

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.5%

[New Winter Menu Week 1 beginning 30th Oct](#)

No 7 Thurs 18th Oct 2018

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Stars of the Week

12th October 2018



Autumn Term 2018



- Y6 Ruby Hillman
Marian Rodriguez
Jackson Lonsdale
- Y5 Milly Curtis
Beatrice Bardell
Liam Tickner
- Y4 Thomas Ing
Reuben Barry
Harvey Daniels
- Y3 Oliver Leonard
Henry Skingle
Abigail McElroy

Key Dates

- Fri 19th Oct **Healthy School Day** in aid of the Children's Society. Come to school in House colours
- Mon 22nd Oct **HALF TERM WEEK**
- Mon 29th Oct Non-Pupil Day 2
- Weds 1st Nov Y4 Parent Information Meeting
- Mon 5th Nov Flu Immunisations
- Weds 7th Nov Y5 Parent Information Meeting
- Thurs 8th Nov Y6 Parent Information Meeting
- 8th-9th Nov School Photos
- Mon 12th Nov Joint event with Infants to mark 100 years since the end of WW1
- Weds 14th Nov Y3 Parent Information Meeting
- Thurs 15th Nov Class 5C Assembly 9:00am
- Thurs 22nd Nov Class 4S Assembly 9:00am
- Thurs 29th Nov Class 3H Assembly 9:00am
- Weds 19th Dec End of Autumn Term
- Mon 7th Jan 2019 Pupils return for Spring Term



Mandarin club explored the Double Ninth Chinese festival this week by writing out a traditional poem

China Visit as part of Essex Headteacher delegation

From 3rd to 9th November, I will be part of a delegation of Essex headteachers travelling to Jiangsu province in China. We will be visiting partner schools, supporting the existing Essex-Jiangsu links as well as taking part in an international leadership conference to explore the subject of 'equity' in education. I shared this trip with the children in an assembly on Monday and asked them to consider any 'how' or 'why' questions that they wanted me to explore while I was there. I will be visiting



Zhangqinglian Primary (pictured left) in Changshu which Mr McIntosh first visited back in 2014 and Mrs Summers followed up in 2015 with the support of the British Council. I am aiming to set-up a joint engineering project across both schools which I can continue whilst back in the UK at BFJS. I particularly want to encourage our girls to consider taking part in this. Please encourage your child to send in a question to take with me on my trip and I will do my best to find an answer. The question can be by email or on paper;

it might be about life in the partner school or any other question about Chinese culture in general. Mr McIntosh will be ably deputising in my absence.

Infant School 'New to Reception' Meetings

I attended the latest 'new to reception' meetings at the Infant school with parents who are considering their children to join Barnes Farm Infant school in September 2019. The meeting was very well attended and included a tour and an impromptu yoga session! If you know of anyone of Reception school age next year, please point their parents to the Infant school website to find out further details about forthcoming meetings. Next year's Reception pupils will most likely be our Y3 pupils in September 2022!

Finally - please remember that Monday 29th October is a non-pupil day for staff training. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term break.

Ross McTaggart - Headteacher

Parent Information Meetings

We are offering an opportunity for every parent to attend a group information meeting with their child's classteacher over the coming weeks. This is in addition to the parent consultations planned for January and April 2019 but there is no need to book. This offer will enable us to further improve the communication between home and school and will be an opportunity to clarify any shared expectations. Children may attend but are not obliged to. The evening meetings should last about 30-45 mins and all begin at 6pm on these dates:

Thursday 1 st November	Year 4
Wednesday 7 th November	Year 5
Thursday 8 th November	Year 6
Wednesday 14 th November	Year 3



Healthy School day - Friday 19th October tomorrow!

With the help of our 4 health champions - Captain Kinetic© , Agent Lifestyle©, Nutrition Ninja© and, of course, Mindset Warrior© (from the Children's Health Project) we will teach the children tomorrow about how to further develop their understanding of how to support healthy bodies and healthy minds during a Healthy Schools morning. The school is funding the day but we would welcome charitable donations from parents towards the **Children's Society** (via Parentpay) on the day. **Please send your child to school dressed in their house colours and non-uniform please (trainers required).**

Harvest Assembly - Thursday 18th October



Thank you to all those families who contributed to our Harvest appeal for the Chelmsford foodbank. We held a special assembly this morning, with the help of our House Vice-Captains, to reflect on the importance of Harvest and what it means to us.

Schoolgames Update



We took two teams to a Chelmsford Level 2 Table tennis competition on Monday. The teams played very well and finished 3rd and 8th respectively.

School Dinners - New Winter Menu launched + Book Fair



Our new Winter Menu for school meals (provided by Ashlyns catering) will launch after half term. Please click on the link at the top of the newsletter to view the menu. It is also being attached by email. We hope the children enjoy the new menu options!

Our Book Fair will run the first week back after half term. (W.C 29/10) Parents can pre purchase **Extra Value Book Fair Gift Vouchers** online for their child here: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

Get a £6 Gift Voucher for £5
Get a £24 Gift Voucher for £20
Get a £30 Gift Voucher for £25



Items available

We have a number of unwanted items at the school which might be useful for someone within our community. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01245 467973 to arrange collection. Any donations welcome as a result:



- We have 5 'heras' fencing panels available to collect which interlock.
- Various sections of wood which may be suitable for landscaping or chopping for firewood
- Some trolleys previously used for laptops



Community News

Essex Music Education Hub



Ever wondered what it is like to play in an orchestra? If you are aged between 5 - 18 years old and play any string instrument, why not come along and try our taster session?

Don't be shy if you have never played in an orchestra before. Our tutors will be able to access which of the available groups would be best for you.

These groups are:-

- Essex Fun Stringers (Grade 0-2)
- Essex Contemporary Strings (Grade 2-4)
- Essex Young People's Orchestra (Grade 4+)
- Essex Youth Orchestra (Grade 7+)


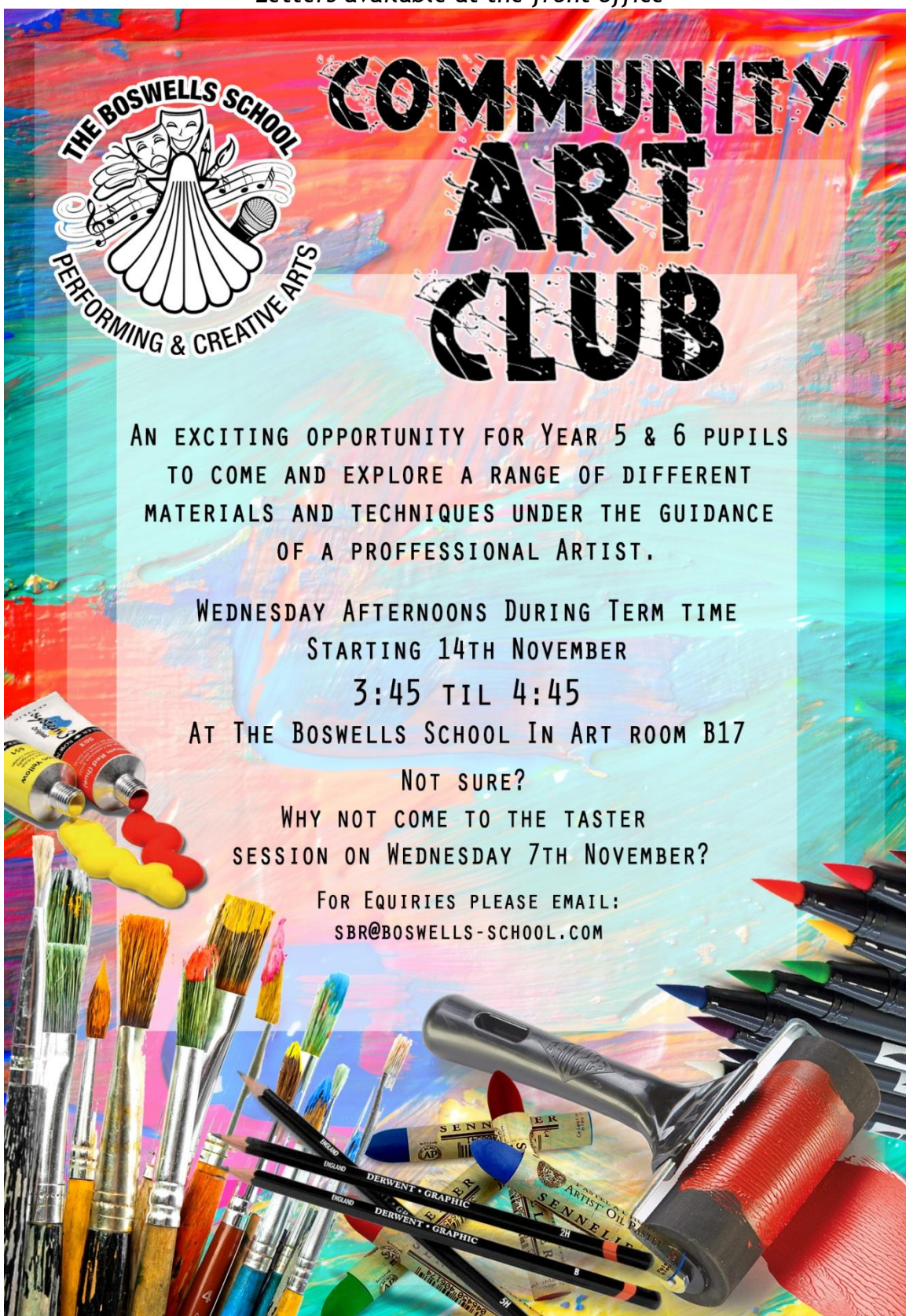
We are specifically looking for students who play **violin, viola, cello or double bass**. Whatever string instrument you play you will have an enjoyable day working with our experienced tutors and other musicians of similar ability.

Date and time	Sun 21 October 2018 / 9:30am - 1:00pm
Price	£7.50
Venue	Colchester Institute, Swinburne Hall, Sheepen Road, Colchester CO3 3LL

<https://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/events/orchestral-experience-taster-session/>

Community Art Club opportunity at Boswells

Letters available at the front office



COMMUNITY ART CLUB

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 5 & 6 PUPILS
TO COME AND EXPLORE A RANGE OF DIFFERENT
MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES UNDER THE GUIDANCE
OF A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS DURING TERM TIME
STARTING 14TH NOVEMBER
3:45 TIL 4:45
AT THE BOSWELLS SCHOOL IN ART ROOM B17

NOT SURE?
WHY NOT COME TO THE TASTER
SESSION ON WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER?

FOR EQUIRIES PLEASE EMAIL:
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