

# Great Bentley Primary School Newsletter

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## 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### Message from Mrs Cooke

What a lovely week of learning! We have seen all sorts of exciting lessons happening this week. Year 6 have been Bollywood dancing! They were highly complimented by the leader for their amazing behaviour- well done Year 6. This is part of 'The junior warden project' work encouraging a multicultural learning.



Year 5 went on a trip to Brightlingsea linked to their 'Around the world' themed learning. They were gaining first hand experiences so that they can compare coastal areas and included a trip to the local library.



We are very keen to support children who need extra reading support. We are wondering if there are any parents/ grandparents who could spare an afternoon or morning each week to come and hear the children read and share books with them. If you can or know anyone, please do give your name in at the office.

Today we say a fond farewell and good luck to Mrs Christopher. She has worked at Great Bentley for 4 years and is wished all the best in her new chapter. We welcome Miss Hazell and Mrs Rogers to the Great Bentley team. They have completed their first week with us and have both expressed what a lovely school we have. This is lovely to hear and to be part of. The best part is always our lovely children.

Don't forget film night next week on Thursday after school 😊

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

**Mrs Cooke and the Great Bentley team**

### School Dinners - £2.00 per meal. Next week we will be on Week 3 of the new Summer Term Menu

**Monday:** Fishwich in a bun (veggie burger (v)), served with pasta, peas or beans - Homemade shortbread biscuit with an orange wedge

**Tuesday:** Homemade sausage roll (veggie sausage roll (v)), served with new potatoes, sweetcorn or beans - Flapjack

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti bolognese (Quorn mince (v)), served with peas, sweetcorn, and garlic bread - Fruit jelly & ice-cream

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

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

### 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** - 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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018** 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.

### **Breakfast Club**

If you are handing in payment when arriving at breakfast club, please can you ensure the money is in an envelope with the child's name and the date they are attending. This enables us to make sure the correct account is credited. The price per session is £2.00.

### **Dates for the Diary**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 Shrek trip  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - PTA Film Night  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Individual Pupil Photos  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Finish for Half-Term

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5      Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Year 2  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4      Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Year 1  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3      Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Year R

### **School Football Kits**

Please can we ask you to have a search through the back of cupboards and drawers for school football kits. We are missing a number of kits and with the start of the cups and leagues we need these back for the 2018-19 season. Thank you.

### **Plea for help**

Please can we put a plea out for parents that would be willing to be added to a list for transporting children to local sports events. Please contact the school office if you would like to put your name down.

### **Volunteer Readers**

Reception are looking for reading volunteers to come in one morning or afternoon a week. Please enquire at the office if you are able to help us. Miss Ide and the Reception Team.

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

It's film night on Thursday 11th October. The films being shown are Peter Rabbit and Duck, Duck, Goose - both are rated PG. Tickets are £2.50 each and include sweets, popcorn and a drink. This starts straight after school and the collection time is expected to be approximately 5.15pm. Letters have been sent home with reply slips - if your child wants to go please fill in the slip and put it in an envelope with the correct money. These need to be taken into the classroom with your child and not to the office. Please bring them in by Wednesday 10th October. Thank you.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8th October at 7.30pm in The Plough Inn. Please come along if you can.

### **ASD Coffee Afternoon**

Great Bentley Pre-school would like you to know they are holding their next ASD coffee afternoon on 3rd October 2018 1-3pm at the Village Hall.

### **Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2019**

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Parents **MUST** log onto the website and make an application by the closing date. Apply online via [www.essex.gov/admissions](http://www.essex.gov/admissions)

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

**Cats have fewer toes on their back paws, like most four-legged mammals, they have five toes on the front, but their back paws only have four toes, scientist think this may be to help them run faster.**