



# Bressingham Primary Newsletter

**9<sup>th</sup> March  
2018**

## Dates for this term

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

9<sup>th</sup> March Year 2  
Aboriginal dance  
workshop

13<sup>th</sup> March Parents'  
evening

16<sup>th</sup> March Charity  
football match

23<sup>rd</sup> March Diss Cluster  
football tournament Y5  
and 6

23<sup>rd</sup> March FABs Easter  
Disco

27<sup>th</sup> March Writing Share  
Morning for EYFS

28<sup>th</sup> March SCHOOL  
CLOSES FOR EASTER

16<sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL  
OPENS

18<sup>th</sup> April Class photos

14<sup>th</sup> May Key Stage 2  
SATs week for Year 6

21<sup>st</sup> May Year 5 Cycle  
training

23<sup>rd</sup> April Bumblebees  
visit to Norwich Castle  
(rearranged)

25<sup>th</sup> May Year 5 cycle  
training

25<sup>th</sup> May SCHOOL  
CLOSES FOR HALF  
TERM

4<sup>th</sup> June SCHOOL  
OPENS

4<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 cycle  
training

8<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 cycle  
training

## Parents' evening

Parents' evening has been rearranged for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. If this is not convenient, please do contact your child's teacher and we will arrange another time.

## Extreme weather

Thank you for your patience with the recent school closures. We do try to be open as far as possible. It is always a difficult decision to close the school. Please use your own judgement in deciding whether or not to come in to school, in these circumstances. If you are faced with an arduous journey and believe it would be safer to stay at home, please do so. In these exceptional circumstances, a special code is used in the register, which doesn't count as an absence. I have included an excerpt from Norfolk Local Authority's advice for your information.

*Many schools face difficulties as a result of adverse weather particularly during periods of very low temperatures and heavy snow. The County Council acknowledges the difficult judgement*

*that sometimes has to be made as to whether to temporarily close the school for safety reasons. We appreciate the efforts made by governors, headteachers and their staff to keep schools open wherever possible. Recent evidence shows that headteachers try to inculcate a culture in their pupils and the wider community that attending school is essential to children's life chances and start from a position of seeking to keep the school open if at all possible. As a County Council we strongly endorse that approach.*

*In some circumstances closure is unavoidable, for example where there would not be enough staff on school sites to ensure pupil safety. It is right that the judgement on whether a school should close is made locally by those who are closest to the situation. School closure has widespread consequences and is never taken lightly. The community has to have confidence in headteachers to make the right decision for their school, to communicate the position promptly and regularly to parents and to do everything possible to re-open as soon as possible.*

*Norfolk supports the national guidance which emphasises the importance of taking a proportionate approach, balancing any risks arising from less supervision and minor slips and bumps against disruption to pupils' learning.*



## World Book Day

We all had an enjoyable albeit late World Book Day on Monday. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff for making such a wonderful effort.

The charity football match has been rearranged for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.





### **Parking**

Thank you for your patience with parking. It is incredibly difficult at the moment with the narrow road and the road closure. Please do try and park safely as it can be very dangerous for children, particularly after school.

This week, we had another near miss and are keen to ensure no one is hurt.

### **TESCO** Bags of Help

Please remember to help our bid for money to buy a canopy for the Key Stage 1 classes by putting your tokens in the collection tub at Tesco.

### **Sports for Schools**

We are collecting Sports for Schools tokens from the EDP and EEN. Please help us collect them by dropping your tokens in the container by the children's entrance.

### **Stars of the week**

Our winners for this week were:

**Bumblebees:** Holly Richards

**Rabbits:** Lily Cluness

**Hedgehogs:** Amelia Stott

**Barn Owls:** Noah Sharman and Alex Noble

**Kestrels:** Freddie Wimshurst and Woody Taylor

