



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 9th February 2024

Foundation Stage plea

Our Foundation area is looking for small cars, role play food, utensils, cutlery, cups and plates, old telephones/laptops/keyboards, baby dolls and any other small world play toys. If anyone has anything to donate, these items would be very much appreciated. Many thanks.

Victorian Day for Year 2

Year 2 will be visiting Braintree Museum on Wednesday 28th February 2024 for their Victorian Day.



We would like the children to dress up as Victorian children for this day. We suggest that boys wear long trousers or jogging bottoms tucked into their socks, a plain shirt (old shirt with collar removed) perhaps a waistcoat and a flat cap. We suggest that girls wear a long dress or skirt and perhaps an apron and/or a shawl. Children will need to have comfortable shoes and a warm coat as we will be walking to and from the Museum.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Book bags, PE bags, swim hats
- Snack
- Victorian Day for Year 2
- Braintree Big Sing event



Current Year 5 Residential Trip next year

We are delighted to announce next year's Year 6 residential trip has been booked at Skreens Park Activity Centre for a 2 night stay from 2nd to 4th October, 2024. We need a small holding deposit to secure the booking of £30 payable now. Once we know numbers we will be able to confirm final costs.

School Dinners

WINTER 2023 MENU

Week commencing Mon 12th February – Week 1

Half Term Holiday

Week commencing Mon 26th February – Week 1

Week commencing Mon 4th March – Week 2

Week commencing Mon 11th March – 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.

World Book Day



World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Thursday 7th March. Children can dress as their favourite book character and we are busy organising a fun-filled day for the children.

The official World Book Day website contains a lot of ideas and information about enjoying books, including dressing up ideas for the day and it shows the exciting selection of new and exclusive £1 books that children can get for FREE with the £1 book token which they will bring home on the day.

Just visit www.worldbookday.com



Story Time Sessions

The last story time sessions for Year 1 will take place next week. After the half term holiday, Reception Year parents are invited into school on the following days to share a teacher-led story session with their child at 2.45pm:

Hazels – every Tuesday

Beeches – every Wednesday

Yews – every Friday



Cross Country Running

We had a fantastic team of over 40 runners at the recent cross-country event. Well done to everyone who took part, you were amazing! A special congratulations to our medal winners; Isla, Rocky and Delilah.



Current Year 6 Residential Trip

There will be a meeting for parents/carers of those attending this year's Year 6 residential trip, on Thursday 15th February straight after school, when further information and a kit list will be discussed.

WOW walking

WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, a UK charity, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. Pupils can report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. There are lots to collect.

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 26th February

Monday 25th March

Come along for an informal chat



Comic Relief

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. Children can come to school wearing something red on this day. If they do not have something red, they can come in their own clothes. Donations to this charity can be made at

www.comicrelief.com

Please do not send cash donations into school.

Diary Dates

Thursday 15th February – Year 6 residential trip meeting in school for parents at 3.15pm

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February – Half-Term holiday

Monday 26th February – Back to School

Wednesday 28th February – Year 2 to Braintree Museum for Victorian Day

Friday 1st March – Elders (Y1) and Chestnuts (Y5) to visit Braintree Library

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th March – Cedars (Y1) and Birches (Y5) to visit Braintree Library

Week commencing Monday 11th March – Termly Learning Conferences

Friday 15th March – Larches (Y1) and Spruces (Y5) to visit Braintree Library

Friday 15th March – Non uniform day

Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd March – Year 6 residential trip

Friday 22nd March – Braintree Big Sing event for some children

Thursday 28th March – Last day of term, break up for the Easter holidays

Monday 15th April – Return to school. Start of the summer term

Term Dates for 2023-2024 Academic Year

Spring Term: **Thursday 4th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024**
Half Term Holiday Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February

Summer Term: **Monday 15th April 2024 – Friday 19th July 2024**
Half Term Holiday Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
Non-Pupil Days: Friday 24th May, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July
Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Attendance Matters

At John Bunyan we value good attendance and punctuality.

Leave of Absence

The school is not permitted to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. Evidence of exceptional circumstances needs to be provided alongside a completed leave of absence form. Forms are available from the School Office. If you have any queries, please ask the School Office.

If an absence request is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the Local Authority can issue a penalty notice.

Be Punctual

We expect pupils to be in school before the gates close, ready to start learning. If pupils are on time they will be calm and ready to begin learning. They will not miss out on the vital introduction to a lesson or feel anxious about walking into a classroom once the lesson has started.

Let us know

We do understand that children become ill. If that is the case, please remember to phone the school by 9.30am on the first day of illness.

Absence Line: 01376 321814, option 1

Illness:

Children should not be in school:

- For 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea
 - If they have anything contagious. Your doctor or the school will be able to advise you on when they should return.
 - Until you have discussed any broken bones or fractures with the school
- If you are not sure, please speak to the school.

Please think carefully before keeping your child at home

**90% ATTENDANCE = ½ DAY MISSED EVERY WEEK.
1 school year at 90% = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED!
Learning and achievement will be severely affected.**

Attendance

Attendance is important
Together we can achieve the best for each child
There is advice and support for parent/carers
Establishing good habits from the start
Not being in school affects life opportunities
Discuss with your child what goes on in school
Arriving late can be disruptive
Notify the school when your child is absent
Celebrate good attendance
EVERY DAY COUNTS

Above all we want your child to be happy and successful at school and we believe that only by working in partnership with you, will this be possible.

