



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 12th October, 2018

News

Year 6

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened this week, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019. The closing date for applications is the end of October 2018. Applications should be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Macmillan

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Macmillan special menu day. We raised £112.58 for this charity.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection of food for our Harvest assemblies this week; your generosity was overwhelming. The items have been passed to Braintree Food Bank to help local families.

Non-Pupil Days

Our last two non-pupil days have now been fixed in the calendar. These will be on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January, meaning the children will break up for the Christmas holidays on 19th December and come back to school on Monday 7th January.

Events & Activities

PTFA sponsored walk/jog/run

During the week commencing 15th October, pupils will be able to take part in a sponsored walk, jog or run for 1 mile in aid of our PTFA. All money raised by sponsoring the children will be used in school to support our pupils' activities.

Forest School Dates for Reception Year

18th October – Chestnuts
8th November – Birches
15th November – Spruces
22nd November - Chestnuts

Year 6 trip to Duxford

As part of their work on the Second World War, the Year 6 pupils will be visiting Imperial War Museum Duxford. A letter will be sent about this trip.

Termly Learning Conferences

Termly Learning Conferences will take place for Years 1 – 6 during the week commencing 15th October 2018. Letters have been sent home offering appointment times.

Tuesday 16th October - Year 2 and Year 3 (Beeches and Hazels classes)

Wednesday 17th October - Year 1, Year 4, and Year 3 Yews Class

Thursday 18th October - Year 5 and Year 6

Unfortunately, due to the teachers being in their Termly Learning Conferences, homework club is cancelled next Thursday.

School Photos

The School photographer will be here on 5th November to take individual and sibling group photos – details to follow via ParentMail.



Children in Need – Friday 16th November

Friday 16th November will be a **non-uniform day** in aid of Children in Need. Pupils may dress in their own clothes for a donation to this charity.

School Games

Girls' Football Team

This school year is going to be an exciting time for sports; we have entered into the football and netball leagues. We have also planned lots of competitions for the children to do in school and against other schools.

On Wednesday 10th October eight Year 5 and Year 6 girls went to Witham Town Football Club to play in a tournament. They came 4th overall out of eight schools.

The girls all showed great sportsmanship and determination throughout the competition. Well done girls!



Reminders

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 15th October– Week 3

Half-Term Holiday

Week commencing Wednesday 31st October – Week 1 of Winter menu

Week commencing Monday 5th November – Week 2

Our new Winter menu will be in place after the Half-Term holiday. A copy is attached and further copies of the new menu are now available on the School website and from the school offices.

Coats

As the weather has now turned colder, please ensure that your child has a named warm coat in school each day and suitable shoes.

Children can wear a tracksuit top and trousers for outdoor PE lessons if they wish.

Absence from School

Can we please remind you to call the school when your child is unwell and will be absent from school or if your child will be absent due to a medical appointment. Please call before 9.30am. There is an answerphone available if the School Office is busy or not open (you are able to leave a message 24 hours a day).

Please be aware that if we do not hear from you, we have to call all contacts that we have details for, until we are able to establish the reason for your child's absence.

Thank you.

Diary dates

Week commencing 15th October - Sponsored walk, jog or run in aid of the PTFA

15th – 18th October – Termly Learning Conferences

18th October – Chestnuts to Forest School

22nd – 26th October – Half Term Holiday

29th – 30th October – Non-Pupil Days

Friday 2nd November – Activities to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I

2nd November – PTFA meeting and coffee morning – all welcome

Monday 5th November – Individual school photos

Week commencing 19th November – Flu immunisations in school

15th and 22nd November – Year 6 trip to Duxford (a letter has been sent about this trip)

Week commencing 26th November – Last week of clubs this term

Term Dates for 2018-2019 Academic Year

Autumn Term: 5th September – 19th December

Half Term Holiday ~ 22nd – 26th October)

Spring Term: 3rd January – 5th April

(Half Term Holiday ~ 18th – 22nd February)

Summer Term: 23rd April – 24th July

(Half Term Holiday ~ 27th May – 31st May)

(Non-pupil days ~ 29th October, 30th October 2018, 3rd and 4th January 2019)