



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

29th
September
2023

Dates

(Further information will follow about some events, marked *)

Monday 2nd October – **Harvest Festival at the church at 9 am**

23rd – 27th October – **Half term**

30th October – **School Photos**

31st October & 2nd November - **Open Classroom Event***

7th November & 9th November - **Parents' Evenings ***

Tuesday 14th November at 8pm
The Two Johns- online safety information evening*

Week beginning 18th December –
Christmas Service at the church at 9 am*

Wednesday 20th December –
End of autumn term

Welcome back!

It has been a wonderfully busy start to the new term and it is lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning. It has also been great to meet our new families and children. All our children have settled brilliantly back into school life and have been very busy working hard and playing together. Here are a few photos of them in action:



Year R have been enjoying our new potions station and exploring in the outdoor area.



Year 1 created a collaborative piece of artwork using different lines and techniques.



Year 2 have continued to look at the needs of different animals, this week looking at the needs of fish. They went to Early Year's pond to see if they could find the fish in there and spot some of the body parts they had discussed in class.



Year 3 enjoyed playing a maths games using manipulatives.



Year 3 practiced different throwing skills in P.E.



Year 4 have been using the glockenspiels to create a melody linked to the rainforest.



Year 5 enjoying their reading area.



Year 6 have been using magnifying glasses and investigating mushrooms as part of their learning in science about microorganisms.

Online safety information evening- The Two Johns!



We have booked an online safety talk, which will be online, with The Two Johns, who are experts in online safety and will give lots of tips and take your questions on online safety. This will take place on Tuesday 14th November, at 8pm and we will send out further information nearer the time.

Also, there are lots of links to online safety sites for you and for your children in the office section

at the end of the newsletter. These are sites recommended by different authorities, and highly recommended by those who have used them.

Safety

There are a few points here- please keep aware of safety for all our children and families and for our neighbours:

- **Parking**

Pascoe Close, next to the school, is a private road. There is no access for parents unless they live there or are visiting someone there, so please don't use this road to turn around in, or to pick up or drop off from.

Thank you for not queueing in or in front of the staff car park- this is so much safer.

Please can we also remind all parents that for the safety of our children we cannot dismiss children to parents/carers waiting in cars on the road outside the gate, unless this has been agreed for health reasons.

- **Before and after school club drop off and collection**

Our risk assessment is designed to keep children and cars separate- please wait outside the school gates and away from the car park entrance until the doors of the club are open and you are sure that it is safe to move into the car park. Thank you.

- **Driving through the village**

One of our ex-parents phoned as they had seen a near miss in the village, between a car and children. Please drive carefully and be aware of pedestrians and cyclists. Several of our children cycle, even to Diss...

Operation Exercise

Thank you for supporting this by walking or cycling from home or from the village hall.

Assemblies

Through our assemblies we have been learning about our ACORNS Agreements, which are our special ethos and also our main school rules to help everyone happy and keen to work and play as a community:



We also had fun finding out about our language of the half term- Greek- and have signs and a display about this.



We've also been busy learning some hymns and songs ready to sing with you and to you at our Harvest Festival Service at the Church next week! Please bring some tins or cans and packets of food for donation to the local Food Bank. Thank you 😊



Lost property

There have been several items left at school (without names). We have tried to reunite these with their owners, but without success. We show the children these in assemblies, then they are kept for a short while before being reused or recycled. Also, if we could ask everyone to name their child's clothing that would be most helpful.



Star of the Week

It has been lovely to have parents of our Stars of the Week joining us for our Celebration Assemblies. Invitations are sent out for this each week via Parentmail. We obviously understand that you may not be able to attend due to commitments, but it is special for the children when you can. Please note that taking photos or filming

is not permitted during this assembly; however, should you wish to take an individual photograph of your child we can arrange this afterwards.

School Christmas Card Project

The school Xmas Card Project is underway! The Christmas card designs will be professionally printed with your child's artwork on the front and their name on the back. Every pack of cards ordered raises funds for the school! There are other fantastic products available too, which will help us to raise even more money. Keep an eye out for your order form!



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



Blackberries

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

Dawn Gudde & Joanna Lewis

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

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

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:

[Think know](#) 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](#).

The 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: [Norfolk & Waveney - Mental Health Advice & Support for 0-25's \(justonenorfolk.nhs.uk\)](#) or 0300 300 0123.



In a mental health emergency, there is a new number to contact:

If you need urgent mental health help, call 111 and choose option 2



Mental health crisis support 24/7 for people of all ages in Norfolk and Suffolk

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