



# QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## School Newsletter

12th Jan 2018

### EYFS

This week we have been practising our adding skills and learning to measure items using a ruler. The children have really enjoyed measuring each other and objects around the classroom.

The children particularly enjoyed the 'Winter Craft Day' and were very proud of the things that they have created. They worked well in a mixed class setting and were excited to do activities with new friends.

Next week we are going to be looking at 'The Lighthouse keepers lunch' and have a go at making our own lunch boxes and lighthouses. Any junk modelling materials you may have at home would be gratefully received.

Many thanks to those parents who responded to the EYFS questionnaire about transition arrangements - we had a 32% response rate. It was pleasing to read many positive comments and we will be working as a team to review all comments and suggestions for future intakes. Your honesty was very much appreciated.

Just a reminder that Oak Class will be visiting the woods on Tuesday. Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing their school uniform with wood clothes on over the top. They will need to bring a carrier bag for their wood clothes for when they return to school. Any parents who would like to join us are warmly welcomed but just to remind you that we are not insured to have younger siblings attend.

Have a lovely weekend!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a very successful week in school and the children are settling back into the routine very well. This week has seen many pupils completing their current maths cards which is excellent - 2018 is proving to be very successful so far!

We are looking ahead to our midyear Parent Consultations, which this year will be held as usual just before half term, on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February. Timing sheets will be available early next week so that you can book a convenient appointment. We very much look forward to seeing you at these consultations, as it offers an opportunity for us to share your child's achievements in school and also to suggest some guidelines regarding areas for their future development. If you are unable to make the consultation times available, please talk to your child's class teacher so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

We wish you an enjoyable weekend,

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward - Head Teacher

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **92.73%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 96.19%	Oak YrR 82.61%	Elm Yr1 94.54%	Beech Yr1 97.59%	Birch Yr2 96.55%	Hazel Yr2 88.06%
Absences	8	40	16	7	10	37
Lateness	1	2		5	3	3

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 - 97.9%, Grey = 91 - 94.9%, Blue = 85 - 90.9%, Red = <84.9%

**Year 6 Residential Payments** - Please make sure that you are up-to-date with your instalments. Instalment due dates can be found on the original paperwork and are listed on SIMS Agora. **Due dates are:-**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - £32.50 (overdue)  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 - £32.50  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - £32.50  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 - £32.50

Please ensure that you make your payments on time to ensure the security of your child's place on the trip. Thank you.

### \*\*\*KS2\*\*\* Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **97.13%**

	Maple Yr3 99.64%	Rowan Yr3 92.33%	Holly Yr4 95.33%	Willow Yr4 97.33%	Hawthorn Yr5 99.29%	Sycamore Yr5 98.67%	Chestnut Yr6 97.33%	Aspen Yr6 97.39%
Absences	1	23	14	8	2	4	8	8
Lateness	1	2	1	5		6	1	1

Gold = 98 -100%, Green = 95 - 97.9%, Grey = 91 - 94.9%, Blue = 85 - 90.9%, Red = <84.9%



love learning  
care for everyone  
aim high

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

Applications close for  
September 2018 EYFS  
places on  
**Monday (15<sup>th</sup> Jan).**

Applications should be  
submitted via  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)



This Weeks  
Character Counts  
Award was  
presented to:  
Samantha C

For: Being kind to everyone and  
being a wonderful friend. She  
always keeps the Purple Promises  
and is a good role model to those  
around her. She is a delight to have  
in the class; she always makes  
people smile.



To this week's Head Teacher  
Award Winners:

Holly I - Ash  
Kamil J - Oak  
Sydney T - Elm  
Sanjay A - Beech  
Dylan D - Birch  
Shanelle O - Hazel  
Dominic P - Maple  
Indie-Bo M - Rowan  
Jemima S - Holly  
Sam B - Willow  
Ella-Nicol G - Hawthorn  
Jamie B - Sycamore  
Ozcan R - Aspen  
Bailey Q - Chestnut

## Year One Trip Hollytrees Museum Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Please ensure that we have  
received your reply slips and  
payments by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January at  
the very latest.

Earlier if at all possible.  
Thank you.

## This week's Golden Dustpan

### Award Goes To...



## Maple Class

## Hello From Our Breakfast Club Team...



## Breakfast Club

Is available (Term Time Only) from  
7.30am to 8.40am - Monday to Friday - £3 per Session

Children are able to take part in a range of activities laid out around the hall and enjoy a two-course breakfast of:-

Cereal or Toast followed by Yogurt or Fruit and a cup of juice, squash or water.

Breakfast is served from 7.30a.m. until 8.30 a.m.

**ALL sessions MUST be pre-booked by telephoning the school office on 01206 844654 at least one day before the required session.**

A great big **THANK YOU** for the very kind and generous donations of games we received following our appeal to top our resources.

This Week's  
Presentation Awards  
go to...



Sanjay  
&  
Fennton



DEAR  
PARENTS

**Correspondence Sent Out This Week**  
Missed letters can be download from the  
school's website or requested from the school  
office.

- Board Game Club – permission letter
- Yr5, Maz Evans Author Visit

# IMPORTANT - Attendance & Punctuality Reminders

Good and punctual attendance from day one is expected, and vital, to your child getting the very best from their education. All parents are required to, as part of the schools pre admission procedures, complete a New Pupil Record whereby they read and sign (the statements are copied below) to acknowledge their acceptance and understanding of each of the statements. The impact of a missed lesson or loss of a full days learning should never be underestimated. If they have missed it, they have not learnt it.

**Medical Appointments:** Routine medical appointments such as surgery visits, eye tests and dental check-ups should be made outside of the normal school day, at weekends or during school holidays.

**Additional note:-** Evidence of an appointment will always be requested.

**Holidays:** National guidelines state that schools can no longer authorise any term time holidays (except in extreme, exceptional circumstance). Therefore, all family breaks must be taken during the 14-week school holiday period.

**Additional note:-** All unauthorised holidays taken (that meet the required criteria) will be subject to an Essex County issued (via Attendance Solutions) penalty notice of £60, to each parent, for each child, to be paid within 21 days. If the penalty is not paid within the required time-scale, the penalty will increase to £120 for each parent, for each child.

**Absences:** Should your child need to be absent from school due to a valid absence reason, parents are required, by law, to inform the school daily of the reason. The school request you do this by 10am.

**Additional note:-** Failure to do so may result in the absence being record as an 'O' code unauthorised absence.

Changes to the Essex Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices from the 1st October 2017 state that:-

- A penalty notice may be issued if 10 unauthorised absences have occurred during a 10 week period
- A penalty notice may be issued if there are 6 or more unauthorised sessions (3 days) due to a holiday during the first two weeks of September.

**Punctuality:** The school gates are opened at 8:40am, children must be through the gates by 8.55am, when the gates will be locked, allowing time for pupils to make their way around to their classroom ready for a prompt 9am registration. Those arriving later than 8.55am will need to come into school via the front entrance and will be marked in the register as 'Late' from 9am.

**Additional note:-** Persistent lateness will result in a request to attend a School Attendance Meeting with Attendance Solutions and, if improvements are not noted, a penalty notice may be issued for 'failing to ensure your child attends school regularly'.

**Foundation Stage Admission:** - Children do not (legally) have to attend full time education until the term after their 5th birthday. By choosing to take up a full time place offered at Queen Boudica, families of Foundation Stage pupils are agreeing to adhere to the same Attendance and Punctuality Policy as the rest of the school from the moment of joining us.

**IMPORTANT:-** New legislation comes into force from September 2018 whereby Penalty Notices can (and will) be issued to parents/carers of any pupils that have 6 sessions (3days) or more of unauthorised absences recorded during the first two weeks of September. Queen Boudica Primary School will be enforcing these Penalty Notices to discourage absences at this vital, start of new academic year, time.

**Thank you for your anticipated support.**



Our Friends and Family Association is in its eighth year. We have with the children's help raised over £30,000 in that time and been able to provide extra curricular activities and equipment that have gone to benefit every child at our school.

Do you see yourself as part of this successful team, helping to raise funds, organising events, rallying families and friends to come along and take part in our events.

We are looking for new people to come on board with new and exciting ideas. Can you offer a few hours of help at events, organise events? Is that you?

We will be holding our annual AGM on  
FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2018 AT 3.30PM  
in the main school hall.

SAVE THE DATE.

If you are interested and would like a taster of what is required come along and help out at our School Bazaar on the 24/11/17. Please contact Helene Debattista for further information.

## EXTRA TUITION – SPACES AVAILABLE. Every Thursday After School at Queen Boudica

Queen Boudica Primary School, iAchieve Extra Tuition Centre.



As you may know, your school has its own **iAchieve Extra Tuition Centre** offering highly effective, private tuition in a number of different areas including **English, maths, confidence building, SATS preparation and 11+ coaching.**

Sessions are offered by Learning Academies Ltd every Thursday after school, with a choice of two session times (3.15-4.15pm and 4.15-5.15pm). Alternatively, students can access the **iAchieve Saturday School**, based at Essex Uni.

The tuition offered is personalised to suit YOUR child, with Individual Learning Plans created to include targets identified by your child's class teacher as well as areas identified by the ongoing assessments of Learning Academies.

Sessions are highly focused with a strong emphasis on raising attainment as well as encouraging confidence, self-motivation and a genuine love of learning. Inspiring use of iPads to maximise progress and motivation, combined with more traditional tutoring too. The progress made by iAchieve students is first rate.



The iAchieve Programme works in partnership to:

- Significantly improve attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- Raise confidence, encourage a positive mind-set and improve self-motivation.
- Encourage a genuine love of learning that is child centred and impact driven.
- SATs preparation
- We can also provide a highly effective, focused and challenging 11+ programme



A limited number of places are now available and places are strictly limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis.

For more information please call 0845 463 1342 (Local rate), or email [info@learningacademies.co.uk](mailto:info@learningacademies.co.uk)

Places can also be secured via the website at [www.learningacademies.co.uk](http://www.learningacademies.co.uk)

