



# Bressingham Primary Newsletter

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

## Dates for this term

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June Year 3/4 trip to Lopham Fen

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June Y5/6 Hilltop Residential Trip

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June- Bumblebees trip to Knettishall Heath

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Y1/2 trip to Great Yarmouth

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Bressingham's Got Talent- heats in the morning, finals at 3.30pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fete at the village playing field

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Year 1/2 Picnic Sports Day at Diss High School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July Afternoon and Evening KS2 Play

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July Evening KS2 Play

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Assembly and end of term

## Stars of the week:



**Bumblebees:** Lyla  
**Rabbits:** Joey

**Hedgehogs:** Leo  
**Barn Owls:** Monty  
**Tawny Owls:** Joseph  
**Kestrels:** Charlie, Daisy

## Welcome back after Half Term

We hope that you all had a lovely Half Term break. Everybody has a trip planned for next half term, as part of their learning, and we are looking forward to seeing the whole of Key Stage 2 perform their musical- Years 3 and 4 will be singing, Years 5 and 6 acting and singing. There will be a letter to explain arrangements nearer the time.

## Big Picture

Following the surveys sent out to parents, staff and governors, and discussion with School Council, staff and Governors have been talking about statement about ethos, vision and values. We feel

that these resonate strongly with what parents/ carers gave as their impression of what Bressingham School is. These are the words chosen for ethos- that we hope will be like the words in a stick of rock- that should represent what our school is all about, through and through:

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ing  
respectful  
aspirational  
collaborative  
resilient and positive  
memorable

There may be some tweaking of the precise wording.

Soon we will update the school website to include these words as our ethos, together with the vision and values that go with them. Feedback will still be welcome, but we hope to have embraced the feelings of the majority in what we are developing. It is important to get this right, to create a strong foundation for the future development of our school.

### One afternoon in the life of...

As I took some visitors around school on Wednesday afternoon, this is what we saw...



Joyful children learning...What an amazing place to be.

### DT projects

Some exciting DT projects have been going on...

Years 3 and 4 have been making picnic boxes for their guests at their Great Outdoors Picnic.

Year 2 have made knickerbocker glories. This was memorable for them, but also for me, because I was lucky enough to have one made for me- thank you...



### FABS

The Friends and Associates of Bressingham School (FABS) continue to organise events that enrich the life of our children and school and also raise valuable funds to help the school. This term the Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the village playing field- please keep the date free in your diaries.

This term, FABS have given the school £1000, which staff have decided to spend on a new cooker and cookery items to enable us to be able to cook more easily with the children. (The ancient cooker took about 3 times the length of time to cook than it should have done!) and also classes have been given £200 to spend on something they need. How exciting and thank you FABS.

If you are interested in joining the committee, or willing to help out at events, please let anyone at school know, or drop a note in the FABS box. New members are

very welcome and this is an excellent way of getting to know other parents in our wonderful school community.

### **Recycling projects**

Thank you so much for bringing in collections of old batteries. Year 2 have been busy counting them in Maths! They will be collected near the beginning of June, so please send in any that are left as soon as possible now.



The children have been putting their crisp packets out for recycling by Ms Paterson- thank you all.

### **Sports events at Diss High School**

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed the athletics event- a whole day of outdoor athletics organised by the sports leaders at Diss High School.



Year 5 and 6 had a Kwik Cricket event, and one of the teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group. Well done!

### **Bressingham's Got Talent**



School Council are organizing this event, initially suggested by some Year 4 children, but open to Year 1 to Year 6. It will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July in the school hall. In the morning, there will be heats, with the finals being held after school. There will be a letter to explain more, coming soon. Donations received at the finals event will be welcomed for this year's school charity, chosen by the children: Help the Homeless. Thank you, School Council.



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

*Dawn Gudde*

## Notes from the office...

### Online payment system

We are excited that this is up and running and have had a lot of good feedback from parents/ carers.

Please continue to bear with us if there are any teething problems- please liaise with Jackie in the school office.

Please note that if you prefer to pay by cheque or cash, you may continue to do so.

### Breakfast Club and After School Club

Thank you for returning the paperwork for these clubs. Anybody who is thinking of their child starting to attend, please speak to Jackie in the office to get a pack.

Thank you also for phoning the school to book in the day for same day 'emergency' bookings, and for using the breakfast club and after school club email for other bookings:

[asc@bressingham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:asc@bressingham.norfolk.sch.uk)

Some parents have asked why there has been an increase in costs, so here is some clarification:

Although some sessions are busy, there are others where costs are nowhere near covered, but the idea of our wrap-around care is that we offer this, as far as possible, from 7.30am until 6pm each day, so all sessions are run, whether they cover costs or not, to support our families. Overall, we still don't cover all of the

staffing and ancillary costs and these also continue to rise.

### 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.

Please also be careful not to block the driveways of our neighbours: the only place allocated for our use are the marked parking bays.

### 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 Sale items, from school

*There are still some items of uniform for sale from the office at a lower rate than online, while we clear our stock.*

Also, a reminder that if you wish to order uniform online in time for delivery into school before the summer break, the deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> June. Orders placed from 1<sup>st</sup> July-3<sup>rd</sup> September will be processed via home delivery. There is a flyer with further information, from Brigade, who organise this service.

### 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.

### Lost property

We always try to reunite named lost property with its owner, but there continue to be items with no names, unreadable names, or names of ex-pupils on them. We are now keeping these in a bag and will display them near the end of half term, after which any unclaimed items will be re-used or recycled.