



The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 10th September, 2021

Welcome

How lovely it has been to welcome everybody back to school. The sound of children singing in assemblies, eating together in the dining hall and playing together outside in their small schools has been such a delight and something we have all missed over the past year. Yet again your children have amazed us as they adapt to the different arrangements that we have in place to keep everybody safe. You can see from the list of diary dates that valuable opportunities to engage in exciting curricular experiences with outside providers are once again being introduced.

The children have already produced some high quality work and I look forward to seeing more as the term progresses.

News

Ms Denny has married and becomes Mrs Green.
Miss Rice became engaged over the summer break and Mrs Christian is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her daughter, Maisy.
Congratulations to them all.

School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 13th September – Week 3
Week commencing Monday 20th September – Week 1
Week commencing Monday 27th September – Week 2

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.

After School Sports Clubs

After school sports clubs for Year 4 – 6 will start during the week commencing 13th September.

Please book your child's place via ParentPay.



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 summer holiday will now start on Friday 22nd July and there will be a non-pupil day on Thursday 21st July so the last day for the children to be in school will be Wednesday 20th July.

Learning Champions

Our Learning Champions for this year are:

Firs: Ava and Kasey
Elms: Delilah and Henry G
Sycamores: Freddie and Georgia
Willows: George and Cally
Oaks: Mia and Harry
Conifers: Isla and Frankie
Spruces: KC-Mae and Albie
Chestnuts: Dennis and Alea
Birches: Paige and Arthur
Poplars: Harley and Olivia
Rowans: Bastian and Daphne
Junipers: Caitlyn and Marshall
Cedars: Ellie-Mae and Rogan
Larches: Riley and Amelia T
Elders: Bonnie and Thomas
Hazels: Lilly and Liam
Beeches: Oscar and Isabelle
Yews: Riley and Alicia

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebration will be held during the week commencing Monday 4th October. We would welcome any donations of tinned or packet food (not fresh food), which will be passed to Braintree Food Bank to help local families in need. If you are able to make a donation of food, please could your child bring this into school on Monday 4th October.



School Uniform

Please ensure all items of school uniform are labelled with your child's name

Homework

Teachers have discussed homework activities with their classes. This includes reading as often as you can, Mathletics for Years 2 – 6, Times Tables Rockstars (Years 3 – 6) and the homework grid linked to the termly topic (Years 3 – 6). You will find further details on our website under the “Our Learning” tab.

Bikeability

There are just a couple of places still available on this year’s Bikeability courses for Year 6 pupils. Please call the School Office for more information.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

We would love to have some more new planters like the one outside the KS2 entrance which Abberton Rural Training donated. We need some volunteers to help plant them up. If you have time on **Tuesday morning next week, 14th September, 9am** to help we would be most grateful. Everything will be provided and we will meet outside the Key Stage 2 entrance. Please contact Abberton Rural Training if you are able to help (01245 975777 or email to: info@abbertonruraltraining.org) or let a member of our senior team know and we can pass on your name. Many thanks.

Termly Learning Conferences

Please see attached details of the Termly Learning Conferences for this year. Letters will be sent nearer the time, inviting parents and carers to their appointments.

Reminder

Please remember, dogs and puppies are not allowed on the school site at drop off and pick up. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Message to 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.

Well Done!

Well done to Archie in Year 5 who competed in Kent during the Summer holidays. It was a British Championship meeting and he came 2nd out of 16 of the best riders in the country. This was an amazing result as it was his first year in the Junior Class.



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.

Diary Dates

Mercury Theatre return to work with us every Wednesday
Week commencing Monday 13th September – After school sports clubs start for Years 4, 5 and 6
Monday 13th September – Brass instrument sessions commence for Year 5
Thursday 16th September – Gemma's Farm in school for all year groups
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st September – Bikeability for Beeches class
Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th September Bikeability for Hazels class
Thursday 23rd – Trip to cricket match for some Year 6 pupils
Monday 27th – Tuesday 28th September – Bikeability for Yews class
Wednesday 29th September – Football tournament for some Year 5 and Year 6 pupils
Week commencing Monday 4th October – Termly Learning Conferences – details to follow
Monday 4th October – Harvest Festival, donations of food to Braintree Food Bank
Monday 18th October – Flu immunisations in School
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
Friday 5th November – Trip to ballet at Royal Opera House in London for some pupils

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