

Great Bentley Primary School Newsletter



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Message from Mrs Cooke

This week has been a wonderful reminder as to what makes our school such a special place to work. Our teachers are always looking to inspire the children's learning. Over the course of 24 hours I saw:

The EVFS children were all engrossed in their activities happily settled into school life- this week using their senses to explore- the play dough smelt amazing! Year 1 children have had a bicycle day this Thursday where by their learning was all linked around cycling. Year 2 were exploring dynamics, tempo and pitch through creating sounds for animals from 'The Blue Planet' in groups. Year 3 had their maths lesson in the playground finding clocks and problem solving. Year 4 were following the digestive phases to make poop! Year 5 was in deep discussion about the Guru Granth Sahib in Sikhism and Year 6 were interviewing two evacuees from WW2.

It is always such for a privilege for both myself and Mrs Caffull to work with such a dedicated teaching team.

I have been inspired by a Year 6 child that has been determined to make a difference to our school, one of the things he wanted to do was to create a VLOG on our website to show people what we get up to each week. He has already interviewed Monday club attendees and intends to update the website each week. A huge well done and thank you goes to Lewis Radford. Please do check out his updates on the website each week.

Our Head Boy and Deputy, Jamie and Luke are looking to raise money for our school sports kit for matches. They have already raised £133 from the fiver challenge last year and have also chosen a stylish green black stripe which they point out is practical too! (Well done boys!). They are keen to gain sponsorship from local businesses. Could you help them? If so please let me know!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cooke
Head of School

School Dinners - £2.00 per meal. Next week will be Week 2 of the Summer 2017 Menu

Monday: Chicken nuggets (vegetable nuggets (v)), served with chips, sweetcorn and baked beans - Orange and honey cake

Tuesday: Pizza (cheese, pepperoni or Hawaiian), served with pasta, sweetcorn, baked beans and coleslaw - Angel delight

Wednesday: Sweet & sour chicken (sweet & sour Quorn fillet (v)), served with rice, sweetcorn and homemade bread - Fruity flapjack with apples

Thursday, *Census Day*: Butcher's roast turkey (Quorn sausage (v)), served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, cauliflower cheese and gravy - Frozen fruit jubbly

Friday: Fish fingers (Quorn dippers (v)), served with crispy sliced potatoes, peas, sweetcorn and baked beans - Fruit salad served with optional ice-cream

Lighter Bites (offered as an alternative to the main course)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - Jacket potato served with a choice of cheese, coleslaw, tuna mayonnaise or baked beans.

Thursday - Roast meat of the day baguette **Or** Cheese baguette (v).

A salad bar is available daily to accompany both main menu and lighter bites; fresh fruit and yogurts are also available each day along with drinks of milk, juice and water. Please could you encourage your child to say clearly at registration if they are having a Hot Dinner, Lighter Bites or Sandwiches (packed lunch).

Polite Reminder about Nut Allergies - Some children have severe nut allergies, we therefore kindly request that NO NUT products are included in packed lunches. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Please note that the next uniform shop will be on **Tuesday 10th October 2017**, 9.00am-10.00am and 3.00pm-3.30pm. School uniform can also be ordered at any time using our Uniform Order Sheet; this can be found on our website and in the school foyer. Please ensure you enclose payment with your order. We will endeavour to turn orders around as quickly as possible (stock dependant). We hope this makes things a little easier for you.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 3rd October - Parent Pop-in, after school, a chance to come and celebrate your children's work in their class room

Wednesday 4th October - Year 2 Sea life Centre Trip

Saturday 7th October - Colne Community School open morning 9.00am-12noon

Tuesday 17th October - AJS Photographic individual pupil photos

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 18th October - Parents Evening 5.30pm-8.00pm

Friday 20th October - Half Term

Tuesday 31st October - Year 6 Crucial Crew (details to follow)

Wednesday 1st November - Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Thursday 2nd November - PTA School Disco KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm, KS2 6.45pm-8.00pm

Tuesday 7th November - Parent Pop-in, after school, a chance to come and celebrate your children's work in their class room

Friday 10th November - Adults Quiz Night (details to follow)

Thursday 16th November - Children In Need Spotacular themed day

Friday 17th November - Non-pupil day

Monday 20th November - Non-pupil day

School Office Information

As we are at the beginning of a new school year, we thought it would be helpful to give parents some information regarding the school office. The school office is open from 8.30am to 4.00pm Monday to Wednesday, 8.45am to 4.00pm on Thursday and 8.30am to 3.30pm on Fridays. An answering service is available out of these hours and there is a red drop-in box in the foyer for payments, reply slips, etc.

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please inform the school between 8.30am and 9.15am of the absence in order that we can ensure the safety of all children. When telephoning the school to report an absence, please use the "option 2 to report a pupil absence". If the school has not been informed by 10.00am, then The Missing Children and Child Employment Services may be contacted.

School meals for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are currently charged at £2.00 per day. As the school's catering facility is non-profit making, all meals must be paid for in advance. Payments to the school (for meals only) may be made on-line via the Parentmail website or by cash or cheque (minimum amount £5.00 for cheques) at the school office on Monday and Thursday mornings only. On other days you may send cash/cheques via your child, but please ensure that this is contained in a sealed, named envelope.

Please can payments for all trips and workshops be put in a sealed named envelope.

Uniform can be brought from the School Uniform Shop which runs every other Tuesday from 9:00am - 10:00am and 3:00pm - 3.30pm. It can also be ordered and order forms are available on the school website or in the school foyer. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

School Census Day

Thursday 5th October 2017 is a school census day. Funding for our school meals for the next academic year is partly based on the number of children that have a school dinner on this day. We would therefore encourage as many children as possible to have a school meal on Thursday and all children that order a meal will receive a small treat! Thank you for your support.

Message from the Friends of Great Bentley Primary School

We will be holding a film club on Tuesday 10th October. This takes place straight after school and will finish at around 5pm - 5.15pm. Tickets are £2.50 each and include a drink, sweets and popcorn. The films being shown are The Lego Batman movie (U) and Smurfs: The Lost Village (U). Tickets will be on sale at the school gate both before and after school from Tuesday 3rd October.

Also Town and Country Residential Estate agents have offered to put some boards up to advertise the Christmas Fayre this year. If you live in a prominent position for passing traffic/people and are happy to have one in your front garden please can you text Zita on 07809 694342. Thank you very much.

Parent/Carer Assemblies

You are invited to come along to the Parent/Carer Assemblies. These assemblies will start at 10.30am and we ask that you sign in at the main office from 10.15am. Please find details below for this term:-

Wednesday 4th October - Year 1

Wednesday 22nd November - Year 5

Wednesday 11th October - Year 2

Wednesday 29th November - Year 6

Wednesday 18th October - Year 3

Wednesday 6th December - Reception Class

Wednesday 15th November - Year 4

Did you know/Fact for the week

The School Census is a statutory data collection for all maintained schools