



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

28th October 2019

Dates for this term

Monday 28th October Flu immunisation YR-Y6

Monday 28th October NSPCC sponsorship and permission forms should be in by today, please

Tuesday 29th October EYFS Open morning for possible new YR children in September 2020

Tuesday 29th October and Thursday 31st October Parents' Evenings

Monday 4th November Individual School photographs

Tuesday 5th November Cross Country- the next round for 19 children who qualified

Wednesday 6th November Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 visit Duxford Imperial War Museum

Monday 11th November at 10.50 approximately Remembrance Service at the village War Memorial- all welcome

Friday 29th November FABS Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 10th December, Wednesday 11th December at 2pm EYFS and KS1 Nativity

Thursday 12th December YR and Y6 health screening (NHS)

Thursday 12th December at 6pm Christmas Service at Bressingham Church

Monday 16th December at 3.30pm Carol Singing around the village

Tuesday 17th December Whole school trip to the pantomime in Diss

Wednesday 18th December at 2pm Carols around the tree in the school hall- all welcome

Thursday 19th December-Friday 3rd January Christmas holiday

Monday 6th January Start of spring term

Stars of the week:



Bumblebees: Eoin

Rabbits: Lyla

Hedgehogs: Clemmy

Barn Owls: Alfie

Tawny Owls: Ellie

Kestrels: Lily-Rose, Charlie

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



This event was as exciting as anticipated, with a real buzz of enjoyment and warmth. Thanks to everybody's contributions, we raised £430 for Macmillan!

Special thanks to Ms Paterson and Year 4, together with a few other parent and staff helpers. A great event for a wonderful charity.

Harvest Festival



It was a beautiful autumn day for Harvest Festival and so lovely to be out in our community to celebrate and perform at the Church. Thank you to all the parents who helped to transport the children, but also to sing with and to the children. Here are some comments from the Year 3 children- your singing was not in vain!

"I liked it when the adults sang *All things bright and beautiful*. I was leaning up on my chair and smiling at Mummy."

"It was fun when we took our gifts up to the front."

"I like it when the parents were singing- I've never really heard them singing before"

"I enjoyed everything!"

£41 was collected for School Council's charity of the year- thank you.

Parents' Evening and childcare

We are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers to talk about children's learning and progress, this week.

After School Club is now very busy with bookings and it is more difficult to accommodate children whilst their parents attend parents' evening. If you are able to come in without your children, that would be great. If you need to bring them and they can sit quietly doing something just outside the room you are in for a meeting, please may you organise that. If you really need to use After School Club, please be as quick as possible, dropping off just before you go in and picking up as soon as you finish. We will try this this time and then review. Thank you.

Black History

As part of Black History Month, we spent a few days finding out about famous black individuals throughout history and the importance of celebrating diversity and valuing differences.

We had a celebration assembly to share some of what we had learnt. Year R and Year 1 had read a book about Ronald the Sheep, where the sheep learnt to value differences, acting out the story with masks.



Year 2 had found out about Rosa Parks, acting out what happened to her on a bus and about the protests that followed.



A black British artist, Sonia Boyce, provided inspiration for Year 3 and 4 to make postcards of memories of what they had learnt about Black History.

Rahim Sterling's background and work to fight against racism was the focus for Year 5 and 6. Current and inspiring.

We finished with the song *Express Yourself*, by Labrinth, a black British artist- we want to celebrate being different and being proud to show it.

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.

The Hallowe'en Disco was a great success- thank you to all of you who came and a special thank

you to all the parents who helped to run the event.



It is fantastic that some new parents have come forward to join the committee. If you would like to and weren't able to be at the AGM, please put a note in the FABS box, just inside the school entrance, and one of the committee will be in touch.

Aldi Kit for Schools Promotion

This promotion is still running. If you shop at Aldi, they are running a promotion where you are given a sports sticker for a poster at school, if you spend over £30. Every school that enters will be given a sports kit and may win £20,000. If you do get any stickers, please hand them into the school office. Thank you.

End of the school day

Thank you everybody for keeping your children with you at the end of the school day, to ensure their safety and happiness, and the safety and happiness of others.

Since the children have been staying with parents and not playing on the equipment or on the field, we haven't had any incidents where somebody has been upset or hurt- thank you.

Parking

A couple of weeks ago, there was some disagreement in Pascoe Close, which was upsetting for both adults and children.

The following has been in recent newsletters, in the office section and we will keep it there to remind everybody...

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 places allocated for our use are the marked parking bays.*

We have a staggered start to the day, and also have somebody on the gate to keep children safe if they are waiting for a few minutes for you at the end of the day.

Lego for Schools



Hooray! Thank you so much for collecting the tokens- we have some lovely new Lego to use with the children.

Collaborative learning



We have always worked in groups for some activities, but have spent some time teaching the children how to work in groups recently. They have been learning to take roles in their groups and ensuring that everybody has something to do and an opportunity to contribute. Some classes started with Lego tasks to learn how to work in certain roles.



These are valuable skills for the children, helping them to consider one another and value what everybody does, and also enables the teachers to have more time to give feedback to the children- in groups, rather than individually. Collaborative learning is proved to help children to learn, and they enjoy it- win, win!



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

Dawn Gudde

Notes from the office...

Outdoor clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for wet and cold weather, no matter how sunny or dry it is in the morning; sometimes the weather changes quickly and we do go out, whatever the weather, usually.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Anybody who is thinking of their child starting to attend, please speak to Jackie in the office to get a pack.

Please note that *some sessions are now fully booked or nearly fully booked*, so please book, carefully, ahead. Please also be aware that, as in the terms and conditions, we will charge for booked sessions if that session is full and we have had to turn away other children. This is to make it fair for all users of the club.

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

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Online payment system

Please let us know if you are having any difficulties.

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

Messages for school

Please ensure that any messages for the school are *phoned* through to the school, especially regarding absences. Emails are more difficult to reply to more immediately.

The attendance officer requires that we have clear information for reason of absence other than a child is 'unwell'. Thank you.

School gate

The gate is a valuable part of our safeguarding system to protect

the children. It is getting older, but is very expensive to replace.

Sometimes it can be frustrating for people trying to get in; the buzzer only sounds in two specific places in school and relies upon people being there to hear it, so please phone if you get no reply.

Also, please don't allow children to climb on the gate or fences. Thank you.

School Uniform Sale items, from school

There are still some items of uniform for sale from the office, ***now at half price or lower than online prices***, while we clear our stock. Please ask at the office.

Information for online orders, from Brigade, who organise this service, is available on our letter rack, on the left of the pupil entrance door, or via a link on the school website.

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 will display them near the end of term, after which any unclaimed items will be re-used or recycled.