



# The Friday Flyer

## John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Not where we all expected to be!

This week all of our teachers who are well and who are able to attend work, have been in school providing education for our critical workers and vulnerable children who are unable to find alternative childcare. They have also been busy setting up online learning. We appreciate that this has been quite a difficult task but we were all so very pleased to see nearly all the children online, meeting with their friends and teachers from Wednesday this week. Thank you all for your patience and support, we really do appreciate how difficult setting up a new system so quickly is for everybody.

It is clear that currently the situation is grave. Many members of our community have had, or are poorly with, COVID; we send them all our very best wishes for a speedy recovery. We must follow Government guidance: **Stay home, Protect the NHS, Save lives**. We all want everybody back in school as soon as possible.

Please look after yourselves, ring us or email [admin@johnbunyan.co.uk](mailto:admin@johnbunyan.co.uk) if you have queries. We do understand how difficult this is for everyone and we can all only do our best.

Take care, stay safe and be kind to yourself.

*Mrs Bailey*

### Free School Meals

We heard from the Prime Minister in his announcement that the issue of free school meals will be addressed as it was over the Christmas break. Again, as soon as we hear we will pass on details. In the meantime if anyone is struggling and needs a food parcel/ food bank voucher please call and speak to us and we will try to help.

### Laptops:

You will hear in the press that the Government have said that laptops will be available for those who require one. However, we started the week with a delivery of 10 and another 15 arrived on Wednesday. We will get these out to people as soon as we can and we are constantly requesting more. We have also asked for internet 4G devices for families who have no access.

We have been told that if you need further internet data several providers are providing this for free, so do contact them and ask.

### SATS

The Standard Assessment Tests (SATS) for Year 2 and Year 6 pupils have been cancelled for this year.

### School Applications for Reception Year

You can now apply for a school place for your child for Reception Year in September 2021. Applications are open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021, via [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)