



# BOURNES GREEN SCHOOLS

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## BOURNES GREEN INFANT SCHOOL

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## Weekly Newsletter – Important Information

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reminders for next two weeks (please also check the [school calendar](#))

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| • Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March    | The Coin Collector Challenge starts (see below)                    |
| • Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March   | U11's Girl's Football finals (letter sent to selected team)        |
| • Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Science Fair (3.20 to 4.00 - See below) & Book Look (3.20 to 4.15) |
| • Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | The Coin Collector Challenge ends                                  |
| • Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | KS1 Football Finals (letter sent to selected team)                 |
| • Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March    | Y2 Girls football (letter sent to selected team)                   |
| • Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March    | SEND Forum – Wellbeing & Mental Health (2pm in the Infant Hall)    |
| • Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Essex Cross Country finals   |
| • Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Whole School Easter Assembly with Rev Dave (pm)                    |
| • Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March  | Infant School Easter Bonnet Parade (see below)                     |
| • Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March    | Good Friday. Start of the Easter Holiday!                          |

### Guide Dog fundraising – The Coin Collector Challenge!

This term, the School Council have voted to raise money for [Sponsor a Guide Dog Puppy | Guide Dogs UK](#). Their target is to raise enough money to sponsor three dogs for 2 years which is a minimum donation of £360. In order to achieve this, each class will be given a bucket next week and challenged with filling it with silver coins. The class with the heaviest bucket on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March will be rewarded with a new game for their wet play box.

It would be fantastic if you were able to support this and were able to spare some silver coins so we can sponsor at least three dogs for two years.

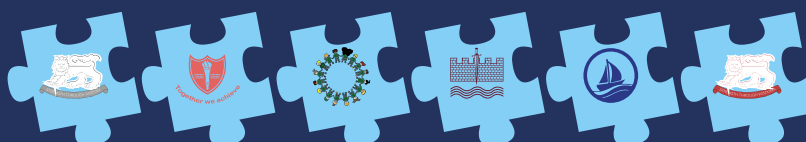
### Swimming – Summer Term

As you are aware, our swimming pool is currently out of use as work is about to commence on our expansion project. Within the works, we will be building a roof over the swimming pool and installing new changing rooms and toilets. It is expected this work will take 12-15 months.

Due to our swimming pool closure, we will only be offering swimming for Year 6 children at Shoeburyness High School following their SATS tests in May. Mrs Crumbie and Mrs Hammond will write to parents nearer the time with further details.

Whilst I know some of you will be disappointed that our swimming offer is reduced for this year, it is very much with a view that we can widen our offer when the roof and new facilities are in place.

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### **Bournes Green Science Fair - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3.20 – 4.00pm**

As part of our celebration of British Science Week, we are holding a Science Fair after school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This will be an opportunity for families to share a scientific project or investigation they have carried out at home. This could be making a musical instrument, growing a plant, creating a magnet maze or building a volcano. The science sparks website has many additional ideas (<https://www.science-sparks.com/easy-ideas-for-science-at-home/>).

We are inviting families from both infant and junior schools to book a table space in the junior hall to display their projects. Both schools will be open for a book look on this evening and all families are invited to visit the Science Fair too. We hope that the Science Fair will again be an exciting and inspirational event and look forward to you joining us.

Please email the office ([infants@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk](mailto:infants@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk) or [juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk](mailto:juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk)) if you would like to take part.

### **McWinners!**

As promised, our victorious Y5/6 girls football team enjoyed a celebratory McDonalds lunch today following their victory in the Essex and North London Cup last month.

Preliminary discussions have already begun as to their next reward if they return victorious from Tuesday's tournament in Slough where they are competing for the title of Southern England champions! Tuesday's tournament will be a huge challenge for the team, but they are very excited by the prospect and go with our absolute best wishes.



### **Change of name coming soon!**

During the Easter holidays, Miss Penry is getting married and will return to Bournes Green as Mrs Woodman. Miss Penry will be telling the children very soon, so we wanted to share the news to save any confusion! I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Penry the most magical of days and many happy years of happiness.

### **Infant Easter Bonnet Parade – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Don't forget that we are holding an Easter Bonnet Parade on this day! All Infant children are invited to bring an Easter bonnet to school which will be paraded to the Infant children in a special assembly that afternoon. We think the children will really enjoy the event and it is a lovely way to end our Spring Term. Whilst we would encourage all children to participate in the event, if your child would not wish to wear a bonnet or you do not wish for your child to take part, they do not have to.

### **Ramadan (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, until Eid al-Fitr around Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April)**

Please email your child's class teacher and the School Office if your child/children are taking part in any form of fasting.

### **Social Media – Twitter/X: @Bournesgreensch - Instagram: @bournesgreenschool**

If you would like your child to be included in social media posts, please remember to ensure you have updated photo consents on the MCAS app.

## Attendance

Thank you for your support in maintaining high attendance for your child/children.

Infant Classes	This week's attendance	Junior Classes	This week's attendance	<b>Attendance Ladder</b>	
<b>This year's attendance target: 96.5%</b>				Equates to: 4 SCHOOL DAYS off each year 7 SCHOOL DAYS off each year 9 SCHOOL DAYS off each year 11 SCHOOL DAYS off each year 20 SCHOOL DAYS off each year 30 SCHOOL DAYS off each year	
Sunshine	92.00%	Oak	96.36%		
Sandcastle	84.19%	Spruce	92.81%		
Pebble	95.00%	Elm	95.15%		
Shell	91.67%	Pine	97.27%		
Starfish	89.33%	Beech	94.69%		
Jellyfish	97.99%	Hazel	95.76%		
		Birch	96.97%		
		Willow	97.58%		

Assembly Information	
Artist of the Half Term	Queen
Language of the Month	Urdu
Our Fortnightly Focus	To read at home at least three times every week
Mr Denchfield's Fact of the Week	Magnets have a North and South Pole

## Key School Website Links

<a href="#">My Child At School</a>	<a href="#">School Contact Info</a>	<a href="#">School Calendar</a>
<a href="#">Term dates</a>	<a href="#">School Lunches</a>	<a href="#">School Uniform</a>
<a href="#">Gaming &amp; Social Media</a>	<a href="#">Children using mobile phones</a>	<a href="#">Children's Online Worry Box</a>
<a href="#">Walking home from school</a>	<a href="#">Children's birthdays!</a>	<a href="#">Sport at Bournes Green</a>
<a href="#">11+ Selective Testing</a>	<a href="#">Supporting Learning at Home</a>	<a href="#">Safeguarding</a>
<a href="#">Parents Association</a>	<a href="#">Parents SEND Forum</a>	<a href="#">Parent Partnership</a>
<a href="#">Volunteer reading</a>	<a href="#">Attendance Information</a>	<a href="#">Inclement Weather Update</a>
<a href="#">School Streets</a>		

## Weekly Newsletter – Time to celebrate!

Personal Achievements
This section is for parents to share any achievements their child/children have achieved outside of school. If you would like us to share your news, please email <a href="mailto:juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk">juniors@bournesgreen.secat.co.uk</a>

Learning Power Awards		
Enthusiasm	Fletcher	Eleanor
Effort	Grace	Willow
Improvement	Ishaan, Ayah, Eire	Isabelle, Harrison, Bhrithi, Lucas, Harvey, George, Jack, Lily, Olivia, Aayan
Co-operation	Josh, Roland	Phinny
Concentration	Ralphy, Finn, Ava, Mimi, Toby	Eden
Perseverance	William	
Imagination	Azaan	Sofia

### Local News & Events




**EASTER FUN**  
**AT THORPE BAY LAWN**  
**TENNIS CLUB**  
**Saturday 30th March 11-1PM**

**EASTER EGG FOR EVERY CHILD!**

**TENNIS GAMES**  
**ICE CREAM VAN**

**BAR OPEN!**  
**BBQ MUSIC**

**£2 MEMBERS**  
**£7 NON-MEMBERS**

ALL WELCOME  
 PAYABLE TO:  
**THORPE BAY LAWN TENNIS CLUB LTD**  
 SORT CODE: 30-92-53  
 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 27496268

CHILDREN  
 MUST BE  
 ACCOMPANIED  
 BY AN ADULT

PLEASE USE YOUR FULL NAME AS REFERENCE WHEN PAYING  
 NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR  
**EMAIL: [CHLOEJACKSONBTLC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHLOEJACKSONBTLC@GMAIL.COM)**  
**WHEN PAYMENT IS MADE**  
 PLEASE ADVISE IF YOUR CHILD IS DAIRY INTOLERANT

**GREAT WAKERING COLTS YFC**

*your local*  
**FOOTBALL CLUB**

**SHOEBURYNESS HIGH SCHOOL** | **9:00 A.M. SATURDAYS**

**OPEN TO RECEPTION / SCHOOL YEAR ONE BOYS AND GIRLS**  
**FIRST SESSION FREE THEN £5 EACH TIME YOU TRAIN**

**CONTACT US TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**

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Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr D Denchfield**  
**Headteacher**