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School Newsletter

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EYFS

We've had another lovely week in EYFS, with a focus on Incy Wincy Spider. We sang the rhyme, sequenced it and learned variations. We also printed spiders and used wool to make webs, exploring different art and design techniques. We're sure you saw our creepy spider headbands too! We have been counting and matching groups of objects to the correct numeral, counting along a number line if we were not sure what the numerals looked like.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. Please do date and sign the purple book each time you read at home with your child. We would like to invite you to a **Reading and Phonics Workshop next Thursday morning (5th Oct) at 9.15 am in our school library**. This will be a discussion around tips for reading with your child at home, as well as finding out how we teach phonics as school. Please do let us know if you are able to attend.

It's been really encouraging to see how well the children have settled into school. I'm sure you have found they have been very tired though. This is quite normal during the first few weeks. If you would like to speak to us about anything, please do come and see us, either at the gate in the morning for something quick or at the end of the day. If you could just let us ensure all children have gone safely to an adult first, that would be most appreciated. Have a good weekend!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your hard work and support to enable us to hold such a wonderful poetry competition this week. We've been extremely impressed with the children's dramatic performances and their ability to learn significant numbers of lines successfully. We all enjoyed celebrating their success in assembly yesterday; it was fantastic.

The children looked extra-smart yesterday for their photographs (if that's possible!) and I'm sure you'll be pleased with the results when they're returned. Thank you for ensuring that everyone looked so lovely.

Many thanks to everyone who's brought cakes in for this afternoon's MacMillan Cake Sale: they look far too good to eat! We appreciate your support for such a worthy cause, and thank you to the FAFA for organising the event.

We wish you all restful and enjoyable weekend,

Clare Woodward

Ms Clare Woodward
Head Teacher

Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **97.83%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	Ash YrR 98.10%	CONGRATULATIONS Oak YrR 100%	Elm Yr1 96.11%	Beech Yr1 98.94%	Birch Yr2 95.56%	Hazel Yr2 98.71%
Absences	4		11	3	12	4
Lateness			1	5		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: **98.42%**

	Maple Yr3 97.59%	Rowan Yr3 97.33%	CONGRATULATIONS Holly Yr4 100%	Willow Yr4 96.55%	Hawthorn Yr5 99.64%	Sycamore Yr5 100%	Chestnut Yr6 100%	Aspen Yr6 96.45%
Absences	7	8		10	1			11
Lateness		1		3		5	1	

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Diary Date Reminders:-

Mon 2nd Oct

Yr6 Swimming Lessons

Mon 9th Oct

Yr6 Swimming Lessons

Thur 12th Oct

Whole School Flu Immunisation Day

Fri 13th Oct – 4.30 to 6pm

FAFA – KS2 Halloween Disco *** TBC

Mon 16th Oct

Yr6 Swimming Lessons

Wed 18th Oct – 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Parent Consultations

Thurs 19th Oct – 5.30pm to 8pm

Parent Consultations

Fri 20th Oct

Wear it Pink – Non Uniform Day

(Breast Cancer Awareness - £1 donation)

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October

Half Term

Mon 30th Oct

Non Pupil Day

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 – 2pm

EYFS Sept 18 Intake - Show-around

Fri 8th Dec – 5 to 7.15pm

FAFA – KS2 Cinema Night

Wed 13th Dec – 5.30 to 8pm

FAFA – Gingerbread House Event (Adults Only)

Fri 15th Dec

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Fri 15th Dec

Christmas Jumper Day

(Save the Children - £1 donation)

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.

- Letter to Birch Class
- Year 6 – Residential Letter



To this week's Head
Teacher Award
Winners:

Ariella – Elm
Sabrina – Beech
Michael – Birch
Krishna – Hazel
Reem – Maple
Amelie – Rowan
Joshua – Holly
Issey-Blu – Willow
Brooke – Hawthorn
Harry – Sycamore
Harrison – Aspen
Ishmam – Chestnut

This week's

Golden Dustpan

Award Goes To...



Sycamore Class

This Week's Presentation
Awards
go to...

Eloise – Holly
Ishmam – Chestnut



Don't forget to get yourselves out
and about playing Beat The Street
this weekend - Letters, maps and
fobs went home with children on
Wednesday!

Finding out about Phonics

Workshop for Reception parents and carers.

Thursday 5th October

9:15am – 10:15am

Come and find out about how we use phonics
here at Queen Boudica Primary School to
support your children in reading.



This workshop will be a chance for you to:

- Find out about games, activities and apps to use and play with your children at home.
- Look at the first set of letters and sounds (Phase 2 Phonics) and how they are taught.
- Talk with other parents about reading at home.



Bikeability

Date: Tues 24 October 2017

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Area: Colchester area

Location:

From Greenstead Library

Hawthorn Avenue

Colchester

CO4 3QE

Book via:-

<http://www.artofthepossiblefestival.com/events/colchester-area/bikeability-ride-greenstead/>

The cycle safety team will be running a series of FREE, led rides along a predetermined, low traffic/ traffic-free routes. Participants

can be new to, or returning to cycling. The rides will be relatively short and focus on leisurely, pleasant and practical routes without too many steep hills; they are not designed for sports riding or training for experienced cyclists.

Cyclists must be prepared for the weather on the day and ensure they have a fully operational bike and helmet to take part.

The rides, led by fully qualified Bikeability Instructors, will be 5 miles long with a break half way.

Book in via the link above – Have fun!

Places Available (Regular & Adhoc) In Both **Breakfast Club & Smiley After School Club**

Smiley Troop After School Care

Smiley Troop is a pre-bookable childcare service available to parents of children that attend Queen Boudica Primary School. Most spaces are taken up by 'regular' contracted bookings but one off 'adhoc' sessions are often available.

There are now two session types to choose from. You will NOT be able to swap between the two but must commit to that which best suits your needs at the time of booking.

Smiley Half Session – 3.05pm to 4.45pm - £4 a session

Children will have access to all of the usual activities and resources during this session and will be provided with a small snack at around 3.45pm to keep them topped up until teatime at home.

Smiley Full Session – 3.05pm to 6.30pm - £8 a session

As well as the above, children attending up until the new, later time of 6.30pm will be provided with a light tea at around 5pm. Tea will consist of a drink, a light meal such as beans on toast, half jacket potato, pasta or a sandwich and a dessert such as yogurt or fruit.

Children have many activities to choose from whilst at Smiley Troop including a weekly themed craft activity and a selection of toys and games. Computers are also available for children to use as well as a quiet table for homework.

Breakfast Club

7.30am to 8.40am - Monday to Friday - £3 per Session

Children will be able to take part in a range of activities laid out around the hall and enjoy a two-course breakfast of:-

Cereal or Toast followed by Yogurt or Fruit and a cup of juice, squash or water.

Breakfast is served from 7.30a.m. until 8.30 a.m.

ALL sessions MUST be pre-booked by telephoning the school office on 01206 844654 at least one day before the required session.