

Great Bentley Primary School Newsletter



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Message from Mrs Cooke

This week we would like to celebrate with you a number of children in Year 1 and Year 5 who have entered the Young Writer's Rhymecraft competition. We are incredibly proud that over 30 pupils work has been selected to be published. The winning entrants' poems are scheduled to be published in the Rhymecraft - Essex edition on 31st January 2018. Well done to everyone that took part.

Also, a big well done to Year 4 who presented their class assembly on Wednesday. They demonstrated an array of learning including drama and art, even giving a demonstration on the art of teeth cleaning where they correctly named all of the teeth!

Year 6 have had a cinema trip today where they saw a film called Hidden Figures to support their topic on conflict, it was very thought provoking.

Today we have thoroughly enjoyed supporting 'Children in Need', it was lovely to see the amazingly colourful and imaginative ways of wearing a spotty outfit. Thank you for all you donations, we will give you an update on the total amount of funds raised in next week's newsletter. We are hoping that many of you will join us for the teachers vs pupils football match after school where there will be cakes together with hot and cold drinks for sale. That is of course if we survive the 'bushtuckers' trial where some lucky teachers will be blindfolded and sampling some toe curling delights thought up by the children. Wish us luck!



We hope you enjoy the long weekend break, see you back at school on Tuesday.

Mrs Cooke
Head of School

School Dinners - £2.00 per meal. Next week will be Week 3 of the new Winter 2017 Menu

Monday: Non-pupil day

Tuesday: All day breakfast (2 x chipolatas, 1 x bacon) or (2 x Quorn sausages (v)), served with hash browns, baked beans, tomatoes and button mushrooms - Pancakes with bananas & syrup

Wednesday: Pasta Day (tomato & basil sauce) or macaroni cheese, served with homemade bread - Homemade cupcake

Thursday: Butcher's roast chicken (Quorn fillet (v)), served with Yorkshire pudding, potatoes, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower cheese and gravy - Iced fruit smoothie

Friday: Fish fingers (omelette (v)), served with crispy potato cubes, baked beans, peas and sweetcorn - Chocolate cake with chocolate custard

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

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 21st November 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

Friday 17th November - Non-pupil day

Monday 20th November - Non-pupil day

Wednesday 29th November - Year 5 Stargazing Evening 6pm-7.30pm

Thursday 30th November - Non-uniform day in exchange for donations for the Tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre (details to follow)

Friday 1st December - Christmas Fayre

Monday 4th December - Flu vaccinations

Tuesday 5th December - Parent Pop-in, after school, a chance to come and celebrate your children's work in their class room

Friday 8th December - Music concert (details to follow)

Monday 11th December - KS1 Nativity afternoon performance

Tuesday 12th December - KS1 Nativity after school performance

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity evening performance

Thursday 14th December - Children's Christmas lunch

Friday 15th December - Rock-Steady concert (details to follow)

Tuesday 19th December - Carole Service at St Marys Church

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term, PANTO in school followed by class parties

} Letter will be sent with further details

Message from the Friends of Great Bentley Primary School

Thank you for all the filled tubs that have been brought in so far for the Tombola stall. We need these in by Friday 24th November please. Ideas for fillings include: small toys - toy soldiers/toy cars, packet sauces, soaps/perfume or toiletry samples, packets of seeds, candy canes, sweet or unwanted Halloween sweets. Anything goes! Just use your imagination - they can be aimed at children or adults. These will then be used for the Surprise Tombola at the Christmas Fayre. Please feel free to fill more than one...you could use the clear trays used for grapes, strawberries or ice cream tubs. Just cover with cling film. We would love as many as possible please!

A flyer about the Christmas Fayre will go home with the children shortly and will have two books of raffle tickets attached to it. If you would like any more please let the office know. Thanks again for all your support.

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 22nd November - Year 5

Wednesday 29th November - Year 6

Wednesday 6th December - Reception Class

School Photo Reminder

School photos were sent home this week. They will need to be returned to the school office no later than 10.00am Tuesday 21st November 2017. After that date they will have to be returned directly to the photographer and may incur an extra charge.

Reception Intake 2018 Walk Around

For those parents who are applying for Reception 2018 places, we will be doing walk around of the school for Parents and Carers on Tuesday 5th December 2017 @ 9.30am. You will be able to ask any questions on this day.

Please contact the school office on 01206 250331 to book a place.

Did you know/Fact for the week

E-safety: Users of Instagram should be 13 years of age!