



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

1st March 2019

Dates for this term

Tuesday 26th February
Mini-monsters Visit for
YR and Y2

Tuesday 5th and
Thursday 7th March
Parents' Evenings

Thursday 7th March
World Book Day-
dressing up

Friday 8th March Year 5
and 6 Hockey event at
Magpies Hockey Club,
Harleston

Monday 11th March Years
3, 4, 5 and 6 trip to the
Houses of Parliament

Friday 15th March Red
Nose Day- bring
'coppers' (1p 2p coins)

Monday 18th March Year
1 Framlingham Castle
trip

Friday 5th April at 2pm
Spring Assembly in the
School Hall- all welcome

Stars of the week:

Bumblebees:

Rabbits:

Hedgehogs: Faye

Barn Owls: Gracie

Tawny Owls:

Kestrels:



Year 3 and 4 Sleepover

What an amazing event,
with amazing children!
There was not one tear,
and no arguments,
although for many this
was their first night away
from family and family
friends!

It was an evening of
playing outside in the

dark, experiencing camping and sharing with friends.

We hope that this experience will help prepare some children for the residential trip in Year 5 and 6, and we all (including staff) had a wonderful time.

The best way forward for Bressingham School

In the next few months, Governors will again consider the best way forward and will consult with parents/ carers and staff before proceeding further with any new plans.

As a first step, there will be a different questionnaire for parents to complete at the parents' evenings coming up soon. Completing these at parents' evenings often gives us a good level of return.

If you aren't able to complete one on the night, please speak with Jackie in the office to collect a copy. We welcome all your views.

Stories at bedtime event

All dressed up in bedclothes, and wrapped up warm in February, Bumblebee, Rabbit and Hedgehog classes enjoyed a mug of hot chocolate, a biscuit and some bedtime stories with staff.



Internet safety

In January, we had special sessions for children and parents/ carers about internet safety. Further to this, we have put a folder on the letter rack outside

the office containing information about internet safety. Please find time to have a look.

There is information about different apps and platforms, including one about which there is current concern in the media, called Momo, which may be a hoax, but may still be scary for young children. There is information about this on the BBC website: <https://bbc.in/2Ep9W06> and <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/when-you-see-something-scary-online>.

Please keep aware of all internet safety issues and perhaps try the TEAM system with your child:



Key Stage 1 Dance Festival

Years 1 and 2 attended a dance festival at Diss

High School. This was a chance for them to experience the High School and meet with other children who may attend the school with them when they move up. It seems a long way away for these children, but familiarisation is a valuable start to transition. It was also a lot of fun and ended with a performance on the stage.



Attendance

There is research that shows that attendance is linked to success for children in school. This is also true at our school.

The probable reason for this is that every lesson is built into a programme of lessons- especially in English and Maths; if you

miss even one, it may be difficult to catch up with the specific learning points for that unit of work. Although staff will try to support this, it isn't the same as having been there in the first place. Children may also miss out socially if they are absent.

Sometimes absence can't be helped and we do understand. If children are unwell, we will ask you to collect them, so please err on the side of sending them in, to see if they feel better as the day goes on- this is often the case.

Our attendance officer has prepared letters for those with lower than expected attendance. This is to keep you informed.

Please work with us to keep your children in school, to help them.

Snow



If there should be heavy snow and you wish to check whether the school is open, please go to: www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk

We very rarely close at Bressingham. Please make your own decision if you feel it is unsafe to travel.



*Thank you all for your support of our wonderful children and school,
Dawn Gudde*

Notes from the office...

Parking

Please avoid parking near the entrance to Pascoe Place, as this can make it difficult for vehicles leaving the close to see pedestrians or vehicles, which could potentially cause an accident.

Messages for school

Now that we have a newer phone system, please ensure that any messages for the school are phoned through to the school, especially regarding absences. The attendance officer requires that we have clear information for reason of absence other than a child is 'unwell'. Thank you.

School Uniform online ordering

This seems to be going well. Please ask for a leaflet if you need one.

There are still some items of uniform for sale

from the office at a lower rate than online, while we clear our stock.

Trial of online payments...

Following the success of online ordering of school uniform, we are looking into different online payment systems, to choose one that will work well for us.

Quotes for full online systems are rather expensive, so we are going to trial direct online banking, by BACS, with clear referencing of payments required. The trial will be with a small group of people, to see if it is workable, for parents/carers and for us.

Although we hope that this will be our preferred method of payment, it will still be possible to pay by cash or cheque for those who wish to, both in the trial and beyond.

A letter will be sent out soon to the group

selected to trial the system.

Medicines including inhalers

We are required to receive these in the original packages with the sticker from the pharmacy naming the child and with the expiry date on them. Thank you.

NHS Health Screening Checks

Please contact the NHS teams via the contact details at the top of any letters following these checks if you have any queries or comments. We don't give them any information and are not given any information by them, as it is confidential to you.