



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

**17th January
2022**

Dates

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th January at 4pm **Phonics and early reading meetings for YR and Y1 parents and carers** (information sent via ParentMail)

Monday 14th- Friday 18th February
Half term holiday

Friday 4th March **World Book Day**

Week beginning 7th March
Parent-carer Evenings

Friday 1st April **Spring assembly and end of term**

Wednesday 20th April **Extra day of holiday for Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee**

Thursday 21st April **Start of summer term**

Welcome back

The staff would like to wish you all a very happy New Year. We

hope that you had some special times over Christmas and New Year.

We were so lucky last term to be able to have some of our events take place. It was wonderful to be able to do this. There are a few highlights later in this newsletter.

Year 5 cycle training



All the Year 5 children who took part in the course passed, which is excellent. The children were amazingly resilient during the training: the days when they were outside all day were probably the coldest days in December!

Well done, Year 5 😊

Covid19 Safety Measures

We have had more cases amongst our children, families and staff.

We continue to promote good hygiene, with frequent hand-washing alongside more frequent cleaning, and we continue to fully ventilate the school.

In addition, where there have been more cases in one group, we have put in some further measures, including more spacing where we can, and playing and eating in a different space to others when we can. We will continue to review how this is going, both for these children and for others. The plan is that this will be a short-term measure, changed as soon as possible.

Thank you for supporting the measures we have in place: this will help us to try to keep the school open...

Please continue to test using lateral flow tests if you *don't* have symptoms and take PCR tests if you *do* have symptoms. Further guidance has been sent out recently via ParentMail.

Please continue to wear face coverings if you are able to, and respectfully distance.

Please may children bring more than one water bottle if they may need it- this is the most hygienic way of ensuring they have enough water at the moment

Thank you 😊

Posting letters to Father Christmas

Bumblebee, Rabbit and Hedgehog Classes all visited the Village Shop postbox to send their individual letters to Father Christmas- one of our 100 memorable events. The children were so excited to write the letters, then post them. It was also a good opportunity to be out in the community and to practise crossing the road safely.



Home-School Agreement

We recognise that the education of your children is a venture

shared between you, the parents, and us, the staff at school, together with the children themselves. We each have our part to play and we both welcome and value your support and involvement.

We will be sending home a copy of an agreement about this in a ParentMail this week, and also a paper copy. Please take time to read it and then sign and return *the letter that goes with it*. There will be more information on the email. Thank you.

Safeguarding and Operation Encompass information for parent-carers

This information has been updated and new copies will be sent out to you this week on ParentMail.

Nativity



How lovely to have parents and carers able to attend the Nativity this year. The children performed brilliantly and there were standing ovations at the end of each performance. Thank you for your support: the children absolutely loved having you here

and the smaller audiences certainly didn't sound as if they were smaller- there was loud applause and cheering at all the appropriate moments!

Carols on the Field



It was so lovely to have the whole school together for this event, which completed the autumn term, and to be able to share this with some parents and carers.

We sang carols together and, whilst it wasn't as cold as this image, the warmth of the atmosphere was clearly there- a community enjoying being together.

Parking

Thank you for not parking in Pascoe Place, and to all who are walking or cycling from home or from the village hall.

As there is potentially more pressure on parking at the village hall, please may you park to allow as many as possible to park in the village hall car park, and please may you take care to keep to the Highway Code if you park in the village.

We have received a request from the village residents' association asking for your help with parking.

Particularly, they note the following difficulties:

- driveways blocked by cars, so that residents can't leave, including a paramedic
- cars parked on verges
- cars parked on corners, making it difficult to see and having an impact on safety

If you can park at the village hall, this would really help.

Thank you ☺

Stars of the week

- Year R Fraser
- Year 1 Emilia
- Year 2 Frankie E
- Year 3 Jacob E
- Year 4 Jayden
- Year 5 Henry
- Year 6 Alexander



Well done to all our stars!

Operation Exercise

Thank you- we are really impressed with how many continue to walk and bike to school.

Lots of marbles and extra golden time has been awarded to classes where most people have been doing this. Last week, 5 marbles went to Rabbit Class, 10 marbles to Hedgehog Class and 15 marbles to Kestrel Class! Thank

you for your support to enable the children to achieve this.

Everyone is really a winner, for enjoying the fresh air, the company and the exercise ☺



Please see the office section below for lots of information about Coronavirus, internet safety, support for children and families, and more.



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Thank you all for your support of our wonderful children and school.

Wishing all our families safe- please continue to take care everyone.

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Notes from the office...

School Uniform

Please keep to the school uniform list- please no leggings, unless it is for PE uniform. Thank you.

To place an order for items with the school logo, please follow the link: www.brigade.uk.com

Car parking and safety outside school- for our children and families and for those living near the school

Thank you- this generally seems to have been much better.

Please also keep being aware of pedestrians and cyclists, and park only in permitted places. Thank you.

Nut free school



We are a nut free school. Please be aware that children can have nut allergies, so please do not include any items containing nuts in snacks or in lunches; these can include snack bars or spreads, amongst other foods. Thank you.

Coronavirus links:

Information about coronavirus: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): guidance and support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-and-support)

What parents and carers need to know...

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Internet Safety

The following resources provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support parents to talk to their children about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

[Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online.

[Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#).

[Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations. National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online.

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#).

The following sites are also good to look at with children:

For younger children...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/six-tips-teaching-children-technology?collection=parenthood-tips-and-tricks>

For older children...

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

Support for mental health

Norfolk has a website and telephone number that may be useful for you or for someone you know of for mental health support: www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/mentalhealth or 0300 300 0123.



Early Help Hub

The Early Help Hub for South Norfolk, in Long Stratton, is a good point of contact for many different services, should you have any urgent needs or worries:

<https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/south-norfolk-help-hub>

See Something, Hear Something, Say Something

Norfolk have launched a campaign for awareness of possible abuse, entitled *See something, hear something, say something...*



If children are worried about something

Childline 0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk

CEOP www.ceop.police.uk

Just One Number 0300 300 0123
www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk

Young Minds
www.youngminds.org.uk

Samaritans 116 123
www.samaritans.org

Kids Helpline
www.kidshelpline.com.au