



Bressingham Primary Newsletter

9th January
2020

Dates for this term

17th-21st February Half term

Tuesday 3rd March KS2
Natural History Museum trip

Friday 6th March World Book
day (not Thursday, due to
swimming)

Tuesday 10th and Thursday
12th March Parents' Evenings

Wednesday April 1st Spring
Assembly and end of term
(2pm)

Stars of the week

Bumblebees: Bryn

Rabbits: Esme

Hedgehogs: Lydia

Barn Owls: Leo

Tawny Owls: Alexander

Kestrels: Henry, Seth



Happy New Year

We hope that you had a very happy Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your many cards and gifts. We are looking forward to another exciting term, starting with...

Our new ethos, vision and values and Amazing Acorn Agreements

Following consultation with children, parents, staff and Governors, we are ready to launch these. It has been a wonderful opportunity to

share the development of them and now we can enjoy putting them into action! The children will start to think about the new agreements this week and each half term we will introduce a new rule in more detail.

| Our AMAZING ACORN Agreements | |
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|  | A We aspire to achieve |
|  | C We are kind and collaborative |
|  | O We are open and honest |
|  | R We respect ourselves, others, property, and the environment; we listen, we are gentle |
|  | N We welcome new opportunities |
|  | S We develop our super learning powers (we are resilient, resourceful, reflective and reciprocal) |

The link to ACORNS comes from the oak tree at the front of our school: the oak tree on our emblem- something real and important to us, which will make the ideas more memorable for the children. Our new motto, linked to the same idea is:

From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow

We hope that our school will help your children to grow to become 'mighty oaks', with inner confidence and strength...

Christmas decorations afternoon



It seems strange to talk about this just after taking down decorations at home, but this afternoon is very special- the older and younger children working together to share making decorations for the tree.



The older children lead the younger children around the school in groups; they were amazing!



Nativity on tour

Our children and the people that they visited had a

wonderful time sharing Christmas songs and carols, giving back to the community.

Staff changes



After 28 years, Mrs Dungar has decided to finish her role as midday supervisor; we are very pleased that she will be continuing as our caretaker and that Mrs Erith will take over as Senior Midday Supervisor. We welcome Mrs Aldous to our staff team, as midday supervisor.



Carol Service at the Church

It is a tradition for this service to be led by Year 6, who made us all very proud with their organisation and confidence. Well done Year 6!

The collection raised £61.50 towards our Nativity on Tour.

Carol Singing around Bressingham Village



Carol singing club fueled up and warmed up with hot chocolate and biscuits prior to carol singing around the village. We raised an amazing £30.63, which will be donated to Water Aid, the charity chosen by the children this year.



FABs Christmas Fair

This event was superbly supported as always. Thank you to all of you who arranged the fair and to all of you who came along.

Well done to you all!

Hedge planting

The first day after the end of term, most were probably enjoying a good rest or getting ready for Christmas,

but Mrs Sullivan was back at school, planting hedges with some volunteers! These will help to partially extend our Nature Area, which is also used for Forest Schools and we look forward to seeing them grow...



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.