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School Newsletter

20th Dec 2017

EYFS

EYFS have enjoyed their last few days of term, joining in with the Tribal Challenge and having fun at their party this afternoon.

We would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy break with your families and look forward to seeing you back at school on **Thursday 4th January 2018**.

Have fun!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it's only been three days in length, this week has been as action packed as ever! All pupils have spent time in their tribes completing the Winter Challenge and the results were absolutely fantastic. Tribes were required to construct a Penguin Palace and perform a Winter themed song. We wish that we could have transported the palaces outside for you to view: they were truly amazing, and a real credit to the teams. We really enjoyed the performances, and were so pleased to see children of all ages across school helping each other and working together supportively. After a lengthy discussion, the Trinovantes Tribe (yellow) were awarded the first place trophy.

This morning we sang songs from some of our recent performances and were treated to some musical items from pupils. Thank you to everyone who took part, it was a lovely start to our day.

On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to thank you for your support to us all during 2017. We've had a very successful and enjoyable year and are looking forward to continuing to work with you and your children in 2018. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a healthy and peaceful 2018.

Merry Christmas!

Clare Woodward
Ms Clare Woodward

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance **Year to Date** 5th Sept to 20th Dec 17: **96.59%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 95.76%	Oak YrR 95.65%	Elm Yr1 97.21%	Beech Yr1 96.63%	Birch Yr2 95.45%	Hazel Yr2 98.16%
Absences	120	118	113	136	181	80
Lateness	11	14	12	65	22	5

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

KS2 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance **Year to Date** 5th Sept to 20th Dec 17: **96.84%**

	Maple Yr3 96.41%	Rowan Yr3 94.45%	Holly Yr4 97.46%	Willow Yr4 97.01%	Hawthorn Yr5 96.56%	Sycamore Yr5 97.99%	Chestnut Yr6 97.64%	Aspen Yr6 97.18%
Absences	149	231	105	125	135	82	99	122
Lateness	9	10	29	63	24	56	29	12

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SCHOOL DIARY

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

Parent Governor Election Results

I would like to extend a very big 'thank you' to our two candidates standing for election in the recent parent governor ballot: Mr. Ben Steel and Mr. Richard Chandler.

It was an extremely close run result which saw Mr. Chandler being elected as the successful candidate.

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to welcome Mr. Chandler to the board, and look forward to working with him in future.

I would also like to thank Mr. Steel on behalf of all parents for his hard work and commitment whilst standing as Parent Governor in the last years.








Thank you also to all parents who voted in the recent election.

Information taken from the Senco Bulletin

Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities events (Jan/Feb)

The Essex Short Breaks, Clubs & Activities Roadshow includes tickets to performances, shows and events with partners across Essex. Do you have families who would benefit from being able to relax at a theatre or cinema performance? If so, please share this information, which is routinely advertised on the Essex Local Offer Facebook page. For further details of events as they are confirmed, families can register with the service and follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/short.breaks.clubs.activities.essex/>.

Below are some events for January/February 2018.

 4 January 2018	Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities have 50 tickets for the relaxed performance of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester at 7 pm. Email essexshortbreaks@actionforchildren.org.uk to express your interest, together with any special requirements.
 4 January 2018	Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities also have 50 tickets for the relaxed performance of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' at the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford at 2 pm. Email essexshortbreaks@actionforchildren.org.uk to express your interest, together with any special requirements.
 6 January 2018	Zinc Arts in Chipping Ongar is hosting a cinema screening, funded by Essex Short Breaks clubs and activities, from 2 pm. Please contact Zinc directly to book at info@zincarts.org.uk or call 01277 365626 for details.
 14 January 2018	Mushroom Theatre Company in Rayleigh will put on a relaxed performance of an integrated concert of dance, drama and song called 'Friend like me' at 10.30 am at the Towngate Theatre in Basildon. For the Short Breaks allocation of tickets, contact essexshortbreaks@actionforchildren.org.uk or call the box office on 01268 465465. Contact Mushroom on 01268 906470 for further information.
 20 January 2018	The MegaCentre, Rayleigh will be hosting a relaxed cinema screening of a recent family favourite on 20 January. Doors open at 5.15 pm. Book for free via Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relaxed-family-movie-action-for-children-tickets-4006444563
 26 January 2018	The Clacton Special Needs Support group meet as usual at Robbie Rascals in Clacton for soft play. Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities have funded the session which will be open to registered families with children under 12. Please email essexshortbreaks@actionforchildren.org.uk to book for free.
 22 February 2018	InterAct will be hosting a soft play session followed by Quasar games at Robbie Rascals from 6-8 pm. This is a free activity for ages 12 years and over. Refreshments are provided. Please wear long sleeves and socks. You can book online: www.interact.org.uk/booknow/tendering or call InterAct Young People Team on 01245 606206 for more information.



Thank you to everyone that paid his or her £1 to take part in In last Fridays Christmas Jumper Day. The donation's totalling £152.90 will be forwarded onto the charity in the New Year so if you are one of the many that have yet to contribute, donations can still be made up until 5th January.

Thank you for supporting our charitable endeavours.



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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.



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 15TH 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 Gabattista for further information.



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Tribal Challenge!

Commented [CS1]:



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Wow – what a wonderfully creative last few days at school we have had!



Introducing Our 4 Tribes

In the Blue corner...
Ordovices

Sporting Green... Silures

Wearing Red... Iceni

And shining in the Yellow...
the winners of our first ever
Tribal Challenge the
TRINOVANTES!!!



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