



# The Friday Flyer John Bunyan Primary School & Nursery



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023

## Termly Learning Conferences

Thank you to everyone who took part in termly learning conferences this week.

After school clubs will resume next week.

## Living Eggs

We look forward to our eggs arriving in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Living Eggs is a 10 day chick hatching programme and all pupils will get to meet our chicks when they hatch.



## Green Team

The Year 3 members of the Green Team wanted to help improve biodiversity in the local community. They chose to use the Essex Wildlife Trust information on how to build a hedgehog house. This is attached.

## Non-Pupil Day

Our next Non-Pupil Day for staff training will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, immediately after the Easter holidays. Pupils come back to school after the holidays on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

## Trips and Activities now booking

- Permission to walk home alone (Years 5&6)
- Home School Agreements
- Space dome for Year 5
- Boydells Farm trip for Reception Year
- Braintree Museum trip for Year 2
- Big Sing performance – Singing Club
- Year 3 performance
- Year 6 residential trip contacts
- Year 6 swimming trip
- Spruces swimming (on ParentPay from 6<sup>th</sup> March)
- Year 5 performance



## School Dinners

Week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Week 3  
Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Week 1  
Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Week 2  
Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Week 3

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.

## Comic Relief



We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March with a non-uniform day. The children can come to school in their own clothes.

Donations to this charity can be made at [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com)

Please do not send cash donations into school.

## Victorian Day for Year 2

Elms: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Firs: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Sycamores: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March



We would like the children to dress up for this day as Victorian children. We suggest that boys wear long trousers tucked into their socks or jogging bottoms, a plain shirt (old shirt with collar removed) perhaps a waistcoat and a flat cap. We suggest that girls wear a long dress or skirt and perhaps an apron and a shawl.

## World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day yesterday, with some great dressing up outfits on show and lots of activities in classes.

### Cross-country running event

Well done to all our Key Stage 2 cross-country runners! They showed incredible determination and we had several top-10 finishes.



### Crossing Patrol: Coldnailhurst Avenue

We have been asked by Essex County Council to remind parents and pupils to use the School Crossing Patrol on Coldnailhurst Avenue safely. There have been reports of people crossing the road behind the Patrol, where she cannot see them. This is dangerous as it is not immediately clear to the Patrol and drivers that the pedestrians walking behind are actually crossing. Thank you.

### 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**

Please inform the school if your child will be absent or late for any reason (01376 321814).

### Holidays and absence in Term Time

It is the position of the Local Authority that pupils should not be granted leave of absence in term time unless for an **exceptional reason**. To comply with the attendance regulations parents **MUST** please complete an absence request form for any time that they are planning to take their child out of school, even if they know that it will be unauthorised. It is the directive of the Local Authority that if a parent decides to take their child out of school for **5 days or more** that they will incur a Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child. This money does not go to the school but to the Local Authority.

### Lateness

Since September, the number of late arrivals at school has been increasing. Obviously occasional late arrival at school can be unavoidable, however, when lateness is more frequent the children concerned may become anxious and miss valuable teaching times. Lateness also causes disruption to the class and therefore we are asking for your co-operation to ensure that your child/children attend punctually in the future.

Foundation Stage and Lower School (Years R, 1, 2): Gates open 8.45 a.m. and registration closes 8.55 a.m.

Middle and Upper School (Years 3, 4, 5, 6): Gates open 8.40 a.m. and registration closes 8.55 a.m.

**Children arriving after 8.55 a.m. are required to come into the school via the school office with a parent/carers who must sign them in.**

# Diary Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Green Team pupils on a local walk  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Girls football match at Rayne Primary  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Elms class to Braintree Museum for Victorian Day  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Spacedome in school for Year 5  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Firs class to Braintree Museum for Victorian Day  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Sycamores class to Braintree Museum for Victorian Day  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Living Eggs arrive in school  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 residential trip  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (non-uniform day for pupils)  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Last swimming for Chestnuts class  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Singing Club to perform at Bocking Arts Centre  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Last after school clubs  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Year trip to Boydells Farm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 performances at 9.15am and 2.00pm  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 performances at 9.15am and 2.15pm  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – last day of term, break up for the Easter holidays  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Non pupil day for staff training  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Back to School for start of the Summer Term

## Term Dates for 2022-2023 Academic Year

**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*

### Term Dates

Term dates and non-pupil days for the academic year 2023-2024 are now available on the school website  
[www.johnbunyan.co.uk](http://www.johnbunyan.co.uk) under the "Parents" tab.