

A very warm welcome to you all and especially to parents of new children in the school. I hope you enjoyed the summer break and that it wasn't too much of a shock getting up early on Tuesday! We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Farley to our Year 2 teaching team and Mrs Maloney to our support staff team. During the Summer break, the school was very busy, with quite a lot of redecoration taking place which included the Year 2 classrooms and the Year 3 corridor. The RAAC remediation project finally finished during the Summer holiday; we are delighted to have the Small Hall and the Year 5 classroom back in operation after two whole years!

Also during the break, all of the laptops and desktop computers across both sites were replaced. The PFA funded the replacement of all the children's equipment which was a huge amount of money so we are incredibly grateful to them. I would like to say a special word of thanks to Sarah Samuelson, our IT Technician, who oversaw this huge project as well as the 'rebuild' of the teachers' laptops which now means we have one network across the whole school - I think this was the final piece of the amalgamation jigsaw. It's also lovely to see the new uniform being worn (remember, there is no urgency to move across though). Our before/after school Wrap Around provision also opened this week - we do have spaces still so please contact Mrs Phillips, in the infant School Office, if you'd like to book for your child.

We have a very exciting and busy year ahead and we can't wait to get started!

(I apologise for the number of reminders in this newsletter and promise that it won't become the norm!)

Uniform Reminder

Just a reminder that the only items of jewellery children are allowed to wear are earrings (small studs only which must be removed for PE) and a simple watch. Please avoid wearing expensive watches such as Apple watches as these are not appropriate for school. Footwear should be black shoes, rather than trainers or boots. Also, hair bands must be discreet - please save large flowers and bows for the weekend. Now that we have been back to school for a few days, please can we ask that any tattoos, hair braids and nail polish are removed this weekend in readiness for Monday. Please can any bracelets/wrist bands also be left at home Thank you.

School Photographer - Thursday 11th September Years 3 - 6 and siblings

The photographers will be with us all day and will be based in the Junior Site Main Hall. If you would like your child to have their photo taken with infant or pre-school siblings, please queue outside the library between 7.45am and 8.30am. Please note that there is often a lengthy queue so the earlier you arrive the better, especially if you have children at the Infant School. Other children will have their photos taken throughout the day, with siblings if applicable. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will have their photos taken on Tuesday 16th September at the infant site.

Next Week's Diary Dates

School Dinners - Week 2

Monday 8th September

- Year 3 - 6 Curriculum Share Meetings: 3.35pm and 4.05pm

Wednesday 10th September

- Mayflower Roadshow for Year 6 children and parents - 5pm - at Buttsbury Junior Site

Thursday 11th September

- Year 3 - 6 individual photos

Friday 12th September

- Year 6 Shakespeare Workshop - in school

Monday 15th September

- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Curriculum Share Meetings - 3.35pm and 4.05pm
- Parents and Friends Association (PFA) AGM at 8.00pm - junior site

Tuesday 16th September

- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 individual photos

Curriculum Share Meetings: Year 3 - 6

Monday 8th September

These are a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and to find out about daily routines and this term's curriculum. Each teacher will give two talks in their classroom; one at 3.35pm and one at 4.05pm so that you can visit more than one teacher. Each talk lasts about 20 minutes. There is no need to book, just turn up! If you are unable to attend, the information will be sent home via Parentmail. The Year 6 meeting will be a whole year group meeting and will be held in the Main Hall with the Year 6 teachers and me. It may be slightly longer than 20 minutes as we will also be covering topics such as the Year 6 SATs and the application process for secondary school. Please note that there will only be one Year 6 meeting - at 3.35pm - so please attend this one first if you have another meeting to attend. There will be supervision for school age children in the **TOP PLAYGROUND** during the meetings and the children will take part in organised games etc. Please meet your child after school as normal and bring them to the playground on your way to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

School Clubs

The timetable and details for this term's clubs, based on all the information we have at present, have been added to the school website. We have a broad range of clubs on offer which hopefully should provide something for everyone! My thanks go to Mrs Crompton and Mrs Marven for organising the club timetable and ensuring that everything runs smoothly.

Just a reminder - if your child is unable to attend a session for any reason, please make sure you inform the School Office so they can let the Club Leader know.

*'Maximum Effort for
Maximum Achievement'*

Packed Lunch

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please can you remember to pack a drink for them or send them with an empty cup for water as we do not provide disposable plastic cups for environmental reasons. Thank you.

Communication

Please refer to the school's Communication Strategy which is available via the Quick Links on our website. Please can I also draw your attention to the Parent/Carer Code of Conduct which is also available via the Quick Links. Thank you.

Diary Dates for the Academic Year

We have attached another copy of the overview of our diary for the forthcoming academic year with this newsletter. This is also available on our website.

Newsletter Items

As existing parents already know, Buttsbury is a busy school and our weekly newsletter is very full. There are often more items relating to the children in Years 3 - 6 in the newsletter though, as the children are a bit older and, hence, do more things outside of the normal curriculum. We hope that this is seen as an exciting insight into things to come and still enjoyable to read.

Parent/Grandparent Helpers

We **LOVE** to welcome parents and grandparents into school as volunteers.

If you are able to come into school to help in a voluntary role, we would be delighted to hear from you. Most parent helpers come in on a regular basis for a set afternoon each week. If you are able to come in and help, please could you email either school office, stating which day of the week would suit you best. We would provide a short induction for you so you won't be thrown in at the deep end!
Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

Reading Challenge - Years 3 - 6

To help promote a love of reading and encourage children to read a wide range and variety of books, we introduced our 'Reading Challenge' just under four years ago. It is a great award for the children to work towards and, last year, many children attained not only their Bronze Award, but their Silver and Gold Award too. We also introduced a 'Platinum Award' for reading 5 or more books in each genre! There are eight different genres of books - Animals, Well-Loved Authors, Historical, Mysteries, Stories with a Hero or Heroine, Fantasy, Adventure/Action and Humour. Children need to read one book from each genre to receive their Bronze Award; two for their Silver and three for their Gold Award. Reading Challenge Awards are presented at the end of each half-term.

The Reading Challenge sheets are in the back of your child's English Homework Book; they are also on the school website, on the Year Group Pages. Please note that the texts listed are just examples of that genre; feel free to select other books for each genre if you prefer.

Bronze and Silver Reading Award

Our apologies to Amelia Maloney (5M) who was accidentally missed off the rewards list in July. We were delighted to present Amelia with both awards today.

Mill Hill Drive

Just an early reminder, Mill Hill Drive is a private road and parking is not permitted at any time. Please note that this is also the case when dropping children off or collecting them from after school clubs. Please also avoid standing on the yellow hatched areas at pick up time. Thank you.

Start Time

A reminder that classroom doors open at 8.30am each morning and lessons start at 8.40am. The gates are locked at 8.45am so please use the front entrances if you arrive after this time. Thank you.

Contact Details

Just a reminder of the contact details for the school offices as a lot of emails are bouncing back due to old email addresses being used -

Infant site -

admininf@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk

Junior site -

adminjun@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk

To enable the admin team to forward your email on to the correct person, please put your child's name and class in the email header.

Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil premium was introduced in April 2011 and is allocated to schools to work with pupils who have been registered for free school meals at any point in the last six years (known as 'Ever 6 FSM'). The pupil premium is paid direct to schools, allocated to them for every pupil who receives free school meals. Schools decide how to use the funding, as they are best placed to assess additional provision their pupils need.

A detailed breakdown of how we commit this funding is available on our school website. We also provide further support with educational visits and school clubs. Hence, for all children entitled to Pupil Premium funding, the school will fund one extra-curricular club per term and all visits of one day or less. We will contribute 50% of the cost of residential visits.

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium funding if you are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you may be eligible, please complete the online application form for Essex schools, which can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Pre-Loved Uniform

If you would like to purchase any items (at a hugely reduced price) please contact Maggi (chair of the infant PA) on: 07801 896254.

Leave of Absence

The Educational (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, state:
'Headteachers are no longer permitted to grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.'

The following are examples of exceptional circumstances: the funeral of a very close relative or the wedding of the child's parents. As you can imagine, these circumstances do not arise very often which means that almost all requests for leave of absence will be unauthorised.

Please can I urge you not to book a holiday in term time as I am unable to authorise the leave. Please find a copy of the school's attendance policy attached with this newsletter.

EYFS/Key Stage 1 Celebrations



Year One 'Stars of the Week'



Year Two 'Stars of the Week'



'Out of School Success'



Our new Reception children have all settled into school really well and, as you can see, are enjoying all the different activities.



Our warmest congratulations to Mr and Mrs Renny (formerly Miss Corr) who got married in August. We wish them many years of happiness together.

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School

The booklet was developed by representatives from all the School Councils across the schools in Billericay and contains 50 activities that the children can complete both in and out of school. Some of the tasks may be quite straightforward whilst others are a little more challenging.

Examples of tasks: Build a sandcastle, cook a meal, tie a lace, face a fear.

When the children have completed each task they need to provide photo evidence to show their class teacher. The class teacher will then sign and date the booklet and award the child with a gold star. There will be coloured certificates awarded for every 10, 20, 30 and 40 stars earned. If the child completes ALL 50 tasks then they will earn themselves a GOLD certificate and a non-uniform day for themselves and a friend!! The children all have their own copy of the booklet but there is an electronic version available on our website too.

We look forward to seeing who can achieve all 50 challenges.

Celebration Assembly

'Well Done' to all the children who were awarded MERIT certificates this week.

Zachary Arnold	Annabel Guy
Blaine Mountford	Ashley McSharry
Thomas Munday	Chloe McGibbon
Archie Coote	Chloe Pierce
Teddy Temple	Amelia-Rose Hewitt
Freddie McQueen	Summer Mariner
Tommy Akinlade	James Rowley
Sophie Moore	Alfie Moclair
Josh Hale	Lola Obergan
Brooklyn Nelson	Charlie Munday
Callie Beadon	Abi Hau
Logan Mariner	Lydia Rhobat

50 Things To Do Before Leaving Primary School
 Congratulations to **Jack Dodge**
 who has completed **20** things at home!



This week's 'Writers of the Week' are:

*Georgie Harding James Davies Emma Booth
 Cooper Smith Evelina Kiafa Chloe Berry
 Alessia Tutuianu Summer-Rose Smith
 Well done to our writing super stars!*



This week's 'Mathematicians of the Week' are:

*Ethan Rae Arlo Spencer-Nimmo Tommy Smith
 Lara Austin Cameron McGee Sonny Hoile
 Zachary Arnold Malachi Kwanzambi Thea Robbshaw
 Well done to our magical mathematicians!*



This week's 'Readers of the Week' are:

*Leif Emanuel-Francis Bobbi Atkinson George Day
 Ariella Osborne Jennifer McSharry Maya-Love Chance
 Frederick Solomons Lysander Goodman
 Well done to our enthusiastic readers!*

This week's 'Times Table Rockstars' are:

*Oliver Allchurch Abi Hau Harry Mann
 Perdie Noble Joshua Murton
 Oliver Stephens Arun Sawhney
 Lilani Luthra Isla Bloomfield*



Afternoon Tea

Buttsbury Junior site's staffroom transformed once again into Hotel Buttsbury on Thursday afternoon as we welcomed guests for afternoon tea.

Each child has been allocated a number (to keep things simple, the numbers represent their position in the class register). We've changed how the format slightly this year - instead of one number being chosen, randomly, each week, we will rotate the year groups and pick four random numbers. This means that the children will get the chance to come to Afternoon Tea alongside three other children from their class, and twelve others from their year group. We think the children might prefer this as it's always nice to go somewhere with friends!

The children, with the chosen numbers, from each class are then invited to afternoon tea in the Staff Room, with Mr Graves and myself, where we will enjoy squash, cakes and chocolate biscuits! The children bring with them a piece of work that they are particularly proud of, to share with others. The photos (below) are from yesterday's afternoon tea with Year 6. The event was a great success and it was a delight to hear the children talking with such pride about their learning. Next week, we'll invite sixteen Year 5 children to join us - I wonder who they will be?



House Points

This week's winning house:

Leopards



Top Table

This week, the children chosen by the Midday Assistants to sit at the 'Top Table' were:

**Aubrey Mears
 Harry Shipway
 Ella Palmer
 George Morgan
 Jasmine Dong**



*This week's attendance figure is: 97.6%!
 This year's provisional attendance target is 97.0%.*



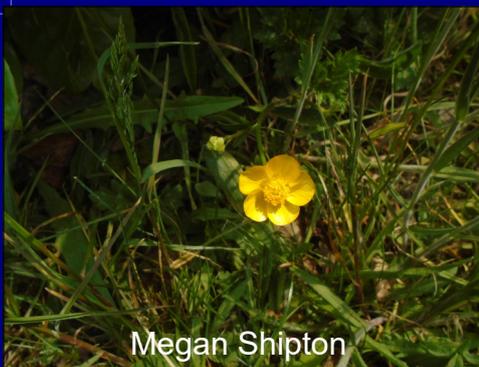
A special 'Well Done' to Robins, Birch, Willow, 3W, 4H and 5B who all had 100% attendance this week!!

Buttsbury's WrapAround Care

After months of planning, our WrapAround Care (before/after school club) opened on Tuesday. As you can see from the photos, it's been a great success and we are looking forward to the provision expanding over the next few months/years.

If you'd like to find out more about the provision, please contact Mrs Phillips, in the infant site office - 01277 622821 or email her - dphillips@buttsburyprimary.essex.sch.uk.

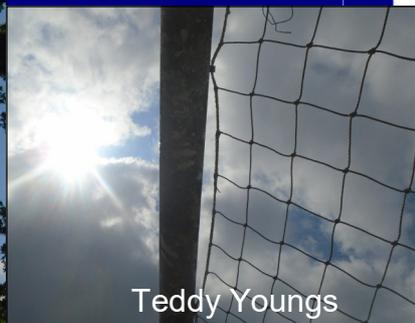




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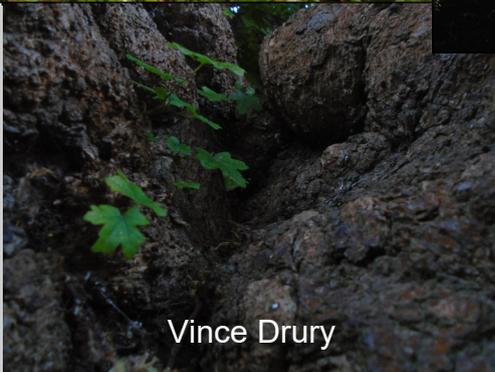
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Teddy Youngs



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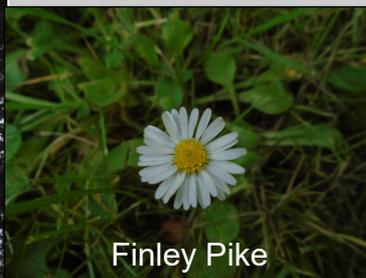
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Erin Collins



Callie Beadon



Finley Pike

Photofold Photography Competition

Schools' Photographic Competition

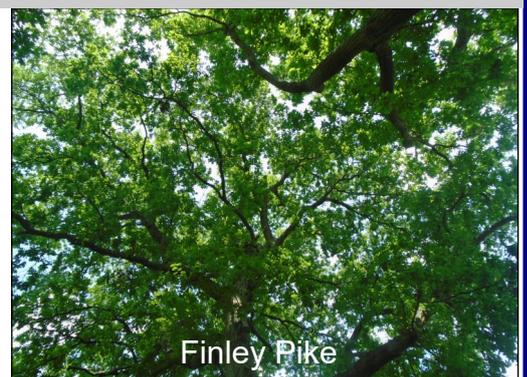
Towards the end of the last academic year, some of our Year 5 children (now Year 6), alongside children from other schools in Billericay, entered a competition which was run by Photofold Camera Club. The photographs the children took were of a very high standard and some of them literally took my breath away with their creativity and innovation. All the entries received are currently exhibited at Billericay Library - the exhibition is open to all so why not pop along at some point - I guarantee you will be impressed!

Very special congratulations go Pippa Daley whose photo was **highly commended**. Thank you very much to Mrs Dean, who helped and guided the children through the process.

Well done to all the children who exhibited - the presentations are tomorrow at 10am at Billericay Library if you are free and would like to see Pippa receive her award.



Pippa Daley - Highly Commended



Finley Pike