



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

**17th March
2021**

Dates for this term

Friday 19th March **Comic Relief**

Week beginning Monday 22nd
March **Parent-carer meetings**

Friday 26th March **End of term**

Monday 12th April **Start of
summer term**

Stars of the week



Year R Jonah
Year 1 Frankie E
Year 2 Ethan
Year 3 Arabella
Year 4 Alfie
Year 5 Ruby
Year 6 Lily-Rose

Well done to all our stars!

Return to school

We couldn't be more impressed with how the children have settled back into school. Thank you to all our children and families for your support in following the measures put in place to help keep everyone as safe as we can.



The children have been carefully following the Covid rules we have in school, alongside our Acorn Agreements.



In assemblies, we have been focusing on mental health, starting with sessions about self-reliance last week, and with promoting hope this week.

Alongside wellbeing, the children have really enjoyed being back learning and playing together.



We are following our planned curriculum as far as we can, allowing for Covid health and safety rules and enabling the possibility of remote or blended learning if anyone needs this.



Car parking and *safety* outside school- for our children and families and for those living near the school

Everyone should be able to leave their own driveway in their car if they need to, and to know that an emergency vehicle can reach their property if this should be needed.



A resident of Pascoe Place has contacted the school, expressing concerns because they may need to do either of these things, but can't at some school pick up and drop off times, because some parents or carers of children at school are parking or waiting in their cars in Pascoe Place, but not in the parking bays.

Please follow the Highway Code and only park, or wait, where you are allowed to, for the safety of all.

I am concerned that this type of parking is potentially dangerous for children too- both our children, and those of residents.



As suggested before, an excellent alternative to difficulty in parking right next to the school is to park at the village hall (opposite the shop) and enjoy walking the short distance from there, without these parking concerns.

Reading books

We have bought many lovely new books for our children, to extend our reading scheme throughout the school. Our aim is to provide the children with a wider range of reading opportunities, with more non-fiction alongside fiction, poetry and drama, and including picture books, which have their

own visual as well as written cues to understanding.

The breadth of these books also includes a range of cultures and other elements of diversity, together with a range of knowledge and understanding. We want to help our children to develop a wider general knowledge and 'cultural capital'- to be confident in conversation or in reading about any topic- to have that background knowledge that empowers them in learning and in life.

These are big aims, but will start with our children, of all ages, being able to read and discuss these books at home, alongside the different reading they do in school. Please do try to share these books with the children- they may seem 'easier', but they will include vocabulary and ideas, and have links between them and other reading, that will only be fully developed by reading and discussing with adults who have also shared these books with them. Please help your children to take this wonderful opportunity.

Books donated by Morrisons



Thank you to Morrisons for donating these books to us- we are very grateful.

Reporting symptoms of Coronavirus, positive tests or need to self-isolate because of contact with a positive case or travel

Please continue to let us know at the earliest opportunity if any of these apply to you, your children, or anyone who lives with you or is in your support bubble. Thank you.

Possible opportunity for Year 5 or 6 children?



Just in case: we wondered if any of our children may have been learning to bake during lockdown and whether they may like to apply...

Parent-carer meetings

These are taking place next week- thank you to all who have replied- initial allocations are being made today. If you haven't yet applied, please do so as soon as possible.

The use of the Forms questionnaire has been great for most parents, but I would like to

thank those parents who haven't been able to access it for their patience, resilience and resourcefulness! This has been resolved through emails to info@bressingham.norfolk.sch.uk.

We are looking into why there has been difficulty for some, so that we can hopefully use this system more in the future.

Some children on our SEN register will need a further meeting, probably near the end of April, to review the actions on their plans. Please do book one of the meetings next week if you would like one, though, to catch up with your child's teacher, talk about how return to school has been and about next steps generally.

Staff are looking forward to 'meeting' all our parents and carers soon.

The office section (below)



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



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

Wishing all our families safe- please continue to take care everyone.

Dawn Gudde

Notes from the office...

Coronavirus links:

Information about coronavirus testing available for all:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

What parents and carers need to know...

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Information about self-isolating and testing:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Coronavirus information:

General information from the Government continues to be provided at the following web address:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Internet Safety

The following sites are recommended by the Government for parents to use to keep their children safe online. It is important that parents are aware of keeping their children safe online, and children keep to the sites, pages and clips that they have been told they can go on. Please be aware...

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC

- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

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: www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/mentalhealth or 0300 300 0123.



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.nspc.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

Kids Helpline
www.kidshelpline.com.au

School Uniform

To place an order 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.