



# QUEEN BOUDICA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! What a delight it has been to welcome the children back into school after the summer holiday. We're all really impressed with their positive and enthusiastic attitudes and we have thoroughly enjoyed this week at school. A particular 'well done' to those pupils in Year 1 who have made their way up The Ramp into school for the first time, and also to our new pupils in Reception, who have done fantastically. We hope that your children have come home full of excitement about the year to come; please don't hesitate to contact any of us at any time if you have any queries.

Can I draw your attention to the dates for Meet the Teacher meetings which are taking place over the next two weeks. If you are unable to attend, please let your child's class teacher know so that we can ensure that you have a copy of any slides shown.

This year we are introducing a 'Proud Cloud' which you'll find as part of your child's Home Learning each week. Please do let us know of any achievements that your child makes out of school so that we can share in their success. These events could include anything from: 'he slept in his own bed all night' to 'she helped clear the table after dinner' or 'he learnt to ride a bike without stabilisers.' Whatever your child has done well at, please share it with us! We're really looking forward to hearing of all the successful activities taking place at home.

Have a lovely weekend everyone - see you on Monday,

*Clare Woodward*

Ms Clare Woodward – Head Teacher

### Music Lessons begin

week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September – if you have reserved a place for your child (you will have received a confirmation text over the summer break) you MUST make sure that you have paid in full, via SIM's Agora, prior to the lesson taking place next week.

### Year 6 Swimming Lessons begin on Monday...

Parents MUST make sure that the school has received their child's permission letter detailing their current swimming abilities (copies were sent home to those missing on Thursday) by 9am Monday morning. Without it your child will not be able to swim but will still join their class on the walk to and from the pool.

ALL payments must be made via SIMs Agora prior to the lessons starting.

### Reception & KS1 Attendance & Punctuality Monitor

Attendance for this Week: **99.45%**

Harry the Happy Hippo Lenny the Learned Lion Daisy the Determined Dragon	CONGRATULATIONS <b>Ash YrR</b> 100%	<b>Oak YrR</b> 97.65%	CONGRATULATIONS <b>Elm Yr1</b> 100%	<b>Beech Yr1</b> 99.57%	CONGRATULATIONS <b>Birch Yr2</b> 100%	<b>Hazel Yr2</b> 98.79%
Absences		2		1		3
Lateness				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: **96.49%**

	<b>Maple Yr3</b> 93.33%	CONGRATULATIONS <b>Rowan Yr3</b> 99.58%	<b>Holly Yr4</b> 95.26%	<b>Willow Yr4</b> 94.02%	<b>Hawthorn Yr5</b> 97.12%	<b>Sycamore Yr5</b> 98.33%	<b>Chestnut Yr6</b> 97.50%	<b>Aspen Yr6</b> 96.77%
Absences	16	1	11	14	6	4	6	8
Lateness		1	2	1		6		1

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## Applications For Term Time Leave of Absence

Please read carefully before taking the decision to take your child out of school during term times.

Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school, including weekends and school holidays, to spend time together. Taking your child out of school during term time could be detrimental to your child's educational progress. There is no entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time; however, you may apply to the school for leave of absence if you believe there are exceptional circumstances.

Leave of absence may only be granted by a person authorised to do so on behalf by the head teacher of the school. As from 1st September 2013, the Education (Pupil Registration England Amendment) Regulations 2013 amended Regulation 7 to prohibit the head teacher of a maintained school from granting leave of absence to a pupil, except where an advance application had been made by the parent with whom the pupil normally resides, and the head teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If an event can reasonably be scheduled outside of term time then it is unlikely to be authorised.

- A family short break or holiday are not considered exceptional circumstance.
- Absences to visit family members are not considered exceptional circumstance.
- Monetary savings are not considered exceptional circumstance and will not be authorised.
- Absences at the beginning of a term/academic year will not be authorised.
- Absences during important assessment preparation and testing periods, such as SATs examinations and phonics screening, will **not** be authorised.
- Holidays will **not** be authorised for pupils in year 6.
  
- Absence requests to attend important religious observances\* are often taken into account but only for the ceremony and travelling time, not extended leave. (\*This is intended for one off situations rather than regular or recurring events).

The principal criteria for all penalty notices is: 10 unauthorised absences (5 days).

Schools must apply within two weeks of the day the pupil returns from the holiday.

No additional criteria for the issuing of penalty notices will be required. Therefore, if the request is not authorised, the absence is still taken and the above criteria is met, the case will be referred to the Education Welfare Service who may issue a Penalty Notice for £120 (or £60 if paid within 21 days) to each parent for each child taken out of school.

## Year Group Meetings - Invitation to Parents

Join us on the dates below to hear a little about this year's curriculum, what your child will be learning and how it will be taught.

Meetings will be held straight after school in the year group classrooms. Children should be collected as usual then, once the classrooms have been cleared and prepared for the meeting (5 minutes or so) pupils can watch a movie in one class while parents attend the meeting in the other. No need to book, just pop along.

Year 1 – Tues 12<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 – Thur 14<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 – Mon 18<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 – Tue 19<sup>th</sup>

EYFS – Wed 20<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 – Thur 21<sup>st</sup>

Year 4 – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>



To this week's Head Teacher Award Winners:

Levi - Elm  
Ella-Lesha - Beech  
All of Birch Class  
Jessica - Hazel  
Leo - Maple  
Tyler - Rowan  
Blossom - Holly ~ Mac - Willow  
Angelica - Hawthorn ~ Olive - Sycamore  
Eva - Aspen ~ David - Chestnut

This Week's Presentation Award goes to...

Dylan - Maple

**NO chocolate or Nutella spread sandwiches in packed lunches please.**

We have pupils and staff with serious nut allergies in school and many chocolate spread products contain nuts. For this reason chocolate and Nutella spread sandwiches are no longer permissible as part of pupil's packed lunches.

**Thank you for your support and understanding.**