



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

11th February 2022

Dates

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**

Stars of the week

Year R Elizabeth
Year 1 Nyla
Year 2 Sofie
Year 3 Harry
Year 4 Dougie
Year 5 Maya
Year 6 Ruby



Well done to all our stars!

Covid19 and Chicken Pox

Just to say that we continue to have a few cases reported. Thank you for keeping us informed and for continuing to follow guidance and requests to keep everyone as safe as we can.

Although things may be changing nationally, we have had so few cases at school that we still stand a risk of a large wave of infection from Covid here. Only a quarter of staff have had Covid so far, and we have had tricky times trying to

cover those people, especially when 2 are away at a time. We really want to keep the school open for all, if we can, so please continue to support us in that as far as you can. Thank you.

IT news



We are excited to announce that some new tech will be arriving in the coming weeks- we will have some new laptops and, when they are back in stock, some new ipads for the children to use.

This is a big investment, but will have a big impact. 😊

Parent-Carer Evenings

We will send out a letter about these straight after half term, as they are in the 3rd week of the half term. We will be using Zoom or phone again, which has generally worked well.

We are thinking about how we can share the children's actual work with you more. One idea is that, once we are able to, we could have some open classroom sessions after school, when you can come in and your child can share their learning with you, looking at displays, class floor books and their books. This is something we have done occasionally in the past and a lovely chance to celebrate your child's learning with them.

Trainee teacher

We are looking forward to being joined by a trainee teacher, Mrs Whatling, after half term, for 4 weeks. She will be working with Mrs Lewis in Year 1. Welcome, Mrs Whatling 😊

Anti-bullying survey with our children

We feel very proud of our children- your children...

Last week in assemblies, we fed back to the children about the surveys we carried out with the whole school. Children were open and honest in answering the questionnaire, and we were able to feed back that:

- they almost all feel safe at school
- they almost all know what bullying is

- they are almost all confident of what to do if they find themselves in a challenging situation:

Say, "Stop it, I don't like it!"
Go to one (or more) of their 5 trusted adults

- they had some very kind ideas of what to do to support someone who may be upset, including:

Play with them to make them happy
Cheer them up
Report the bullying
Tell the bully to stop

- they had some wonderful understanding and ideas of what to do to support someone who may upset other people, including:

Tell them to stop
Calm them down
Ask why they are doing it
They may be sad or angry themselves- get them to share their problems and get it out!
Tell them how the person being bullied feels

One or two of the older children mentioned that bullying can happen at the park, so please may parents and carers be aware of that.

There were some actions for us as staff, to further help some children, which class teachers have done or are doing. We always look to improve and try to do the best we can for our children. We want to help them to be good citizens, confident in themselves and in how they can

manage relationships around them, so one of the things we will do is to work through scenarios with children in the classroom, to help them practise what to do, should they experience or see unkindness, but always to know that they can seek help.

Lunar or Chinese New Year



Bumblebees had a wonderful week learning about and enjoying this festival together.

One of the highlights was eating the Chinese food provided by Neal at the Happy Palace in Diss. Another highlight was making dragon-heads and performing a dragon dance!

A very memorable week for everyone.

World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 4th March. Please see the attached letter for more information 😊

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun- Easter holiday events

There is a holiday activity scheme due to run from the 4th - 19th April for children aged 5-16 (and 4 year olds in reception classes).



Any child can take part in Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun activities. Children eligible for free school meals can attend for free and have been sent information separately.

Please see the [information flyer](#) if you are interested. Families should visit [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun on Active Norfolk](#) to search and book activities. Booking begins after half term.

☺peration Exercise

This week, the winners were:

3rd place: Tawny Owls

2nd place: Kestrels

1st place: Rabbits

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.



Snowdrops

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

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

Dawn Gudde



Notes from the office...

School Uniform

Thank you for keeping to the school uniform list.

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