



# QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## School Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### EYFS

This week we have started our new topic 'Journeys and Transport'. The children loved hearing the story of 'The Naughty Bus' and have made up their own stories about vehicles. They have been creating textures with paint, sticking windows and doors on buses and driving vehicles through paint.

We have been revisiting 2D and 3D shape, naming them and looking at properties such as sides, corners, faces, edges and vertices.

Oak Class had a lovely time pond dipping at the woods and enjoyed identifying the creature they had caught before releasing them back into the pond. Next week it will be Ash Class visiting the Woods and they will be pond dipping. You are warmly invited to come and join us on the adventure to the pond.

As the weather is now getting warmer can you please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked in their jumpers/cardigans as we have been juggling a lot of unnamed ones this week.

Have a lovely weekend in the sun!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely sunny week we've had! It's been really nice to see the children wearing their summer dresses and shorts. Thank you also for ensuring that they are wearing suncream and have hats and sunglasses if they wish to wear them.

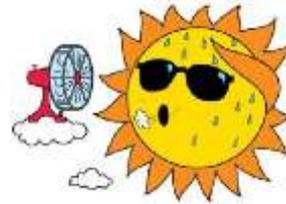
Everyone looked really smart for their photos yesterday: thank you. The photographer was very impressed with pupils' good manners and sensible behaviour as he grouped them for their pictures. We're looking forward to seeing the results.

We've finalised dates for this term so that you can add these to your diaries. We'll be in touch again regarding Sports Day, but are planning to hold it all on one day this year, with (weather permitting!) a family picnic lunch at midday as this was very enjoyable last year.

We hope that everyone has a lovely weekend and enjoys the long awaited sun this weekend,

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward  
Head Teacher



**It is Hot!**

**Please ensure that children are sent into school with hats and lathered in sun cream!**



**Staff will remind pupils to reapply their cream before they head out at lunchtime so please make sure they know how and where to apply it. Thank you.**

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **97.94%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 100%	Oak YrR 100%	Elm Yr1 95.92%	Beech Yr1 96.98%	Birch Yr2 97.93%	Hazel Yr2 97.94%
Absences			12	9	6	7
Lateness					2	2

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

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

Attendance for this Week: **98.34%**

	Maple Yr3 99.27%	Rowan Yr3 99.33%	Holly Yr4 100%	Willow Yr4 99.31%	Hawthorn Yr5 95.71%	Sycamore Yr5 95.33%	Chestnut Yr6 97.67%	Aspen Yr6 100%
Absences	2	2		2	12	14	7	
Lateness			2	2	1	2	5	1

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**The cost of a school lunch will increase to £2 from 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

Those in receipt of Income Based and Universal Free School Meals will continue to receive their school lunches free of charge.

If you think you may be entitled to Income Based Free School Meals apply via <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

**Yr 4 Swimming Lessons  
Can You Help?**



Year 4's swimming lessons begin next Monday, the 23rd April.

We will need two volunteers per class, each week, to walk to and from the pool with pupils and teaching staff. Volunteers would need to be available from 12.40pm until apx 2.45pm.

If you are able to help each week or on any individual dates, please let the school office know.

**Thank you.**



To this week's Head Teacher

*Award Winners:*

**Melina – Ash Class**  
**Maryam – Oak Class**  
**Thomas – Elm Class**  
**Benjy – Beech Class**  
**Freya – Birch Class**  
**Saleh – Hazel Class**  
**Oliver – Maple Class**  
**Amy – Rowan Class**  
**Tyler – Holly Class**  
**Matilde – Willow Class**  
**Derrick – Hawthorn Class**  
**Aishnni – Sycamore Class**  
**Jack – Aspen Class**  
**Paris - Chestnut Class**

*There was also a music award for guitar given to*

**Joshua in Willow Class**



**Correspondence Sent Out This Week**

Missed letters can be download from the school's website or requested from the school office.

- Sycamore Class – Cover Teacher
- EYFS - Cookery Letter

**Places Available (Regular & Adhoc) In Both Breakfast Club & Smiley After School Club**

## Smiley Troop After School Care

Smiley Troop is a pre-bookable childcare service available to parents of children that attend Queen Boudica Primary School. Most spaces are taken up by 'regular' contracted bookings but one off 'adhoc' sessions are often available.

There are now two session types to choose from. You will NOT be able to swap between the two but must commit to that which best suits your needs at the time of booking.

**Smiley Half Session – 3.05pm to 4.45pm - £4 a session**

Children will have access to all of the usual activities and resources during this session and will be provided with a small snack at around 3.45pm to keep them topped up until teatime at home.

**Smiley Full Session – 3.05pm to 6.30pm - £8 a session**

As well as the above, children attending up until the new, later time of 6.30pm will be provided with a light tea at around 5pm. Tea will consist of a drink, a light meal such as beans on toast, half jacket potato, pasta or a sandwich and a dessert such as yogurt or fruit.

Children have many activities to choose from whilst at Smiley Troop including a weekly themed craft activity and a selection of toys and games. Computers are also available for children to use as well as a quiet table for homework.

## Breakfast Club

**7.30am to 8.40am - Monday to Friday - £3 per Session**

Children will be 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.**

# SCHOOL DIARY

23<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 6 Parents - Residential Meeting -3.15pm

1<sup>st</sup> May- EYFS Library Trip

14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

18<sup>th</sup> May – Royal Wedding Non-Uniform Day  
Dress in 'Red, White & Blue'

21<sup>st</sup> May – 'Wouldn't it be boring' week

25<sup>th</sup> May – End of KS1 SATs

4<sup>th</sup> June – Non Pupil Day

6<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Tudor Day

11<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS parent meeting

11<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 phonics screening

19<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS (2018) Visits

20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip

21<sup>st</sup> June - EYFS (2018) Visits

26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day: time and venue TBC

29<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day

29<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 'Great British Bake Off' Event  
1.00-3.00 pm

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> July – St Benedict's Year 7 transition days

9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 5/6 performance week (Days & Times TBC)

17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leavers BBQ (Time TBC)

20<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers' Assembly (Time TBC)



## While Driving

We have been informed that some parents have been using mobile phones whilst driving outside school. Please be aware that the law states that:

"It is illegal to use a handheld mobile phone or similar device when driving a car or riding a motorcycle. You can only use a handheld phone if you are safely parked or need to call 999 or 112 in an emergency and it's unsafe or impractical to stop. If you are caught using a handheld phone, you can get 6 penalty points on your licence and a fine of £200."

For the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our community, please can we reinforce the importance of this. The roads around school are challenging enough during peak periods and we must all do our utmost to ensure the safety of our school and local community. Thank you everyone.

This week's presentation awards go to...



Tallulah  
Beech Class  
&  
Oscar  
Holly Class



This Weeks Character Counts Award was presented to:

For:

**Raul in Willow Class**

Approaching every aspect of school life with a positive attitude and a smile on his face. He is hard working, keen to learn and takes on board feedback from adults. He is polite, courteous and conscientious. He is kind to all around him, a super role model for other children and a delight to have in the classroom.

Well done Raul!

## This week's Golden Dustpan

**Award Goes To...**



**Sycamore Class**

**NEW School Uniform Supplier**



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