



# The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022



### Message from Mrs Bailey

Dear Families, this is my last full week as Headteacher of John Bunyan Primary School and Nursery. I have been Headteacher in our school for seventeen and a half very special years. I have stayed here for all these years because of your wonderful children and the amazing, incredibly talented staff who have been a great privilege to work with. I leave with so many happy memories; everyday the children have made me laugh even when things have been challenging. I will miss hearing all their stories, looking at their fabulous work, hearing them sing and seeing their happy smiles. I have reminded them to believe in themselves and to work hard, but above all to be kind – to take care of themselves, their families, their friends, their teachers and our planet. Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Ledwith will take great care of our children next term together with all the staff in Team John Bunyan and I know that our school will continue to go from strength to strength. Mrs Waters is excited to join you as the new Headteacher after Easter and I know you will make her very welcome.

On behalf of the Governors, staff and myself, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a wonderful 2023.

### Reminder

**Last day of term:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
(normal collection time)

**Return to School:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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Please note there will be no Stay and Play on Monday due to the Mini Market and no Year 1 story times the last week of term.

### School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Week 2  
Christmas Holidays

Week commencing Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Week 1

Copies of the school dinner menu are always available to view on our website [www.johnbunyan.co.uk](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) and paper copies are available from the school office.

### Christmas jumper/something festive day

We invite everyone to wear a Christmas jumper or something festive to school on our last day of term, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not buy something especially for the day – a top dressed up with tinsel/decorations will be great!



Donations can be made to Save the Children online at

[www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate-here)

### FS and KS1 mini market

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our annual Mini Market for **Nursery, Reception Year, Year 1 & 2 pupils**. Children will be able to buy Christmas presents for members of their family – Mums, Dads, Grandparents and siblings! On the day the children can buy up to 3 gifts, prices will range from 50p to £1.00, money should be brought in in a named purse or envelope. After shopping the children will wrap and label their presents. This will be an exciting cross-curricular learning opportunity whilst being great fun! We do hope all the children will have the opportunity to participate.

### Reading

Turn the Subtitles on and help your child learn to read!  
Research shows that by simply turning on the subtitles on your television exposes children to countless words and subsequently helps children learn to read.



So curl up on a cosy sofa this Christmas, watch a family film and **TURN ON THE SUBTITLES!**

### Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Young Voices
- Chestnuts swimming
- Soft archery tournament for KS1 some pupils
- Year 3 Egyptian day
- Year 1 trip to Hedingham Castle
- Young Carers referrals

**Please remember to check your ParentPay items regularly to see if you need to add consent to any items. Thank you.**



### 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.

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised a fantastic **£386.05**.



### Swimming

**Chestnuts** will start swimming on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Please add your child's swimming ability via ParentPay.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Come along for an informal chat

### School Applications for Reception Year 2023

You can now apply online for your child to join us in reception year in September 2023. Applications are open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023, via

[www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk)

### Elms Class

As previously advised, Mrs Thatcher will be our Inclusion Lead when Mrs Jagger leaves next week to take up a new position. We will be welcoming Miss Walton, an experienced year 2 teacher, into Elms Class on Mondays and Tuesdays to job share with Mrs Cutmore. Miss Walton will be meeting the children before the end of term and will be working closely with Mrs Cutmore to ensure a smooth and successful transition. Please join us in welcoming Miss Walton into our school community in January.

# Diary Dates

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Mini market for Nursery, Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2 children

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term, Christmas jumper day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Back to School



## Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

**Autumn Term:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

*Half Term Holiday Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October*

*Non-Pupil Days: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct*

*Bank Holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September*

**Spring Term:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

*Half Term Holiday Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February*

**Summer Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

*Half Term Holiday Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June*

**Non-Pupil Day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

*Bank Holidays: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May*