



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

27th November 2019

Dates for this term

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

Friday 13th November FABS film
night

Monday 16th December Nativity
on Tour- letters will be sent for
those involved

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

Tuesday 17th December Whole
school trip to the pantomime in
Diss; pick up at 4pm

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: Joshua

Rabbits: Elodie

Hedgehogs: Molly

Barn Owls: Faye

Tawny Owls: Joe

Kestrels: Ellis, Molly

Remembrance

Should we go or not? The weather was cold and drizzle was in the air, but we decided to go to the village War Memorial to remember those who have been to war to help to keep peace for others and to consider how important it is to remember, so that we keep working for peace now.



It was a wonderful surprise that several parents/ carers, grandparents and members of the community were also there,

to join us, as we sang and thought about Remembrance.

We later received an email from one of those attending, who commended the children on their respectful behaviour at the service, but also walking to and from the memorial. Thank you- the children were very proud.

Children in Need



The children really enjoyed dress up, dress down, dress fancy for Children in Need. Thank you for your contributions- a wonderful total of £122 has been sent in to the charity.

Ofsted Parent's Survey

Thank you to all who completed the survey. We have compiled your answers and are very pleased with the outcomes.

	% strongly agree/ agree
My child is happy at this school.	94%
My child feels safe at this school.	99%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	91%

My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	75% answered N/A 68% of those affected (25%)
The school make me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	93%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	27% answered N/A 92% of those affected (73%)
My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	70% answered N/A 93% of those affected (30%)
The school has high expectations for my child.	93%
My child does well at this school.	95%
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	97%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	99%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	95%
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	93%

	Yes
I would recommend this school to another parent.	96%

There is one area where we want to be able to quickly improve, which is in dealing with bullying quickly and effectively. The three main characteristics of bullying are that it is deliberately hurtful, repeated often over a period of time, and difficult for the victim to defend themselves against.

Please do encourage your children to let us know if anything is happening, rather than waiting for it to become bullying, or let us know yourself, so that we can be quick in addressing this. We always aim to prevent bullying by taking early action.

We truly want to be the best we can and thank you for your contributions, which show enormous positive parental support. Please keep giving feedback and support...it is always welcome.

Dictionaries from Rotary Club



Mrs Diana Burroughes of Diss Waveney Rotary Club came into school to present dictionaries from the club to our Year 5 pupils.

Diana's children and grandchildren came to the school, and it was lovely that she could share her memories with the children, as well as presenting the dictionaries.

The children have sent a thank you card with individual messages and have taken the dictionaries home to keep.

Attendance

We continue to encourage attendance whenever possible. If your child is clearly not well enough to come in, that is an easy decision, but if you think they may be well enough, please do bring them into school and we will call you if we think they need to go home.

In a teacher's planning, almost every lesson or activity is built on previous learning and missed learning can be difficult to catch up. Last year, it was noticeable that children who had missed more sessions were often those who had not made expected progress over the year. There is a link nationally between attendance and learning and also for our school, so good attendance is something we need to continue to strive for. Thank you for your support.

Duxford Imperial War Museum



All of our Key Stage 2 children went to Duxford to find out more about World War 2, but also to enjoy two of our 100 memorable events: learning from an older person and exploring an aeroplane. We went on Concorde and a 1970s passenger jet. For some children, this was their first time on an aeroplane- how exciting!



Read more in one of the children's recounts of the day, attached to this newsletter...

District Cross Country Event

Tenacious running was the order of the day for our large group of district qualifiers. Everybody did themselves and their school proud and two of our pupils have qualified for the County Finals- well done to Ruben and Myla!

Another wonderful aspect of the day was the praise for the children's behaviour received from one of our parents, who sent in an email to say: "The Bressingham children were encouraging each other and congratulating each other, it was lovely to see. Well done to Mrs Waller and the Bressingham Primary Children! "

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. Here are some of the Forest School resources they have just helped us to purchase:



Please remember to leave your filled envelopes and your prize or game donations in the boxes in the link corridor, ready for the Christmas Fair this Friday. We look forward to seeing you there, straight after school.

Books for schools



We have registered for this, so please bring in any tokens you are able to collect. The target number is high, so perhaps you have a relative or neighbour who may also be able to collect? Thank you.



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

Parking

Thank you for helping with this.

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.

The only place allocated for our use are the marked parking bays.

At the war memorial end of the road, please leave the marked crossing points clear and also avoid parking too near to road entrances/ exits (as per the Highway Code).

Thank you- we know how tricky parking is...

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.

Head lice/ nits

Please regularly check your children's hair for these, and keep long hair tied back. There is information on head lice at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> Thank you.

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.

If you need us to give your child a prescription medicine, as they need a dose in the middle of the day, please complete a form to request this. Mrs Neve will have these forms in Hedgehog Class, next to the office. We cannot administer medicines without the permission form being fully completed and signed. 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.