Bank Holiday Friday 8th May

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 1st June