



# Bressingham Primary Newsletter

**22<sup>nd</sup> April  
2022**

## Dates

Please note that there will be further information sent about many of these events nearer the time- thank you.

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> April This half term's Clubs start for those who have places- Parentmail sent today to those who have places

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May- **May Day Bank Holiday**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May after school- **YR and Y1 parent-carers tour of the school**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May **Year 6 SATs**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May after school- **Opportunity to look at children's work for those with surnames starting A-M**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May after school- **Opportunity to look at**

**children's work for those with surnames starting N-Z**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May- **Jubilee Day in school**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June **Half term break**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June- **Year 5 and 6 visit to Redgrave and Lopham Fen**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June- **Year 3 and 4 visit to Redgrave and Lopham Fen**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June **Sports Day** (parent-carers invited in the afternoon)

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June **Reserve Sports Day**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June- **Year 1 and 2 visit to Time and Tide Museum**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July- **Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Hilltop**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July **End of year celebration assembly and end of term**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September **Start of autumn term**

## Stars of the week



Everyone is a star this week- so much enthusiasm and effort after a lovely holiday 😊

## Welcome back after Easter

We hope that you had a wonderful time over Easter. This is going to be an exciting term, with clubs running, more events for the children and the children's

opportunity to show all they have learned this year.

Please do check the dates section- there are lots of things coming up 😊

### **Covid19 arrangements**

Thank you once again for all you have done to help us to manage Covid19. We are proud that, so far, we haven't had to close any classes since the first lockdown, and are grateful for all those who have supported their children at home so that we could accommodate all those we needed to in school, following Government guidelines. It has been a monumental challenge for everyone and, as a school community, we have achieved so much. Thank you.

Whilst we need to stay aware of possible outbreaks and the possible need to step up precautions, we hope that this won't have to happen.

In summary, unless guidance changes, the following will apply:

- hand hygiene, cleaning and ventilation measures will continue
- no-one needs to wear a mask now, unless they wish to or need to for a specific reason; however, please do continue to wear one if this makes you feel more comfortable
- importantly, we need the whole community to keep to the guidance from the Government about protecting everyone from Covid19 and other respiratory diseases; a

summary of this is in the notes section at the end of this newsletter and was sent out via Parentmail on 19<sup>th</sup> April

Thank you again for all your support for the whole school community.

### **Clubs start next week**

Hooray- we can now have clubs again! They start next week for those who have places.

Thank you for sending in your requests for places. Please note that you will have been informed today, via Parentmail, if your child has a place. If you have not heard anything, then unfortunately your child doesn't have a place this time. Please also note that for mini-football payment is required before full confirmation of a place.

There are some spaces available for some clubs if you haven't yet applied. The clubs letter is attached again, if you wish to apply.

### **School tour for Year R and Year 1 parents**

We are very aware that because of Covid19, some parents haven't ever been able to look around the school- Year R and Year 1 parents. Therefore, we are arranging tours for Year R and Year 1 parent-carers on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, after school. We will ask you to book a day, so that we know numbers- please sign up on a sheet that will

be available when you drop off at school, or email info@ if you don't drop off. Thank you.

### **Open classrooms**

There is also an opportunity for everyone to see their children's work. This used to happen at parents' evenings when they were done on site, but hasn't been possible during Covid.

Children will put out their books for you to look at and you can come to their classes to share them with your child. They will be so pleased to share them with you.

We thought it was easiest for parents with more than 1 child to be able to see all their children's work on one day, so have arranged this by surname- please see the dates section (above) for details.

We expect that this event will close at 3.45.

### **Co-headteachers from September**

We are excited to let you know that from September, Mrs Gudde and Mrs Lewis will be co-headteachers. Already, they work very closely to lead the school, as Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher, and this will continue. We will share more about this in the future.

### **Seven classes from September**

More exciting news is that we are able to move to seven classes in

September! We have been hoping to be able to do this for some time, and it is a great achievement to be able to do so. We can't guarantee that this will always be possible, as it depends on finances, but it seems viable for the foreseeable future.

Our plan is to usually have 7 individual year group classes, each with a teacher or teachers. A point to mention is that some year groups will be larger than others, as we need to keep some smaller year groups for smaller teaching spaces, but keep enough children in school to allow us to fund 7 classes.

Our wonderful teaching assistants will continue to be used flexibly, to give more support where and when it is needed, either in class, or for individual or group support.

### Ukelele sessions

In the last newsletter, we shared that Year 4 were having ukulele lessons with a teacher from the Norfolk Music Service. They completed the term with a short concert to another class. Here are some photos:



### Australia Day

Years 1 and 2 had such a fabulous time, finishing their term-long trip to Australia! They were dressed in beach clothes, and enjoyed smoothies as they practised Australian slang and prepared for their flight home...



Smoothie moustaches 😊

### Online Safety- a warning about some games

We have been made aware about some scary games that children have seen, called:

Huggy Wuggy Games, and Poppy Playtime Games

These can be accessed on gaming platforms and via Children's Youtube and seem to be able to bypass firewalls and safety

settings set up by adults to keep children safe.

Please continue to talk to children about what they do online and remind them to speak to you if they see anything that worries them.

### Questionnaires for parents and carers

Thank you for replying in such numbers to our parent-carer surveys- we had an amazing response in number of surveys returned. We want to do the best we can and the outcomes show enormous positive parental support.

Question	% strongly agree/ agree
My child is happy at this school.	97%
My child feels safe at this school.	98%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	95% of those who answered (4% didn't know)
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	75% of those affected  (82% answered N/A)
The school make me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	98%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have	91% of those affected

been dealt with properly.	(43% answered N/A)
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	73% of those affected, who answered  (83% answered N/A)
The school has high expectations for my child.	96% of those who answered  (8% didn't know)
My child does well at this school.	96% of those who answered  (2% didn't know)
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	98%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	92% of those who answered  (5% didn't know)
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	48% of those who answered  (7% didn't know; 12% answered N/A)
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	93% of those who answered  (8% didn't know)
I would recommend this school to another parent.	95%

We have been able to start clubs again now, which has previously always been a huge positive for the school. A real positive this time was that 33/36 people who had raised concerns felt that they had been dealt with successfully.

8/10 parents of children with SEND felt that their children were receiving the support they needed, whilst 2 didn't know, and 9/12 felt that bullying had been dealt with successfully. Whilst the numbers of those not as satisfied is small, every child is important to us, so please be in touch if you feel that there is more that we can do.

Some parents and carers didn't know about some items, so we will redouble efforts to try to share information in these areas.

There were very few responses to the anti-bullying survey for parents, because thankfully the school culture makes this rare, and the confidence that the school deals well with bullying was high.

Thank you to those parents who did respond to this survey for being open and honest. We do take bullying very seriously and will take action, so please come to us if you feel that your child is being bullied- every child is important to us- and once you have been in touch, please keep in touch about how it is going.

Whilst it is very positive that 4/5 reported that the bullying stopped, we want it to be 5/5 and want all to report (1 didn't). It is positive that 4/5 affected, who

reported, were confident that the school deals well with bullying.

Thank you once again for all of your feedback, and please remember that you can always email us to catch up about anything you wish to talk about, using [info@bressingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:info@bressingham.norfolk.sch.uk), or phone the office to arrange a phone call or meeting. We will always do our best to support our children.

### Planting

One of our grandparents has been volunteering to help with some gardening and it has been amazing to see the allotment area coming back into full usage.

Recently, some of the children were helping to plant potatoes...



## ☺peration Exercise

The summer term is here- we hope that even more people will be able to support this programme, set up by last year's Year 6- children who walk or cycle to or from school, either from the village hall, or from home, can help their class to win a weekly prize:

1<sup>st</sup> place- 15 marbles towards a class treat

2nd place- 10 marbles towards a class treat

3<sup>rd</sup> place- 5 marbles towards a class treat



It's also a great chance to enjoy talking with your children and with friends, as you go, whilst avoiding trying to park nearer to school. The walk takes about 10 minutes.

Go on, give it a try 😊



Please see the office section below for lots of information

about Coronavirus, internet safety, support for children and families, and more.



*Blackthorn*

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

*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](http://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.

## Free School Meal Information, from Norfolk County Council

*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](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk)

## Coronavirus link:

[People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

## 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](http://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.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](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

#### **Guidance from the local authority for schools, about Covid19:**

- If you are eligible, please take up the offer to [get vaccinated](#).
  - Ensure good [ventilation](#) is in place.
  - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
  - Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
  - Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
  - Make use of face coverings where recommended (e.g. on school transport when respiratory virus rates are high).
  - If you have [symptoms of a respiratory illness](#), and a high temperature, or do not feel well enough to attend your setting, stay at home and avoid contact with people until you are well enough to resume normal activities and no longer have a high temperature (and no longer need medication to reduce a temperature).
  - [Children and young people \(aged 18 years and under\) who have mild symptoms of a respiratory infection](#) such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Adults and children who have experienced diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for two days after symptoms have gone.
  - If you do have access to tests and [test positive for COVID-19 and are an adult](#) you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 days after the day your test was taken (or longer if you are still poorly/have a temperature), which is when you are most infectious. Or for 3 days [for children and young people aged 18 and under](#) (or longer if you are still poorly/have a [high temperature](#)). More detail is available on [GOV.UK](#).