



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

**15th October
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.

15th-17th October Black History Week

15th October Cross-Country Event at DHS

17th October at 2.30pm Black History Week sharing assembly- all welcome

18th October-28th October Half Term

29th October Individual and Family School Photographs

31st October Key Stage 2 classes visit Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge

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

6th and 8th November Parents' Evenings

9th November Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

16th November FABs film night at 3.30pm

30th November FABs Christmas Fair

3rd December Christmas decorations afternoon

4th December Flu immunisation

6th December KS1 Pantomime trip

11th and 13th December KS1 Nativity

12th December at 6pm Christmas Service at Bressingham Church

18th December at 2pm Carols round the Christmas Tree and end of term

Stars of the week:

Bumblebees: Isla

Rabbits: Clemmy

Hedgehogs: Oliver

Barn Owls: Edward

Kestrels: Daisy, Maisie



To give the children an opportunity to have an understanding of what Ollie's challenge would be like, they completed their own Three Peaks Challenge in school, pushing themselves to achieve physical challenges. This was fun, but gave them a sense of the resilience that would be needed. You may have seen the children in the press: the EDP, the Diss Express and the Diss Mercury all featured this event.



Having completed his own challenge, Ollie

came into our celebration assembly to talk to the children. He inspired them to always think they can achieve more than they think they can and to enjoy being outdoors.

The money that Ollie has raised will be put towards our Forest Schools project- a chance to find challenge and achieve outdoors...

Forest Schools



We have an established Forest Schools session on a Friday afternoon, which enables different small groups of children to develop skills of resilience, self-esteem, self-regulation and teamwork, with a Forest Schools teacher.

It is exciting that this project is now starting to grow, so that these opportunities will become available for more of our children:

- the area is being enlarged, with a separate area extending from the existing plot to the Early Years outdoor area; fencing will hopefully be up when this newsletter goes out, thanks to a group of parent and staff volunteers

- Mrs Sullivan, our EYFS teacher, is attending training to be a Forest Schools leader

- this year we will develop the new area to enable use, hopefully by late spring

- then many more children will have the opportunity to experience Forest Schools, with some time allocated in the school day and a club starting.

How exciting!

A gift for Year 5s from Rotary Club



Mr and Mrs Mordey of Diss Waveney Rotary Club visited during Celebration Assembly to present Year 5 with dictionaries. These are for the children to take home and use now and in years to come.

Our visitors really enjoyed the whole assembly and said they felt it was a very welcoming atmosphere.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everybody for making this a very memorable event for the children, being in an amazing building in the village community to celebrate harvest. Over 200 people raised the roof for the Harvest hymns...

Osiligi Maasai Warriors

Another of our 100 memorable events is to experience different cultures and we had a very special hour immersed in the singing and dancing of a troupe of Maasai Warriors, from Kenya, recently. They explained links between their lives and the songs and dances, helping us to understand what is important to their culture.



It was a very joyful experience.

Leadership update

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.

Governors will decide whether to advertise for a new headteacher to start at Easter or next September at the next Governors' meeting.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Tawny Owls helped to run this event, to raise money for this very

important charity. We raised nearly £300.

There was a wonderful atmosphere in the hall, which was full of parents, carers, wider family members and friends, all enjoying a drink, some cake and good company. Thank you to all our bakers...

Sports events at Diss High School



Rabbit and Hedgehog Classes enjoyed a multiskills session and some of our older children have competed in a cross-country event today. These activities are great for fitness, but also for experiencing being with people from other local schools, who

they may go to High School with, and take place at our local High school, which they may attend.

Playground resurfacing

The Governors have been busy collecting quotes and making arrangements for the playground surfaces around the older parts of the school building to be resurfaced. We hope that this work will be completed over half term. Line markings will also be put in, to mark out a new games area, and a running track indicated around the playgrounds, to help the children to further develop their running skills.

This will be paid for with Sports Premium funding from the DfE.

*Thank you all for your support of our wonderful children and school,
Dawn Gudde*

Notes from the office...

School uniform

Parents have suggested that having a uniform shop online may be helpful, so this has been set up. Information about this is on a leaflet being sent home with this newsletter.

Also there is a note about some items of uniform that we have in stock, which will be sold at current (lower than online) prices. These will be sold on a first come-first served basis.

Autumn-winter dinner menu

Leaflet with this newsletter. Dinner uptake has been good this term.

Parking

Please avoid parking near the entrance to Pascoe Close, as this can make it difficult for vehicles leaving the close to see pedestrians or vehicles, which could

potentially cause an accident.

Messages for school

Now that we have a newer phone system, please ensure that any messages for the school are phoned through to the school, especially regarding absences.

The attendance officer requires that we have clear information for reason of absence other than a child is 'unwell'.
Thank you.