



# Bressingham Primary Newsletter

## 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

### Dates

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>-Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December **Cycle training** for Y5

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December **LAST  
DAY for Christmas Card  
deliveries** into school post box

**Nativity performances**- separate  
letter has been sent

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**Christmas Dinner Day**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas  
jumper day** and **End of autumn  
term with 2.15pm Carols on the  
field, or Carols on Zoom**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January **Start of  
spring term**

### Covid19 Safety Measures

We still have the odd case  
amongst our children and  
families. Thank you for  
supporting the measures we  
already have in place. There are a

couple of further things that we  
ask you to please to, to further  
protect our community:

- many people have started to  
**wear face coverings again on  
arrival and pick-up- please may  
you do this unless you are  
exempt?**

- please may you also respectfully  
distance from other families  
- please note that we have to  
continue with ventilation  
measures, but are mindful of how  
cold it is on some days- please do  
send your child with extra layers  
below their uniform if it is a cold  
day and they need this; they  
could also bring extra outer layers  
to go on top of their uniform if  
needed

- please continue to test using  
lateral flow tests if you *don't* have  
symptoms and PCR tests if you  
*do* have symptoms. Anyone living  
with someone who has tested  
positive should also have a PCR  
test

- please may children bring more  
than one water bottle if they may  
need it- this is the most hygienic  
way of ensuring they have  
enough water at the moment

Thank you 😊

### Christmas arrangements

Please be aware that these may  
be subject to change due to  
Covid19, but we very much hope  
that what we have arranged so  
far will be able to go ahead...

**Christmas decorations  
afternoon** has already  
happened...



The Year 6 and Year 5 children were helping their little buddies to make their decorations and the other year groups also made decorations- lots of fun was had, and the decorations look great.



Thank you to all the staff too, for the preparation and for putting up the decorations to surprise the children when they came in the next day!



**The Nativity** is coming soon...Years R, 1 and 2 are busy practising for their Nativity play and we very much hope that we will be able to do live performances to small groups- 2

supporters from each family, with different year groups' supporters coming to different performances. Please note that only 2 supporters per family will be allowed to come, as we are keeping numbers low, to try to reduce risk to all, including the children performing. The only exception is for 'babes in arms' (below 1 year old).

Please remember to give the children performing extra layers to wear underneath to keep them warm, and to dress warmly yourself, as ventilation will be important too. Thank you.

If we have to cancel the live performances for any reason, we hope to film the Nativity so that parents can watch. We very much hope that the live performances can go ahead.

**Christmas cards**- as we did last year, we will ask anyone who wishes to bring cards in to post them in the school post box **before Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**December.** This will enable us to quarantine them, sort them and quarantine them again before they are given out to children. Thank you.

**Christmas jumper day** is always enjoyed by the children, with children wearing their Christmas jumper with their other uniform. This will take place on the last day of term, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Carols on the field?** Following the success of Harvest on the field and Remembrance on the playground, we are hoping that we can have a Christmas carol

event on the field ☺ If we can't for any reason, we will swap to a Zoom event. There will be more information about *Carols on the field (or Zoom)* nearer the time.

### Stars of the week

Year R Elsie and Halina  
Year 1 Lola  
Year 2 Finnley  
Year 3 Eleanor  
Year 4 Livia  
Year 5 Grayson  
Year 6 Ethan



Well done to all our stars!

### Dictionaries presented to Year 5 by The Rotary Club



A huge thank you to the Diss and Waveney Rotary Club for the lovely illustrated dictionaries given to our Year 5 pupils. They were very excited to receive them.

### Applications for Reception Class spaces for September 2022

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start school in

Reception in the school year 2022/23.

Parents need to make an application, even if their child has a sibling currently at our school.

The easiest way for parents to apply is online at [www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk) or they can request an application form from the Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020.

Additional information, and a link to the online application, is available on the County Council's website - [Admission to reception classes in Norfolk](#).

### 😊 Operation Exercise

Thank you- we are really impressed with how many continue to walk and bike to school.

Lots of marbles and extra golden time has been awarded to classes where most people have been doing this.

Everyone is really a winner, for enjoying the fresh air, the company and the exercise 😊

### Remembrance Service



This was a very respectful occasion and the children were so

calm, still and thoughtful, along with showing their respect through some wonderful singing. It was quite emotional for some, hearing the children's voices all together again.

Year 6 went on to place the wreath from the school and the crosses, at the War Memorial in the village. Thank you, Year 6...



Thank you also to Sue Drake, from the Church, who came to lead the service and to those parents and carers who were able to join us for this special occasion.

### Children in Need

Thank you for supporting this cause. Some had great fun with the glitz and glamour, including the staff 😊 and we raised £130.12 for the charity.



### Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun

The Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun activity programme provides

holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) in Norfolk.

This winter, the majority of sessions will take place 20-23 December across the county, with a few exceptions taking place the following week.

All children may take part in Big Norfolk Festive Holiday Fun activities. Some activities are reserved for those with a code, while others have a mix of paid spaces and free spaces. The free spaces are reserved for children who are eligible for means-tested free school meals. Children who do not receive means-tested free school meals can still sign up to many exciting activities for a small fee.

Families should visit [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun - Active Norfolk](#) to search and book activities.

### Extra day of holiday to celebrate the Queen's birthday in 2022

It has been announced that there will be an extra day of holiday for schools in 2022, to celebrate the Queen's birthday. Our extra day will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022, when the school will not be open.

### Parking

Please don't park on the pathway down School Road- it is blocking the path, making it dangerous for other families- thank you.





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



Mistletoe

*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...**

**School Uniform**

Please keep to the school uniform list- please no leggings, unless it is for PE uniform. Thank you.

*To place an order for items with the school logo, please follow the link: [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)*

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

Thank you- this seems to have been much better.

Please also keep being aware of pedestrians and cyclists, and park only in permitted places. Thank you.

**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.

**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](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)

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 resources provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support parents to talk to their children about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

[Thinkuknow](#) by the National Crime Agency - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command (NCA-CEOP) provides resources for

parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online.

[Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#).

[Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations. National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online.

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#).

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](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/mentalhealth) or 0300 300 0123.



[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)

### **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](http://www.childline.org.uk)

**NSPCC** [www.nspc.org.uk](http://www.nspc.org.uk)

**CEOP** [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

**Just One Number** 0300 300 0123  
[www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk)

**Young Minds**  
[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

**Samaritans** 116 123  
[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)

**Kids Helpline**