

Great Bentley Primary School Newsletter

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12th October 2018

Message from Mrs Cooke

This week we were visited by the Town mayor and Councillor Lynda Williams when we were asked to display the 'Tommy' a WW1 sculpture to commemorate the 100 years passing since the first world war. The figure can be found in the school foyer. The school council members were present when it was presented to the school to keep safe.



This week Year 4 visited the Shrek Adventure in London. They had a fabulous time and their trip will lead to lots of learning in the class... Liam said, 'My favourite part of the day was in the last part of the tour when we got taken to prison by a witch and Shrek saved us by coming through a wall!'

Aimee R, Neavy and Tilda 'The workshop was interesting because we learnt some words that helped us build a story. We put a story in order and the man told us how to make it a great story, he was really funny!'

Even though there was a considerable delay on the coach trip back the children all said what a fabulous time they had.



This week also had the film night. These are great fund raisers for other school events such as the pantomime at Christmas. Thank you to all for their support.

The author Nick Butterworth will be visiting our school for the day on Tuesday 13th November. Nick will be spending the day in school visiting classes and providing workshops. Straight after school he will be signing books. In the evening, he will be hosting a parent presentation on 'How to get your children to love books - without really trying!' at 6:30pm. A creche will be provided for children by staff and the event will last approx. 45mins.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Cooke and the Great Bentley team

School Dinners - £2.00 per meal. Next week we will be on Week 1 of the Summer Term

Monday: Pasta day (tomato & basil sauce (v)) or macaroni cheese served with homemade bread - Strawberry Angel Delight

Tuesday: Pulled pork (veggie burger (v)) served in a brioche bun, with new potatoes, sweetcorn and beans - Fruit Smoothie

Wednesday: Southern crumbed chicken fillet (southern crumbed Quorn fillet (v)) served with wedges, sweetcorn and beans - Fruit Smoothie

Thursday: Sausage (vegetarian sausage (v)), served with gravy, mash, Yorkshire pudding, peas and carrots - Fruit salad & ice-cream

Friday: Fish fingers (veggie nugget (v)), served with chips, peas, sweetcorn or baked beans with optional ketchup - Iced 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.

Grapes

We have noticed that some grapes having been coming in lunch boxes, whole. May we remind you that all grapes must be cut in half to prevent a choking hazard. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Please note that the next uniform shop will be on **Tuesday 30th 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

Monday 15th October – Parents Evening 4.30pm-7.00pm
Wednesday 17th October – Year 2 Southend Sealife visit
Tuesday 16th October – Individual Pupil Photos
Thursday 18th October – Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 19th October – Finish for Half-Term
Monday 29th October – Return to school
Tuesday 30th October – School Disco (see separate note)

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 10th October – Year 5 Wednesday 21st November – Year 2
Wednesday 17th October – Year 4 Wednesday 28th November – Year 1
Wednesday 14th November – Year 3 Wednesday 5th December – Year R

After School Clubs

Please note that there will be no after school clubs on Monday 15th October and Thursday 18th October due to parents evening. On Wednesday 17th October there will be no Technology Club due to Miss Ide's other commitments.

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Message from The Friends of Great Bentley Primary School

Our next event is a Halloween themed disco on Tuesday 30th October. This will also be a non-uniform day. The cost of the disco is £2.50 each and the times are as follows: -

KS1 3.30pm - 4.30pm (children in KS1 will remain at school at 3.15pm)
KS2 4.45pm - 6.00pm.

As always refreshments will be on sale. To book your child's place please put the correct money in an envelope and write your child's name and class year on the front. Please note these need to go into class with your children and not to the office. These must be handed in by Monday 29th October, thank you very much.

Year 6 to 7 secondary admission round for September 2019

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Wednesday 12th 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 31st October 2018. Parents **MUST** log onto the website and make an application by the closing date. Apply online via www.essex.gov/admissions

Request

If anyone has any donations for the children's Quiet Shed such as board games, please could you donate them to Year 6 who are organising activities during the lunch-break. Thank you.

Did you know/Fact for the week

Learning begins in the home. Parents and families are a child's first and most important teacher. Literacy is one of the most important skills when it comes to our personal growth, culture and development. It is even more important today because of how our economy and society are changing.