



QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

21st Sept 2018

EYFS

The children have had a fun final week of part-time school! We have enjoyed trying some new fruits (melon, kiwi, mango and pomegranate) and tried to describe what each was like. They decorated biscuits to represent themselves and learned about how germs spread and how important it is to wash hands after going to the toilet, handling food etc. They managed really well joining the older children in the hall for lunchtimes this week and were very confident and chatty. We have also been on a number walk as well as sharing their knowledge about 2D shapes. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming all children in for a full day from Monday - we will be starting our new nursery rhymes topic with a familiar one we are confident all will know!

REMINDER - please ensure that water bottles only contain water - this is not only best for our brains but also prevents irreparable damage if it spills in a book bag. Thank you.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've all really enjoyed another week of sunshine and warm weather, which has seen children having fun playing and learning outside. Long may it continue!

Year groups have been focusing on their poetry units of work in English: it's been lovely to see such high levels of enthusiasm and engagement as pupils re-write their own poems and analyse the poet's choice of vocabulary and style. Work in Year 6 has been of a particularly high standard with a focus on the poetry of Maya Angelou, which has resulted in some mature and advanced discussions. Well done to everyone for their achievements.

Classes have been voting for their School Council representatives this week: we're looking forward to our first meeting next week. We're all continuing to settle into the new term's routines (adults and children!) and it's been lovely to see pupils' confidence in their own abilities growing on a daily basis. We're looking forward to welcoming children in Ash and Oak class into full time school next week: they've made a fantastic start so far. Please come and talk to us at any time if you have any questions so that we can continue to work in partnership with you to support your child as well as we possibly can.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Clare Woodward

Ms Clare Woodward
Head Teacher

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **95.08%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 97.69%	Oak YrR 93.62%	Elm Yr1 90%	Beech Yr1 95.2%	Birch Yr2 99.66%	Hazel Yr2 93.93%
Absences	2	9	25	12	1	17
Lateness	2	1				

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: **94.91%**

	Maple Yr3 97.41%	Rowan Yr3 97.33%	Holly Yr4 88.77%	Willow Yr4 95.25%	Hawthorn Yr5 91.92%	Sycamore Yr5 100%	Chestnut Yr6 95.19%	Aspen Yr6 93.55%
Absences	7	8	32	14	24	0	13	20
Lateness					5	1	1	

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IMPORTANT
FAO - Year 2 Parents/Carers

Your child's Universal Free School Meal Entitlement ended as they left KS1 and moved into Year 3, KS2.

From the 4th September, you will be charged for all school lunches ordered for your child. Lunches are charged at £2 per day.

If you think that you may be entitled to Income Based Free School Meals please apply as soon as possible via the link below.



<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you would prefer to provide your child with a home-prepared packed lunch when we return, please let the office know ASAP so that we can cancel any pre-booked meals.

This week's Golden Dustpan

Award Goes To...



Maple Class

EYFS Meet the Teacher Meeting

Will be Tuesday 2nd October at 3.10pm in Ash class. Children (including siblings) will be looked after in Oak class for the duration of the meeting.



To this week's Head Teacher Award Winners:

- Níamh in Elm Class
- Max in Beech Class
- Connor in Birch Class
- Lucas in Hazel Class
- Eliza in Maple Class
- Louie in Rowan Class
- Lola in Holly Class
- Emily in Willow Class
- Raul in Hawthorn Class
- Thomas in Sycamore Class
- Liam in Aspen Class
- Fraser in Chestnut Class

Well done everyone!



Queen Boudica will not be renewing its membership with Essex Children's University. Pupils with passports to learning will still be able to collect stamps from thousands of exciting learning destinations Countrywide.

For more information on day trip and activity ideas visit www.essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk

Please note that with immediate effect (1st Sept) passport holders will no longer be able to collect stamps from Queen Boudica's Extra Curricular clubs.

Families can however stay members by joining CU Families, this will enable you to continue to take part in Graduations, Lectures and receive Certificates and Newsletters etc.

The **Lost Property**

Box is overflowing AGAIN, if your child has lost any unnamed items please do check the box as soon as possible.

Thank you

School Uniform Supplier



www.yourschoolwear.co.uk

When collecting children from **SMILEY TROOP** please contact them on their mobile, the number is displayed on the schools entrance door.



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For Information.

Foundation Stage Intake, September 2019.

12th Nov 2018 – Applications open and can be made via:- www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

15th Jan 2019 – Statutory national closing date for all applications.

16th April 2019 – National Offer Day. Parents notified by ELA of place allocated.

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Pages/Primary-and-Secondary-Education-in-Essex.aspx>



The following dates have been set for prospective new families to come along to get a feel for the school and ask any questions that they may have, prior to making their primary school place application.

Spaces are limited at each of the sessions so must be pre-booked by telephoning the school office on 01206 844654.

Please do share the dates with any family, friends and neighbours that are considering applying for a place at Queen Boudica for their children.

Thursday 8th November 2018 - 9.30am
Wednesday 5th December 2018 - 2.00pm
Tuesday 8th January 2019 - 9.30am

Thank you for your continued support.

A note from our Chair of Governors...

Good Afternoon,

I am writing this in way of an introduction since I have recently been appointed as Chair of the school's governing body.

One of the things I am very keen to do is to increase the presence and awareness of who the governing body are.

This week I have spent a significant amount of time in school, meeting children as well as their teachers and support staff.

It was great to see them all working so hard on the poetry recitals, which I'm sure a number of you have enjoyed coming to watch today.

I also spent a large amount of time with Jane Smith, our new SENCo. She is doing some fantastic work already and I'm sure this will bring about some great results for our pupils. Thank you to everyone who attended her meetings last week.

Miss Ramsey and Miss Rose, our two new teachers, have settled into Queen Boudica very quickly and we're delighted to have them on the staff term.

Finally, I am most willing for any parents who wish to discuss anything regarding the school to contact me via email.
richardchandler@gbps.essex.sch.uk

Thank you all again.

Richard Chandler - Chair of Governors

ESSEX YOUTH JAZZ ACADEMY 'Taster Day'

Do you play an instrument to at least Grade 1 standard?

Are you aged between 7-18 years?

Come and join us!

Chelmsford High School for Girls
Chelmsford CM1 1RW

Sunday 7th October 2018 – 10:30am to 4:30pm

Register today from just £7.50

Would you like to improve your playing skills?

Fancy playing in a Jazz Orchestra?

For more information and details of how to register please call Dave Arch on **03330 321351** or email ensembles@essex.gov.uk

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This Week's
Presentation Awards
go to...

Ayesha in Beech Class
& Marika in Birch Class



DEAR
PARENTS

Correspondence Sent Out This Week

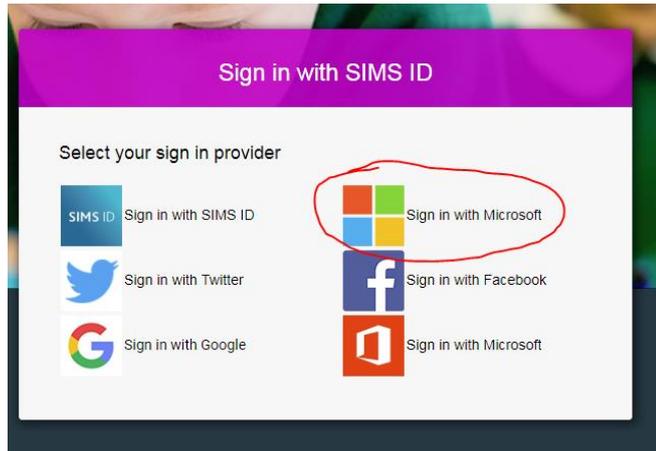
Missed letters can be download from the school's website or requested from the school office.

- Independent Cooking Letter – Reception
- Highwood's Country Park Visit – Year 2
 - Yr 6 Residential Letter – Year 6
- The Gilberd Open Evening Letter – Year 6



Some of you have been experiencing some technical problems with Sims Agora. We are pleased to say that it is now back up and running.

When signing in please ensure you sign in with Microsoft option. Thank you for your patience.



Come along to support our Macmillan Cake sale next Friday 28th September at 3pm at the main school gate.

We are accepting bought or homemade cake donations on Friday in the school library area.

Thank you so much for your anticipated support.

See you there!

FAFA.



Diary Dates

Mon 24th Sept – 2.50pm

Year 5 Sonnet Performance (in class)

Mon 15th to Thur 18th Oct – After School

Book Fare (School Hall)

Weds 17th Oct & Thurs 18th Oct

Parent Consultation Evenings

Thurs 18th Oct

Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Day - £1 Donation

Fri 19th Oct - NON PUPIL DAY

Mon 22nd to Fri 26th Oct – HALF TERM

Mon 29th Oct – NON PUPIL DAY

Tues 30th Oct

FAFA Halloween Disco

Fri 2nd Nov

Whole School Individual Photographs

Thurs 8th Nov – 9.30am

EYFS Sept 19 Tour

Fri 16th Nov – All day

Children in Need Day

Weds 21st Nov

Flu Immunisation Day

Weds 28th Nov

Yr4 Ancient Egyptian Day

Thurs 29th Nov

Performance of Robinson Crusoe

Weds 5th Dec – 9.30am

EYFS Nativity Performance

Weds 5th Dec – 2pm

EYFS Sept 19 Tour

Thurs 6th Dec – 2pm

EYFS Nativity Performance

Thurs 6th Dec – 6.30pm

Yr3 & Yr4 Carol Concert (St. Michaels Church)

Tues 11th Dec – 1.45pm

KS1 Nativity Performance

Weds 12th Dec – 9.30am

KS1 Nativity Performance

Fri 14th Dec

Save The Children's Christmas Jumper Day & School Christmas Lunch

Thurs 20th Dec '18 to Wed 2nd Jan '19 - Christmas Break