



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 25th February, 2022

Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome you all back into school after the very windy weekend. We have lots of exciting activities and learning opportunities planned for the next few weeks.

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!

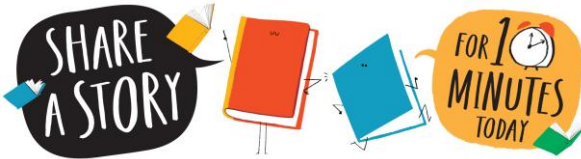


World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, on Thursday 3rd March we are asking the children to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. We are busy organising a fun-filled day of learning for the children, including a visit from the author Catherine Emmett.

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



Trips and Activities now booking

- Home School Agreement for all pupils (if not yet completed)
- Some after-school club spaces still available for Key Stage 2 pupils



Upcoming Games and Sports Fixtures

- Cross-country running event for some Key Stage 2 pupils on Monday 28th February. We have 40 children attending at Tabor Academy.

Attendance Matters

Attending school is essential for students to make good progress, achieve their academic potential and consequently have better life chances. Every student is expected by the **Government** to maintain at least 96.1% attendance.

Below are examples of how attendance impacts on learning over a year and five year period:

One year:

- 98% - approximately 4 days absent.
- 95% - approximately 10 days absent.
- 90% - approximately 4 weeks absent.
- 85% - approximately 5 ½ weeks absent.
- 80% - approximately 7 ½ weeks absent**

Over a five year period:

- 85-90% is similar to half a year off school.
- 80% is similar to having a whole year off**

School Dinners

- Week commencing Monday 28th February – Week 2
- Week commencing Monday 7th March – Week 3
- Week commencing Monday 14th March – Week 1

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.

Living Eggs

We look forward to our eggs arriving in school on Monday 21st March. Living Eggs is a 10 day chick hatching programme and all pupils will get to meet our chicks when they hatch.



Non-Pupil Day

Our next Non-Pupil Day will be on Tuesday 19th April, immediately after the Easter holidays. Pupils come back to school after the holidays on Wednesday 20th April.

Essex Mental Health Support Team

Below are links to a series of webinars designed for parents, to help them to support their child's emotional wellbeing. The webinars can be accessed independently via YouTube.

Session 1: Emotional regulation:

<https://youtu.be/C-C04RztjLg>

Session 2: Impact of the pandemic on current wellbeing: <https://youtu.be/Kc0BvVjPPSg>

Session 3: Anger and anxiety:

https://youtu.be/2S_zd_F6SD8

Session 4: How to support our young people: <https://youtu.be/pnMUeVpNit0>

There are also two pre-recorded parent webinars which may be useful for future use when pupils are transitioning to secondary school.

Part 1: Preparing your child for new experiences and challenges: <https://youtu.be/rDf7IS06Cwo>

Part 2: Managing worries and coping with school transition: <https://youtu.be/4xi2omk7DTs>

Olio app

We have been made aware of an app called Olio which has been set up to try to reduce food waste and is completely free to download and use.

Local supermarkets and companies give their unsold food with short "best before" dates for free at the end of each day and the app allows people to reserve and collect it. We hope this may be of interest to some of our families.

Dog Owners

Spring Day Care would like parents and carers to refrain from leaving their dogs on the grassed area outside our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 gate. This is a health and safety issue as young children play in this area at other times of the day. Thank you for your support.

Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly and treat the whole family if you see signs of Headlice. We would encourage pupils with long hair to wear their hair tied back at School.

Year 2 Victorian Day

Due to the severe weather warning in place on Monday, Year 2 were unable to attend Braintree Museum for their Victorian Day visit. However, we had a fantastic Victorian Day in school instead, with pupils dressing in their Victorian costumes and taking part in some fun and exciting activities. As soon as the trip to the Museum is rearranged, we will let you know the date.



Diary Dates

Monday 28th February – Some Key Stage 2 pupils to Tabor Academy for cross-country running event

Thursday 3rd March – Visit from an author for World Book Week, dress up as a book character

Friday 18th March – Red Nose Day – Details to follow

Monday 21st March – Living Eggs arrive in school

Monday 21st March – Last swimming for existing Year 4 swimmers (Rowans class and half of Poplars class)

Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th March – Year 6 Residential Trip to West Runton, Norfolk

Friday 1st April - Last day of term, break up for Easter holidays

Tuesday 19th April – Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 20th April – Back to School – Start of the Summer Term

Monday 25th April – Class photos

Monday 25th April – Swimming starts for Junipers class and half of Poplars

Term Dates for 2021-2022 Academic Year

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 2022, Thursday 21st July 2022