



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

**16th
September
2018**

Dates for this term

These dates may be subject to changes and for some events letters will be sent out from classes nearer the event.

20th September 3 Peaks Challenge Event for children (in school)

28th September MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

2nd October Harvest Festival at the Church

4th October Visit by Osiligi Maasai Warriors

15th-17th October Black History Week

18th October-28th October Half Term

31st October Key Stage 2 classes visit Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge

6th November Open Morning for next year's Reception Year

9th November Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

29th November Individual and Family School Photographs

4th December Flu Immunisation

6th December Key Stage 1 Pantomime Trip

11th and 13th December KS1 and EYFS Nativity

12th December Carol Service at the Church 6pm

Stars of the week:

Bumblebees: All of YR

Rabbits: Jacob

Hedgehogs: Maya

Barn Owls: Maxim

Tawny Owls: George

Kestrels: Rio, Anna and Freddie



Welcome

We would like to welcome all our new children, families and staff, and also welcome back all those staying with us from last year.

One of the special things about Bressingham is the way that people are welcomed into the school community. In school, the new children are being helped to settle in by their Year 5 and 6 Buddies. The Buddies help the younger children at playtimes and lunchtimes. This includes helping them to find their way around, to enjoy their lunch and to find friends to play with. The bond made between buddies means that even when former Bressingham pupils are at the High School, they still remember and recognise their Buddies when they are in Year 7 or the Sixth Form...



Leadership update

Governors have re-advertised the Headteacher post, giving another chance to appoint before January.

Mrs Gudde is Acting Head of School and Russell Boulton (CEO of IETrust and former Headteacher of Wymondham High) is supporting her as 'executive headteacher'. This is helping to provide the school with strong leadership and is being done as a professional courtesy with no obligation to complete the academisation process, should consultation lead to a different outcome.

Once an academy order has been raised, full consultation with parents, regarding joining a multi-academy trust is planned. This will be this term or next term.

Loki the Forest School Dog

Our Forest Schools project is going strong.

At the moment, Ange runs Forest Schools for a group of children once a week, but Mrs Sullivan is also going to train as a Forest School leader and a group of parents have started to work

together to enlarge our Forest Schools area.

Ange has a black Labrador puppy called Loki, who goes with her to all her Forest School groups. He has been with children from his youngest days and Ange ensures that children are happy to have him near before they approach. Please speak to Jackie in the office if you have any concerns about this.

Curriculum and Class groups

We have been lucky this year to be able to move into 6 smaller teaching groups for most of the time. Sometimes we will put groups together for certain activities, more often in the afternoons. This will enable an adult to work with smaller groups for specific learning activities.



Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are all finding out about Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece this term. This gives us an opportunity to go on visits together, which can sometimes reduce costs of

trips, where the main cost is usually the coach. This term we will visit the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, to see real Ancient Egyptian and Ancient Greek artefacts.

New Staff

A warm welcome to Mrs Chapman in Year 2, Mrs Kayley in Year 3 and Mr Hickman in Year 4.

We are very lucky to have three experienced teachers joining us, to work alongside established staff. The teachers of each teaching group work hard to share planning and pastoral care of the children.

Communication

Over the holiday, a new telephone system has been installed. We are hoping that the new mobile handsets will make it easier to contact us more immediately when Jackie Porter has to leave the office. Please leave a message on the answerphone if we are unable to pick up and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



If there is something you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about, please pop in to speak to them. If they are able to speak with you straight away, they will; otherwise, they will see you as soon as possible- you can make a time with them or speak with Jackie in the office to arrange an appointment.

Emails are a less reliable way to contact us, as we receive so many emails every day and we only access them when we are able to, amongst everything else we do in a day. If we are very busy, it may be that we are unable to reply for 2 or 3 days, although we will always try to reply as soon as we are able to.

3 Peaks Challenge

Ollie Kenyon, Freddy's Dad, is entering the 3 Peaks Challenge to raise money for the school. This takes place on the 21st and 22nd September.

To give the children an idea of the challenge that Ollie will take on, they are going to undertake their own mini 3 Peaks Challenge at school on Thursday afternoon.

A letter has been sent out separately to give further details. If you would like to sponsor Ollie, there is a sponsor form at the school office, or you can donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oliver-kenyon>



Good luck, Ollie!