



# QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## School Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

### EYFS

This week in EYFS the children got very excited about the snow and ice and enjoyed exploring it outside, using language such as 'melting' and 'freezing'. We had planned to have a 'Winter Craft Day' on Tuesday but as we were not in school this will be carried over to **Wednesday 10th January**. If your kind offers for help are still available for this day, please come and see your child's teacher.

We have been continuing our learning about 3D shapes this week, naming some and looking at **faces, edges and vertices**.

The children enjoyed a relaxing yoga session this morning and practised stretching their muscles and becoming more spatially aware.

We have all been very excited to find out about our new tribes and look forward to working with our mixed-age tribal peers next week on the Winter Challenge!

Our EYFS party will be next Wednesday 20th Dec. We would be grateful if you could sign up to bring in an item of food for that day, if you haven't already done so - lists will be on display on the home time doors. Apologies to parents we have already spoken to about party clothes. Children CAN wear their party clothes to school all day next Wednesday (but should be appropriate for outdoor play and the weather).

Have a great weekend!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've reached the end of another incredibly busy but fun-filled week at school: thank you all for your support to us.

We've enjoyed class parties, wonderful performances from KS1, (including Dozy Donkeys and Grumpy Camels!) and today our Christmas lunch was fantastic. A very big 'thank you' to Mrs. Szymanska and Mrs. Clynick and their teams for cooking such delicious food and ensuring that the whole process ran smoothly from start to finish. Thank you to the FAFA for providing everyone with a cracker, and to all the adults who joined in and helped out today. It was a lovely end to the week!

The children looked wonderful in their Christmas jumpers today: thank you for helping us to participate in this event. It really added to our festive feeling in school and made our Christmas lunch even more enjoyable.

Our newly formed Tribes had their first meeting yesterday and we're getting excited about our Winter Challenge next Monday and Tuesday. If children would like to come to school in their coloured sports day t shirt (or bring it with them in their bags) then they're welcome to do so. It's been lovely to see our older pupils enjoying looking after their younger friends and helping them get to know each other.

We all wish you a restful weekend and look forward to our last few days of term next week,

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward  
Head Teacher

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor


Attendance for this Week: **94.89%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 97.73%	Oak YrR 89.29%	Elm Yr1 95.32%	Beech Yr1 97.84%	Birch Yr2 89.66%	Hazel Yr2 98.39%
Absences	4	18	11	5	24	4
Lateness	3	0	0	4	1	0

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: **95.21%**

	Maple Yr3 92.67%	Rowan Yr3 90.42%	Holly Yr4 94.17%	Willow Yr4 97.9%	Hawthorn Yr5 96.55%	Sycamore Yr5 97.41%	Chestnut Yr6 95%	Aspen Yr6 97.54%
Absences	17	23	14	5	8	6	12	6
Lateness	0	0	4	4	4	1	2	2

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# SCHOOL DIARY

## Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 11am

The setting of the festive Tribal challenge (in the hall)

## Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – AM

Tribal Challenge's continue...

## Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – 1.30pm

The Judging of the Tribal Challenge

## Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 9.10am

End of Term Festive, Celebratory Assembly (to include musical performances)

## 21<sup>st</sup> Dec to 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

Festive Break

## Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan

Non-Pupil Days

## Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Jan – 9.30am

EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around



### Correspondence Sent Out This Week

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

- EYFS Questionnaire
- Whole School – Festive Update Letter



To this week's Head Teacher

Award Winners:

Patryk – Ash Class

Poppy – Oak Class

Bobby – Elm Class

Patryk – Beech Class

Michael – Birch Class

Connor – Hazel Class

Lola – Maple Class

Rococo-Rose – Rowan Class

Nanilla – Holly Class

Aaliyah – Willow Class

Bethan – Hawthorn Class

Harry – Sycamore Class

Ollie – Aspen Class

William – Chestnut Class

## This week's Golden Dustpan

### Award Goes To...



## ASH Class



### And The FIRST Place Winner is...

**\*\*\*Aspen Class\*\*\* with their Harry Potter Themed Christmas Tree**

Mrs Jessop would now like Aspen to be known as Awesome Aspen!

Congratulations to the runners up:-

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Elm Class with 'The Dragon Sitters Christmas

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Birch Class with Charlie And The Chocolate Factory

**4<sup>th</sup> Place** – Hazel Class with 'The Hungry Caterpillar'

If you have not yet marvelled at each class's creation, please do pop into the library after school to take a look. They really are quiet amazing. Well done to everyone involved.

### This Week's Presentation Awards go to...

Rachel in Sycamore Class

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## Term Time Holidays – An Important Reminder

We are concerned to note the seemingly constant stream of 'Applications For Term Time Leave of Absence' forms submitted by parents of Queen Boudica pupils. Term times are for education, pupils and families have 175 days off school, including weekends and school holidays, to spend time together. Taking children out of school during term time can be detrimental to children's educational progress. There is no entitlement to parents to take their children out of school during term time.

The school will only authorise a term time holiday in genuinely exceptional circumstance. Where an unauthorised holiday is taken, the school will request that a penalty notice be issued (through Essex County via Attendance Solutions) to each parent of £60\* for each child taken out of school. \*Increasing to £120 if not paid within 21 days.

**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.



**Lost Property** Please ensure that you check Lost Property for any lost items BEFORE we break for Christmas. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of on the last day of term.



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**Christmas Holiday**  
21/12 - Colchester, Stanway St Andrews Hall - 3.30pm  
22/12 - Clacton, Brotherhood Hall - 3.30pm  
28/12 - Colchester, Stanway St Andrews Hall - 3.30pm  
29/12 - Clacton, Brotherhood Hall - 3.30pm

**After School Club - Booking Now Open!**  
Mondays Colchester Stanway Rovers 3.50pm  
Tuesdays Clacton Brotherhood Hall 4pm

Enjoy our sessions every week!  
Limited space available. Siblings are welcome.

Parents and Carers are required to stay the entire session which lasts 45min. Class sizes are limited to 12 and we can't wait to meet you! We will provide a fun filled session in a totally relaxed and welcoming environment where everyone is included, whatever the ability. Siblings welcome.

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Thank you to our **Magnificent Catering Team** for today's delicious whole school Christmas lunch.



**Foundation Stage Intake, September 2018**

**National Closing Date For ALL  
Foundation Stage September 2018  
Applications**

is

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Applications should be made online at  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

Parents will be notified by ELA of places  
allocated on National Offer Day

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**



Sycamore class had a very exciting delivery from Maz Evans, author of their Book Tree book 'Who Let the God's out' this week. Maz loved the photos of the tree that they sent her and very kindly sent gifts to put underneath it; signed copies of both books and a signed postcard for each child.