



## QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# School Newsletter

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## EYFS

It has been lovely to see all the children settle back into the routine so well after the Christmas holidays. The children were very excited to tell us all about what they have been up to and the time they spent with their families over the break. The children have enjoyed reuniting with their friends again and we have seen some lovely playing and learning together.

We have shared some nice circle times talking about our purple promises and how we can be a good friend this year. This was particularly helpful as we have welcomed a new class member into Reception and have some more 'soon to be' friends in the coming weeks.

Just a reminder that Forest School will be starting on Tuesday (9th) for Ash Class. Please speak to your class teacher if you would like to join us. Oak Class will start the following Tuesday (16th). Please ensure that children are wrapped up warm with layers over their school uniform. If you have any other queries please let us know.

Have a lovely weekend ready for the first full week back ☺

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We all hope that you and your family have enjoyed the holiday and that 2018 has started well for you. It's been lovely to see the children's enthusiasm as they returned yesterday, and to hear all about their holidays.

I'm sure your child has already told you about their new topic for the term, but if you'd like any further information, please do ask class teachers who will be only too happy to help with your enquiries.

We are looking forward to the start of the Spring weather and slightly longer hours of daylight so that we can get our polytunnel up and running. If you are interested in gardening and would like to be involved in any way, please do let us know: your help would be much appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Clare Woodward  
Headteacher

## Extra-Curricular Music Lessons Begin Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January

If you have booked your Year 3 to 6 child a place, **please ensure that the fees are paid in full prior to the lessons starting.** Failure to do so may result in your child missing their first lesson.



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.



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## 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.**

## Change of School Uniform Supplier Coming Soon...



Following feedback from parents who have been unhappy with the service received from our current uniform supplier, Tesco, we have spent time researching the market place for a new, reliable school uniform supplier that can offer good quality products at a competitive price.

Our new supplier, based in Clacton, will be Anglia School Wear.

Once set up (we will let you know when we are ready to go live) Anglia School Wear will hold stocks of all of our core, embroidered items, this means that items ordered will (subject to availability) be dispatched the next working day.

### Items To Be Stocked:-

Crew Neck Sweatshirt – Purple, Logo'd - £9.25

V-Neck Sweatshirt – Purple, Logo'd - £9.75

Sweat Cardigan – Purple, Logo'd - £11.25

Polo Shirt – White, Logo'd - £6.25

PE T-shirt – White, Logo'd - £5

Shadow Stripe PE Shorts – Black - £4.75

PE Bags – Purple, Logo'd - £4.25

Zip Up Fleece – Purple, Logo'd - £12.50

Reversible (Waterproof/Fleece) Jacket - Purple, Logo'd - £19

Backpack - Purple, Logo'd - £11

Classic Bookbag - Purple, Logo'd - £5.75

Jnr Document Case - Purple, Logo'd - £10.50

Parents will have the choice of collecting orders placed (free of delivery charges) or having them delivered to their home address (free for orders over £50, £3.75 for orders under £50). If you have older children at a local secondary school, such as St Helena or The Gilbert, you will be able to order uniform from their school shop too – thus cutting down on delivery costs.



### Correspondence Sent Out This Week

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

- Elm Class –  
Re Mrs Flynn



Until the changeover is announced, please continue to buy your embroidered school uniform through TESCO at:-

[www.tesco.com/Kids/Uniform](http://www.tesco.com/Kids/Uniform)