



QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL



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School Newsletter

20th Oct 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for making time to attend Parent Consultations this week: it was lovely to see so many families in school. If you weren't able to attend and would like a consultation, please speak to your child's teacher who will be happy to arrange a convenient time.

It has been lovely to see the variety of 'pink-themed' outfits in school today! Thank you all for helping your child to find something pink to wear. We are delighted to have raised the sum of £333.65 to donate to Breast Cancer Awareness from today's 'Wear it Pink' day. If you didn't make a donation today but would like to, please pass your money to the office.

Please don't forget that Monday 30th October is a non-pupil day: school is closed to children but we look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday 31st.

We are pleased to share details of our forthcoming Christmas performances (see diary dates) and look forward to celebrating this special time of year with you all.

It's been a very busy but successful half term at school: we all thank you for your ongoing positive support and wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday.

Clare Woodward

Ms Clare Woodward

EYFS

This week in EYFS we have been very busy getting everything ready for the tea party. We hope you had a lovely time. The children all really enjoyed it. Please don't worry if you were not able to make it as we will be planning something for you every half term.

The children have been counting up to 10 and beyond. There can never be too much practice so ask them to show off their counting at every opportunity, eg walking up the stairs. They have been really pleased with themselves this week as they have started to write, recording sounds that they have heard at the beginning/end/middle of words, as well as their names.

The children have really had a wonderful half term and have settled amazingly. They deserve this well-earned break to rest, play and have fun with the family. Do continue with practising reading, sounds and sight words. Please practise letter sounds AND letter names as the children need to know both.

We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you refreshed on **TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER.**

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **97.70%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 99.08%	Oak YrR 94.29%	Elm Yr1 98.98%	Beech Yr1 97.24%	Birch Yr2 95.86%	CONGRATULATIONS Hazel Yr2 100%
Absences	2		3	8	12	
Lateness		3	1	1	1	1

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

Year 6 Residential Parental Reply Slips and Deposit Payment Due in by 31st October

This is the absolute cut-off date – we must confirm numbers to Kingswood by the 1st of November. Failure to return your slip AND make the deposit payment by the 31st of October will result in no place being reserved for your child. Copies of paperwork are available from the school office or downloadable from the schools website.

KS2 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **97.94%**

	Maple Yr3 98.33%	Rowan Yr3 94.65%	Holly Yr4 99.33%	Willow Yr4 96.67%	Hawthorn Yr5 99.29%	Sycamore Yr5 97.93%	CONGRATULATIONS Chestnut Yr6 100%	Aspen Yr6 97.42%
Absences	5	16	2	10	2	6		8
Lateness	1		1	2	1	2	3	

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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 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.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

FAO Current Year 6

*** IMPORTANT ***

Secondary School Admission Closes on 31st Oct

The new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday 12 September 2017, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2018.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2017.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2018-19 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. The link to the booklet below...

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf

This week's

Golden Dustpan

Award Goes To...



Willow Class

This Week's

Presentation Award

Goes too...



Thomas -

Hazel Class

Nathanial -

Rowan Class

SCHOOL DIARY

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October
Half Term

Mon 30th Oct
Non Pupil Day

Thurs 2nd Nov – Year 5 (in school) Road Safety Pedestrian Training.

Thur 9th Nov – 9.30am
EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around

Friday 17th Nov
Children In Need

Fri 24th Nov – 5 to 7pm
FAFA – Christmas Bazaar

Wed 6th Dec – 9.30am
EYFS Nativity Performance

Wed 6th Dec – 2pm
EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around

Thur 7th Dec – 2pm
EYFS Nativity Performance

Thur 7th Dec – 6pm
Year 3/4 Carol Concert at St. Michaels Church

Fri 8th Dec – 5 to 7.15pm
FAFA – KS2 Cinema Night

Tue 12th Dec – 1.45pm
KS1 Nativity Performance

Wed 13th Dec – 9.30am
KS1 Nativity Performance

Wed 13th Dec – 5.30 to 8pm
FAFA – Gingerbread House Event (Adults Only)

Thur 14th Dec – 1.45pm
KS1 Nativity Performance

Fri 15th Dec
Whole School Christmas Lunch

Fri 15th Dec
Christmas Jumper Day
(Save the Children - £1 donation)

21st Dec to 1st Jan
Festive Break

Tues 2nd & Wed 3rd Jan
Non-Pupil Days

Tue 9th Jan – 9.30am
EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around



DEAR PARENTS

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

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

- Choir Club Competition Letter

Breakfast Club

ALL pupils attending MUST be dropped off and signed in by an adult.

This is a non-negotiable Safe Guarding requirement.

Please ensure that you escort your child to the hall door, press the buzzer for attention and walk them in – signing them over at the front desk.

Thank you.



To this week's Head Teacher Award Winners:

Rowan – Oak Class
Ella – Ash Class
Levi – Elm Class
Bethan – Beech Class
Hamish – Birch Class
Shanelle – Hazel Class
Aiez – Maple Class
Anamta – Rowan Class
Olaf – Holly Class
Lincoln – Willow Class
Kieran – Hawthorn Class
Emma – Sycamore Class
Alfie – Aspen Class
William – Chestnut Class



Today's Wear it Pink Non Uniform Day

(Raising funds for Breast Cancer Awareness)

Has Raised £333.65!!!

Thank you all for your kind donations.

Breakfast and Smiley Troop



Spaces Available

We run our own before, and after school, childcare services. Spaces are available as 'Regular' or 'Adhoc' sessions bookable in advance via the school office.

For further information, pop into the school office or download a leaflet from the schools website.

NO Parking in the Walk in Centre Car Park

We have been asked, once again, to remind parents that they are **NOT** permitted to park in The Walk in Centre's car park.

FREE parking permits for Highwood's Country Park are available from the school office.

Or, best of all, walk children into school.

Thank you for your support.

Christmas Bazaar

24th November 2017 from 5.00pm till 7.00pm

**CAN YOU OFFER AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME?
PLEASE LET A MEMBER OF FAFA KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME ALONG AND HELP.**

We are now collecting donations for the Secret Santa Room. This is the most popular activity at this event. For our newer families this is how it works. We ask every child to donate something that is either being re-gifted or costs no more than £1. They can bring these items into school and leave them in the designated area in our school library. Then on the night of the Bazaar they are invited to come along and independently visit the Secret Santa room and buy "you" a gift and have it wrapped by a teacher who will be working in that room. We ask that all adults stay outside of the room to allow the children to shop alone. The children love this experience. All they have to do is pay £1 on the night per gift and then shop.

Suggested donations for each year group:

EYFS - Chocolate

Year 1 - Smellies for girls ~ Year 2 - Smellies for boys

Year 3 - Socks (male and female) ~ Year 4 - Sweets

Year 5 - Pens/note pads ~ Year 6 - Biscuits

Thank you for your continued support. See you all on the 24th November.



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.

All inclusive price!

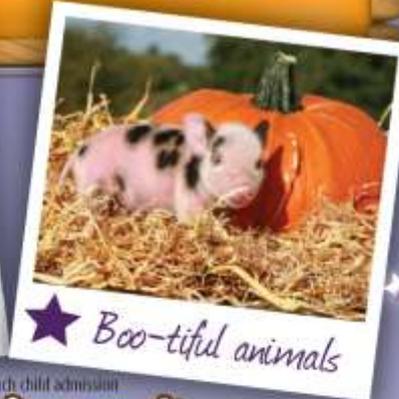
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