



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

17th March 2022

Dates

Friday 18th March **Red Nose Day-** children are welcome to paint their nose red or wear a red nose and donations are welcome for Comic Relief

Week beginning 28th March **Year 6 Practice SATs week**

Friday 1st April **Spring assembly at 2pm on the field 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 Fred

Year 1 Zachary

Year 2 Eoin

Year 3 Lily-Rose

Year 4 Genevieve

Year 5 Leo

Year 6 Edward



Well done to all our stars!

Covid19 now and beyond...

It is 2 years since the first Covid national lockdown began. Thank you once again for all you have done over this last 2 years What an amazing community. We have been through many experiences and done so much to support one another.

We continue to have more Covid cases amongst parents, children and staff. Thank you for keeping us informed and for continuing to

follow guidance and requests to keep everyone as safe as we can. (Please may you continue to refrain from bringing in gifts for others on children's birthdays too- thank you.)

If your child has Covid and is unwell, there is no expectation for them to work. If your child has Covid, but is well enough to work, please let us know and the class teachers will send remote learning for them.

At the moment, it feels right to continue with the protective measures that we have had in place, but we also need to think towards emerging from these.

We very much hope that after Easter we will be able to start to ease up some of the measures and re-start some things that haven't been able to happen. Some of those which will be most

noticeable will be that we hope we won't have to wear masks, although of course, individuals can choose to do so; we hope to have more assemblies with the children together, have some clubs running and go on more visits. We also hope to be able to have more events that parents and carers can attend and enjoy.

Hopefully we are nearly there- thank you again for all your support.

World Book Day

The children really enjoyed this special day. They looked great- thank you for helping them with their outfits; everyone entered into all the fun of the day with great enthusiasm...



Banham Zoo Visit

Joanna from Banham Zoo visited with some of the animals from their collection, and many of our

Year 1 and 2 children enjoyed holding or stroking the animals. It was such an exciting experience.

This helped with their science learning and their English, where they have been busy writing recounts of the visit.



Parent-Carer Evenings

Thank you for meeting with your children's teachers to talk about their progress and next steps.

We are hoping to be able to share the children's work with you after Easter, with 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.

We will let you know further details after Easter.

Questionnaires for parents and carers

Usually at parent-carer evenings, some of our Governors are able to catch up with you to complete some questionnaires- one that is similar to the Ofsted questionnaire, and one that is about anti-bullying. This year, we would still like to collect your thoughts, and so are sending copies of these home to you.

Your thoughts are really important to us and we are very keen that you complete and return both questionnaires, please. There will be a box to post them in when Mrs Noble meets you in the mornings.

Thank you 😊

Ukelele sessions

Year 4 have loved learning to play the ukulele with a teacher from the Norfolk Music Service this term. It has been great fun and they have done so well.



Staffing

Thank you to Mrs Whatling for working with us as a trainee teacher in Year 1. It has been lovely to have you with us and we will miss you.

Thank you also to Miss Partridge, who will soon complete her work experience as a teaching assistant with us. Miss Partridge has worked with Year 2 mainly and has been very much part of the team since September. We wish you every success.

Operation Exercise

Last week, the winners were:

3rd place: Hedgehogs

2nd place: Rabbits

1st place: Kestrels

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 😊



Free School Meal Information, from Norfolk County Council

In April 2018, the Department for Education introduced a new criterion for free school meal eligibility during the period of the Universal Credit roll out to ensure that no child would lose their eligibility to free school meals. These protections were enacted in our Commencement Order

with the end date of March 2022, the date the rollout was then due to end. This is to inform you that the end date has since moved to March 2023, which will be reviewed by the DfE nearer the time.

Any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period until March 2023. After this date any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

As a reminder the current benefits which attract Free School Meals are:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

How to apply:

Parents are encouraged to apply on line and information and a link to the on line application service is provided

at www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk



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.

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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-2019-ncov)

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/cebies/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.justnorenorfolk.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.nspc.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