



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 8th October, 2021

Non-Pupil Days

Please remember that we have non-pupil days for staff training on Friday 22nd October (the day before the half term holiday) and on Monday 1st November (the day after the half term holiday). The children come back to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

School Photographs

We are delighted that the school photographer will be with us on Tuesday 9th November to take individual and sibling group photos. If you wish to request a photo of your children together, please do this via ParentPay from Monday.

Flu Immunisations

Unfortunately, due to 12-15 year olds being offered the Covid vaccine, the Immunisation Team have advised us that they are postponing our flu immunisations which were due to take place in school on Monday 19th October. As soon as they contact us with a new date, we will let you know.

Covid Update

This week we have had two children test positive in Rowans, year 4. Letters were sent to all families of children in Rowans advising that children obtain a PCR test. In line with Government advice class bubbles do not close now and children can attend school whilst they wait for the results of a PCR unless they are displaying symptoms. Please continue to be vigilant and seek advice if your child develops symptoms (new continuous cough, high fever or loss of sense of smell or taste).

Thank you for continuing to support our school to remain a safe place for everybody.

Summer Holiday 2022

Essex County Council have changed the published school term dates for this year, to take account of the extra Bank Holiday for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The last day of term will be Wednesday 20th July and Thursday 21st July will be a training day for teachers.

Coats

Please ensure your child has a named warm coat or waterproof in school every day.

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 11th October – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 18th October – Week 2

After the Half Term holiday, we will start on Week 1 of our Winter menu, a copy of which is attached for your information.

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.

Foundation Stage Parents and Carers (Reception Year and Nursery)

Please remember to bring in your child's birth certificate or passport for us to check their date of birth is correct on our computer system.
Many thanks.

Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

The application period for admissions to Year 7 (secondary school) for September 2022 is now open. Parents and carers of current Year 6 pupils need to make their applications via www.essex.gov.uk by 31st October 2021.

School Applications for Reception Year

From 8th November you can apply for a school place for your child to join us in Reception Year in September 2022. Applications are open until 15th January 2022, via www.essex.gov.uk

Harvest Festival

Many thanks for all the donations of tinned and packet food, which we have passed to Braintree Food Bank to help local families in need.



Attendance Matters

At John Bunyan we value good attendance and punctuality.

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.**

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 diarrhea
- 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.

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.

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.

Sports Events

In the last two weeks some KS2 children have competed in two football tournaments against other schools. Of 7 games, they lost 3, drew 1 and won 3. The children showed excellent team work, resilience and determination.



Pupils have been taking part in a Mini Marathon during their PE lessons this week, running for over 20 minutes and seeing how many laps they can do around the playground. Well done everyone!



Residential Trip for Year 6 Pupils

We are excited to announce that we have organised a 4 day (3 night) residential trip at Kingswood in West Runton in Norfolk between Tuesday 22nd and Friday 25th March 2022. There will be a range of thrilling outdoor and indoor adventure activities for the children to take part in. The cost of the visit will be £211 and includes return travel by coach, all food, accommodation and a full programme of activities. **There is still time to book your child's place.** Please contact the School Office if you have any queries.

Termly Learning Conferences

Thank you to all parents and carers who took part in termly learning conferences with their child's teacher this week.

ParentPay Items for Consent

Home-School Agreement – all years
Imperial War Museum trip – Year 6
Sports events – Various

Please check your ParentPay items regularly to see if you need to add consent to any events.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th October - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers
Tuesday 19th October - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers
Friday 22nd October – Non-Pupil Day
Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st November – Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 2nd November – Back to School
Tuesday 2nd November – Parkour event for some pupils
Tuesday 2nd November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers
Friday 5th November – Trip to ballet at Royal Opera House in London for some pupils in Year 5
Tuesday 9th November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers
Tuesday 9th November – Individual and Sibling photos
Tuesday 9th November – Dodgeball event for some pupils
Wednesday 10th November – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Tuesday 16th November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers
Tuesday 23rd November - Abberton Rural Training, planting with volunteers

Term Dates for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Autumn Term: **Wednesday 1st September 2021 – Friday 17th December 2021**
Half Term Holiday Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021
Non-Pupil Days: Wednesday 1st September, Friday 22nd October, Monday 1st November

Spring Term: **Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Friday 1st April 2022**
Half Term Holiday Monday 14th – Friday 18th February 2022

Summer Term: **Tuesday 19th April 2022 – Thursday 21st July 2022**
Half Term Holiday Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2022
Non-Pupil Days: Tuesday 19th April, Thursday 21st July