

# Great Bentley Primary School Newsletter



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## 6th October 2017

### **Message from Mrs Cooke**

A huge congratulation goes to Sam Giles in Year 2- he was selected to name the Arsenal Octopus Energy mascot - he called it Sunny! Sam picked the name based on how the power is used by the sun for renewable energy. Great thinking! Well done Sam.

This week was a huge success for the start of Year 5's fundraising. They innovatively decided to make their cakes related to their space theme, baked as an extra homework as a bake sale! They raised just under £45. This is fantastic start to our fund raising drive this year. Each class has been allocated a half term to drive our fundraising. The children have already have put a whole host of ideas that they would like to see happen in school. We are very excited to see such a child led drive happening to make changes that will move our school forward. The ideas include a friendship bus stop, huge covered sand pit, and a covered shelter on the playground (the children driving this one also considered how parents would have cover in the rain!) amongst a whole host of ideas. Your ideas as parents are also welcome so please do email me with any suggestions through the [admin@greatbentley.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greatbentley.essex.sch.uk) email address.

This week Year 2 had a fantastic time at the Sea life centre in Southend. Miss Hull and Mrs Chase will be sharing photos on the website. The children were full of stories of the amazing sites and sea creatures they had seen.

Please could parents remember that a healthy snack at playtime should be a fruit or a snack that is not heavy in sugar or fat. We will be reminding children of this as of next week, as we have noticed that many snacks could not be considered as healthy.

Please keep checking in our school website we are determined to work on its improvement, to use it as a way for you as parents to see what is happening in each classroom.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Cooke  
Head of School

### **School Dinners - £2.00 per meal. Next week will be Week 3 of the Summer 2017 Menu.**

**Monday:** Pulled pork (veggie burger (v)), served in a brioche bun, with pasta, sweetcorn, homemade coleslaw and optional BBQ sauce - Ice cream roll

**Tuesday:** Butchers chicken strips (Quorn pieces (V)), served in a wrap, with rice or new potatoes, peppers and sweetcorn - Fruit jelly

**Wednesday:** Fish fingers (omelette (v)), served with sliced potatoes, peas, sweetcorn and baked beans - Strawberry Eton mess

**Thursday:** Butchers roast gammon (Quorn fillet (v)), served with Yorkshire pudding, potatoes, carrots, peas, cauliflower cheese and gravy - 100% fruit lolly

**Friday:** Sausage (veggie sausage (v)), served with chips, baked beans, sweetcorn and optional ketchup - Brownie

### **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) thank you.*

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***Musical Request***

Do you have any old, unused musical instruments? Do you have any pots and pans you're throwing away? If so, please donate to our Music shed! This will be a great resource to help the children make some (musical) noise at lunchtime. Any donations would be very gratefully received. Please send any donations into the school office or to Year 4. Many thanks, Mr Godfrey.

### ***Dates for the Diary***

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Colne Community School open morning 9.00am - 12noon  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 Stone age workshop  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Film Night (see Friends note below)  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - AJS Photographic individual pupil photos  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening 5.30pm-8.00pm  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Year 6 Crucial Crew (details to follow)  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Year 5 Space Centre Trip  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - PTA School Disco KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm, KS2 6.45pm-8.00pm  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Pop-in, after school, a chance to come and celebrate your children's work in their class room  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Adults Quiz Night (details to follow)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Children In Need Spotacular themed day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Non-pupil day  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Non-pupil day

### ***Year 3 Stone Age Workshop***

A reminder that the Year 3 Stone Age Workshop takes place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, this is to support the class learning where we have been travelling back in time. It would be fantastic to see as many of you in costume as possible, ideas were sent home with the class letter, or please pop and ask in class. Thank you from Miss Marchant

### ***Message from the Friends of Great Bentley Primary School***

Tickets are still on sale at the school gates before and after school for the film club on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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).

A letter has been sent out separately explaining the match funding scheme. This is such an easy way to raise funds for the school so please get in touch if your employer offers the scheme.

We are still looking for a few more roadside gardens to put boards in advertising our Christmas Fayre. If you are happy to help with this please contact 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 11 <sup>th</sup> October - Year 2	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November - Year 5
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October - Year 3	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November - Year 6
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November - Year 4	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December - Reception Class

### ***Temporary Office Administrative and Finance Position***

After the October half-term, we may be looking for some additional office support. This would be of a temporary nature (to cover sickness) and ideally someone with an administrative and financial experience. If you are interested in applying for this position, please can you send your CV to Mrs Pearl Parker, Office Manager, Great Bentley Primary School, Plough Road, Great Bentley, Colchester, Essex CO7 8LR

### ***Did you know/Fact for the week***

***The Stone Age is called the Stone Age because people used tools made of stone!***