



The Friday Flyer

John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 4th November 2022

Friendship Week

During the week of 14th – 18th November we will be celebrating Friendship Week at John Bunyan. We will be doing lots of activities to promote new friendships and consider what makes us unique and special.

As part of our Friendship Week, we will be celebrating Children in Need Day. Pupils can **wear something spotty** for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. (If they do not have something spotty, children may wear their own clothes for the day)

Donations to Children in Need can be made online, at <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk>
Please do not send cash donations into school.
Thank you.



School Photographs

We are delighted that the school photographer will be with us on Tuesday 8th November to take individual and sibling group photos. All pupils should bring home a ticket next week, with details of how to view their photo. Please be aware that the photos can take up to 5 working days to appear online.

Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Year 6 residential trip 2023
- Home School Agreements
- Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
- Young Voices
- School football team matches



Available on ParentPay

- Book bags
- PE bags
- Nursery and Reception Year snack



School Dinners

WINTER 2022 MENU

Week commencing Monday 7th November – Week 2
Week commencing Monday 14th November – 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.

Flu Immunisations

Reminder: Flu immunisations take place in school on Thursday 10th November. You need to have given permission for your child to receive this. If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0300 790 0597.

Safety Message

We have spoken to the children in assemblies about staying safe outside of school now that the mornings and evenings are darker, including crossing the road at a safe place and wearing bright clothing or something reflective to ensure they are seen by drivers.

We have also spoken to the children about following our Code of Conduct not only in school, but outside of school and especially when interacting with each other online.

Poppy Appeal

We have a limited number of poppies available and these will be sold on the gate in the mornings.



Sports Activities

Well done to our school football team for playing so well against Great Bradfords Juniors. The game ended in a 2-1 loss for John Bunyan but everyone played well and were great ambassadors for our school. Our next matches will be at home on 7th November against St Francis Primary and on 14th November we have a girls' match away, against Great Bradfords Juniors.

Year 7 Afternoon Tea

It was a pleasure to welcome back our previous Year 6 recently. We were so pleased to listen to all their stories and experiences at their new secondary schools.

Cold Weather

Please ensure your children have clothing for cold weather, including a named warm coat and suitable shoes.

PTFA Events

The next PTFA event will be our Christmas wreath making workshop for adults on Monday 28th November, now booking on ParentPay. Places are limited so please book soon to avoid disappointment!

Thursday 8th December – Bingo – Win a turkey for Christmas!

Harvest

Thank you for all the harvest festival food donations, which have been passed to Braintree Foodbank to help families in need in our area. We collected an amazing **282.5 kg** of food!



Foundation Stage Parents and Carers (Reception Year and Nursery)

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



100% Attendance

Well done to Georgia in Chestnuts class who won the 100% attendance prize draw. There were 266 pupils in total who have 100% attendance so well done to them all. Georgia and her family have won tickets to Braintree Rugby Club Grand Fireworks Display.



Reminder – PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. The kit should include a plain white T shirt, green or black shorts and plimsoles or trainers. Pupils can wear a tracksuit or similar for outdoor PE lessons, if they wish.

The Essex County Council policy is that NO earrings should be worn for PE. Please ensure that your child does not wear earrings on the day their class has PE if they cannot remove them on their own. We also ask that long hair is tied back for PE. Thank you.

Termly Learning Conferences

Termly Learning Conferences for the remainder of this year will be as follows:

Spring Term – week beginning 27th February 2023

Summer Term – week beginning 12th June 2023
(Year 6 – week beginning 11th July 2023)

Please see the school website for TLC and report arrangements.

School Applications for Reception Year 2023

From 7 November 2022 you can apply online for your child to join us in reception year in September 2023. Applications are open until 15th January 2023, via www.essex.gov.uk

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 21st November
Monday 19th December
Come along for an informal chat

Please also see below a link to The Bridge SEND bulletin for November:

[Family Bridge Bulletin – November Edition](#)

Christmas Diary Dates

Please see attached details of our Christmas activities.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Rice on the birth of her little girl, Autumn, on 22nd October.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th November – School photographs - individual and sibling groups

Thursday 10th November – Flu immunisations in school

Thursday 10th November – Year 2 Superhero Day

Friday 11th November – Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum, London

Monday 28th November – PTFA event for parents/carers – Christmas wreath making

Thursday 8th December – PTFA event – Bingo – win a turkey for Christmas!

Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

Autumn Term: **Thursday 1st September 2022 – Tuesday 20th December 2022**

Half Term Holiday Monday 24th – Friday 28th October

Non-Pupil Days: Thursday 1st Sept, Friday 2nd Sept, Friday 21st Oct, Monday 31st Oct

Bank Holiday Monday 19th September

Spring Term:

Thursday 5th January 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

Half Term Holiday Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Summer Term:

Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023

Half Term Holiday Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May