



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 28th June, 2019

John Bunyan School awarded Artsmark Platinum Award

We are very proud to have heard this week that we have been designated an Artsmark Platinum school in recognition of our focus on high quality arts provision for all children at John Bunyan Primary School and Nursery.



The panel has made the following comment to us about our work:

“John Bunyan Primary and Nursery School is to be highly commended for your commitment to providing a wide range of high quality cultural and artistic opportunities for pupils. You have successfully developed a wide range of partnerships with a range of professional organisations including the Essex Music Hub, the Essex Dance Network, the Royal Opera House Bridge, the Braintree Museum, Saffron Hall, the Mercury Theatre. These partnerships have provided pupils and teachers with opportunities for CPD and raised expectation levels. You successfully demonstrate the positive effects your curriculum has on pupil attainment levels and have provided opportunities for pupils to perform at both a local and regional level. You have also started to influence and support other schools in the area, leading CPD sessions and actively participating in your Local Cultural Partnership boards and inputting to the Durham Commission conversations. The SLT regularly assess ongoing strategies and ensure arts and cultural activities are kept in high profile across the school and wider educational landscape. For future development you may wish to consider developing case studies which can be shared wider. Continuing to explore opportunities to support other schools will help to ensure you continue to be an opinion former and increase the impact of arts and cultural activities across the region and beyond.”

“Arts Council England celebrates your ongoing commitment to arts and cultural education at a governing body level, and the opportunities stretching your whole setting. Your children and young people are offered equal opportunity to influence, lead, experience and evaluate a broad range of high-quality arts and cultural activities across a wide range of media, and you contribute to development opportunities in these areas for your staff and others that make a difference in these areas. You have strong partnerships with arts and cultural organisations and other settings, and can evidence the long-lasting positive impact of this collaboration. Your children and young people have an opportunity to continually develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of arts and culture, and you are working to become an opinion former and further progress the leadership role you have established.”

St Peter's Church Fete

Our wonderful choir and dancers will be performing at St Peter's Church fete, Bocking, on Saturday 29th June.



Food Hygiene

Congratulations to our catering team on being awarded the maximum 5 stars for food hygiene following our recent inspection by the Environmental Health Officer.

School Dinners

Copies of the Summer menu are available on the school website www.johnbunyan.co.uk and paper copies are available from the school office.

Week commencing Monday 1st July – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 8th July – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 15th July – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 22nd July – Week 4

Free School Meal Eligibility

Please take a few minutes to update your details on ParentPay with regard to Free School Meal Eligibility.

Performances this term:

Year 2 Parents: remember to order your tickets via ParentPay for our production of 'The Bunyan Bug Ball' on Wednesday 10th July at 1.45pm. Due to limited space, we are only able to offer 2 tickets per child.

Shortly after the performance there will be a brief discussion regarding transition to Year 3.

Year 6 Parents: our Year 6 leavers awards evening and production of "The X Factory" will be held on Thursday 18th July at 6.00pm. Please book your tickets via ParentPay.

Trips and Activities now booking

Now available to book via ParentPay:

- Year 2 performance/transition meeting – 10th July
- Year 6 Frinton trip
- Year 3 trips to Public Gardens to study animals, their habitats and food chains:
 - Monday 1st July – Beeches class
 - Wednesday 3rd July – Hazels class
 - Thursday 4th July – Yews class
- Big Sing performance
- Visit to Braintree Library: Pines class – 5th July
- Dance Festival: Beeches class – 10th July
- Year 6 production and awards evening – 18th July
- Year 5 – Brass performance for parents



A message for Year 2 Parents

From the Autumn term your child will no longer qualify to receive a free school meal as part of the Government's initiative for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 pupils. If your child is eligible to receive free school meals (if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit), then your child's meal will continue to be free. If you think you could be eligible for free school meals then please contact Mrs Pickard or check www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

If you are not in receipt of free school meals a charge of £2.00 per meal will be charged. This must be paid in advance or on the day via ParentPay. If you have not activated your account please contact the school office.

Gardening

Pupils across several year groups have been busy harvesting potatoes in our garden area this week, which the Kitchen staff are making into potato salad for the children to eat.

School Games and Upcoming Fixtures

38 Key Stage 2 children took part at District Sports where they all did different events including running, jumping and throwing. All of the children were excellent ambassadors to our school and showed outstanding sportsmanship. Well done!

This week 8 Year 3 and Year 4 pupils participated in a cricket competition. They had never played together before but were great team players and finished 2nd place in their group! Well done to you all.



Green Team

The John Bunyan Green Team met on Wednesday 5th June. The team discussed a number of green issues in school and have decided to:

- carry out some maintenance on the school's bug hotels in order to encourage wildlife onto the site;
- ensure that any further planting of trees on the field provides shade for children;
- organise a weekly rota for watering of plants in the greenhouse.

The team continue to collect crisps packets in the Key Stage 2 Hall and intend to extend this into the Key Stage 1 Hall this term. This initiative helps us collect points to spend on equipment for the school. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd July.

After School Clubs

The last clubs for this year will be during the week commencing 8th July.

Swimming

The last swimming lesson for Hawthorns class will be on Thursday 18th July.

Nursery Places

Our Nursery is currently at full capacity. We have started to allocate September places. Therefore, please register your child as soon as possible if you would like a nursery place, in order to avoid disappointment. We can take children from the age of 3.

Warm weather

Now the warm weather is here please ensure that your child has a sun hat and that sunscreen has been applied in the morning at home. Children may bring in sunscreen to apply themselves if you wish.

Pupils are encouraged to bring in water bottles, separate from any lunchbox drink, in order to stay hydrated in school. This is especially important when the weather is warmer.

Diary Dates

Monday 1st July - Beeches class trip to Braintree Public Gardens
Tuesday 2nd July – Early Years transition event for children starting school in September
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Wednesday 3rd July – Hazels class trip to Braintree Public Gardens
Wednesday 3rd July – Yr 5 brass performance for parents
Thursday 4th July – Yews class trip to Braintree Public Gardens
Friday 5th July – Pines class visit to Braintree Library
Week commencing 8th July – Last clubs this week
Tuesday 9th July – Learner-to-Learner presentation
Wednesday 10th July – Year 2 performance/transition meeting
Wednesday 10th July – Beeches class trip to Honeywood School for Dance Festival
Thursday 11th July – PTFA Inflatables Day after school
Tuesday 16th July – Year 1 celebration with parents at 2.00pm
Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 leavers trip to Frinton (please note the late time for their return to school)
Tuesday 16th July – Yr 1 Celebration of Learning at 2.00pm
Wednesday 17th July – Reception Year Pirate Picnic (further details to follow)
Thursday 18th July – Last swimming lesson for Hawthorns class
Thursday 18th July (evening) – Year 6 leavers production and awards
Monday 22nd July – Wednesday 24th July – Transition days for Year Reception to Year 5 (children to go straight to new classroom)
Wednesday 24th July – Last day of term, pupils break up for summer holidays. Back to School Wednesday 4th Sept.

Term Dates for 2018-2019 Academic Year

Summer Term: 23rd April – 24th July

Term dates for the academic year 2019–2020 are now available on the school website at
www.johnbunyan.co.uk