

# Great Bentley Primary School Newsletter

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## 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Message from Mrs Cooke

Thank you to the PTA for organising a successful inflatables day yesterday. The children clearly really enjoyed themselves and it was lovely to see some of the children return from Year 7. We hope you all enjoyed it too. Please do support any future fundraising events or even better, join the PTA to help continue with all the wonderful things they do.

We are hosting the PTA AGM at 7pm in the school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please do come and join if you are keen to become part of the team.

Today Miss Marchant organised a lunch event to make a stand about climate change awareness. Children were invited to write a letter to our local MP to request more action about climate change. We at Great Bentley are seeking to be proactive in recycling and making the small changes that we can.



This week, our children have been informed about our exciting new playground jobs! The Year 6 management team will be supporting the running of playground buddies (a team of Year 4 and 5 children). They will be visible in yellow hi-vis jackets, and available to support all children with any friendship play worries and concerns.

The Year 6 management team will also be supporting the running of extra games/sports coaching being led by children (a team of Year 4 and 5 children) wearing red hi-vis jackets to ensure that there are games for all.

Darcy Hooper and Paige Street have volunteered to become our school Eco-Warriors and are now leading daily 'care for our environment' sessions with a litter picking team of all ages who will be visible in green hi-vis jackets, litter pickers and gloves!

We are so incredibly proud of our children and the care they have for one another and our school.

Wishing you all a very lovely weekend.

**With Best wishes from Mrs Cooke and the Great Bentley Team**

### Dates for the Diary

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Year 4 Trip to Layer Marney

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 2 Colchester Castle trip

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - PTA Film Night

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Flu vaccinations (whole school except Year 5)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 Space Centre Trip

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - School Photo's

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 trip to Brightlingsea

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Reception Class well-being health assessment

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parents Evening 4pm-6.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents Evening 3.30pm-6pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Flu vaccination for Year 5

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Half-Term

**School Dinners - £2.00 per meal. Next week will be Week 3 of the new Summer Term Menu. See changes on Monday.**

**Monday; Teddy Bear Lunch-** Teddy Bear Nuggets (vegetarian nuggets (v)), served with smiley faces, beans, spaghetti hoops or sweetcorn - Happy face ice-cream log with teddy bear wafer

**Tuesday;** Sweet and sour chicken (veggie sweet and sour (v)), served with rice, sweetcorn and bread - Flapjack with an orange wedge

**Wednesday;** Spaghetti bolognaise (Quorn mince (v)), served with peas, sweetcorn and garlic bread - Strawberry jelly & fruit

**Thursday;** Gammon ham (vegetable parcel (v)), served with sliced potatoes, beans and optional pineapple - Apple or cherry strudel & ice-cream

**Friday;** Chicken chunk nuggets (Quorn nuggets (v)) served with chips, peas and sweetcorn - Banana chocolate cake

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

**Thursday -** 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.

### **The Friends of Great Bentley Primary School Forthcoming Events**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - *AGM* at school 7pm everyone welcome

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Film Night after school (details to follow)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Disco (details to follow)

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am until 8.40am. The school gate will be open at 7.30am and locked at 7.40am. It will be re-opened at 8.00am and locked at 8.10am. Please ensure children arrive promptly during the gate opening times. Breakfast and fun activities will be provided.

**The cost of Breakfast Club is £3.00 per session per child and must be booked and paid for one month in advance on the relevant booking form.**

### **Kids Club**

Kids Club runs from 3.15pm until 5.00pm where a snack and a variety of activities will be provided. Children are to be collected from the school foyer at the end of the session.

**The cost of Kids Club is £6.00 per session per child and must be booked and paid for one month in advance on the relevant booking form.**

### **Parent/Carer Assemblies**

You are invited to come along to the Parent/Carer Assemblies. Class assemblies will now start at 2:50pm with parents coming in at 2:45pm for a prompt start. We ask that you sign in at the main office from 2.30pm. Please find details below for this term: -

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 6

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Year 2

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Year 1

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Class

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Year 3

### **Flu Immunization**

Please note that flu immunization forms went home with the children this week. These must be completed indicating if you do or do not require your child to be immunized. They **MUST** be returned to the school office by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September as they are then being collected by the healthcare team. Thank you.

### **Welly Request**

We are asking for donations of old children's wellies so that we can plant some bulbs in them to brighten up the playground area! Please bring them into the school office if you have any to spare. Thank you.

### **Colne Community School Dates**

They will be holding an open evening Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 5.30pm-7.30pm for current Year 6 going into Year 7 2020. Year 6 induction day and evening 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020. School uniform sales 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020 selling between 3pm-5pm

### **Resources Request**

1. Does anyone have any MDF that we could use for a school project?

Approx. 1m x 0.5m

And 2m x 1m

2. Also, we are looking for some tarpaulin for 8m x 5m approx.

3. Milk bottle lids in all colours

Please let Miss Fares know if you think you can help with any of these in any way. Thank you.

### **Admissions Applications for September 2020**

**Secondary School Places** - from 12th September 2019 you can apply online for your child's secondary school (year 7) place. You must submit an application by the national closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. Applications received after this date will be considered late and you may reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

**Primary School for September 2020** - from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) place. You must submit an application by the national closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Applications received after this date are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

Applications must be made via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Plastic free Fridays to return to Great Bentley dinner hall!**

As part of our onward drive to make the school a greener place to learn, we are re launching Plastic free Fridays. On this day (but of course we welcome your support on any day you can!) we would like to encourage you to send your child with no single use plastics in their lunches. There some useful tips on this website to help!

<http://wastefreelunches.org/parents.html>

Watch this space as we continue on our green journey...

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

**According to various scientific studies, gardening:** ·Lowers blood pressure· Increases brain activity· Has a calming effect on one's mood· Positively affects mental health· Counters stress and anxiety