



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL



We have had such a positive start to the new school year at BVS. The children's behaviour and attitude to learning has been exemplary. Everyone has been busy settling into new routines and developing good relationships. All children, across all year groups, have already had some wonderful learning experiences. Our teachers continue to strive to make lessons challenging but engaging. As a school we have been busy meeting with colleagues from across the cluster and Norfolk, to look at ways of improving what we do.

We are slowly building followers on the school twitter account. Please do follow us. We hope to use our twitter feed to give parents and carers a real taste of what we are do at school.

We are hosting our first Parent Coffee morning this coming Wednesday 28th September from 9-10am. Please do come along and join us for an informal chat, drink and biscuit. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents, to find out about what's going on in school and to give your opinion on matters where we seek parental input.

Should you have any particular issues or concerns regarding your child. You should arrange an individual meeting with your child's class teacher, Ms Fox or a member of the leadership team.

Thank you for your continued support.

J Olney



ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is...

98.41%

Our class of the week is:

Japan Class with 100%!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 28 September

Head of School Coffee Morning

Friday, 30 September

Cross Country Event, Holt

Monday, 3 October

Yr6 Trip - Norwich Castle

Monday, 3 October

Multi-cultural Week

Thursday, 6 October

Australia Class Assembly

Saturday, 8 October

Aylsham Cluster Trust Event
Blickling Hall

Thursday, 20 October

Mexico Class Assembly

Friday, 21 October

Star of the half term assembly

Half Term

24-28 October

See our website for important dates later in the term.

The BVS Bulletin:
available online,
by email or via paper copy





HINDUISM WORKSHOPS

Year 5 recently welcomed some interesting visitors into school. Our visitors came to talk to us about their Hindu faith and show us some of the artefacts they use in their worship. As part of the workshops, the girls tried on saris and the boys learnt how to wear a turban. We painted traditional patterns on our faces and were able to put bindis on our foreheads. We even learnt about a Hindu wedding and the traditions that take place during the 3 day ceremony. We particularly liked the tradition of the bride's mother pinching the groom's nose!

Summer said, "One of my favourite things was getting changed into a sari and putting face paint on."

Cole commented, "I now know a lot about Hinduism, thanks to our visitors!"

There are some lovely photos of the workshops on display in the Y5 undercover area.

Yr6 Football

Our Yr6 football team got their season off to a winning start with a well-deserved 6-3 victory over a decent Cromer team yesterday afternoon. Please watch out for future match reports!

Yr 6 SCIENCE



In science we have been learning about circuits.

"We have learnt all the symbols for all of the components to make a complete circuit." **Robert**

"Outside we made a circuit with a fan on top of a motor - a motor propelled fan." **Damian**

"We learnt that if you take away a part of the circuit it will make it an incomplete circuit and it won't work." **Jerome**

"We used 1.5 volt cells and found out that two cells make one battery, which would be three volts." **Noah**

ATTENDANCE

At Bure Valley School we are committed to providing the best education possible for your child and, in return, we expect all pupils to attend school regularly and on time throughout the year.

We closely monitor the punctuality and absence of our pupils and write to parents when we become concerned about either aspect of their well-being. We inform parents when children have been late for school on two or more occasions and when attendance goes below 95%. It may be helpful to note that a child is considered to be at risk of being a persistent absentee when their attendance hits 90%.

If it is necessary to remove your child from school for a medical appointment it is helpful if you can show the office a copy of any relevant appointment letter or card. If we are already concerned about a pupil's attendance we have been advised by the County Attendance Officer that we should request proof of medical appointments.

As the late arrival of pupils not only adversely affects their own education but also disrupts the learning of others, there is an expectation that all children will have arrived at school before the morning bell is sounded at 8.45am, and therefore children arriving late, ie after 8.50am, will be recorded as late on the attendance registers. Persistent lateness may result in the issue of a lost learning time card where minutes lost at the start of the school day can be made up at break or lunchtime. We ask for your collaboration in enabling as calm and focused a start to the day as possible.

If there are any circumstances regarding attendance or punctuality that school is not already aware of please arrange a time with the Office to come and talk to Ms Fox. Please remember that breakfast club is available from 7.30am every morning and that supervision is provided on the playground from 8.30am. For your child's safety however it is important to note that the outside area is not supervised until 8.30am.

Thank you for your support.





REMINDERS

Without wanting to come across negative we would like to give parents and parents with toddlers one or two polite reminders:

1. Should you or your child need to use the toilet before, during or after school please come into school via the school office and use the disabled toilet in Extended Schools rather than class toilets.
2. We would appreciate it if younger siblings were not left to play on the large play equipment.
3. In order to be consistent we ask that younger siblings do not scoot or ride on school premises; we do not allow our pupils to ride or scoot whilst on school premises
4. Dogs are not allowed on our school grounds.

DRUM LESSONS

Ed Osborne will be back teaching drums in school next week. If your child is interested in lessons, please contact the Office for further details.

HOST FAMILYSOUGHT FOR GERMAN STUDENT

Are you interested in being a host family for a 17 year old German student (male) from 28 November to 23 December?

The student has been offered a volunteer work placement position at Blickling Hall between the above dates and now needs to find accommodation in the area.

You would be expected to take him in and provide board and lodging (own room) and include him in family life for the duration of his stay. You will receive payment, and the student will cover their own costs for any outings, such as swimming, cinema etc.

For further information please email Emilie Salvesen at Horizon International emiliesalvesen@me.com

 **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER** 

@BureValleySch

WANTED!

Good condition trainers - to be kept as spares within school. For Mr Pope

Old aprons or shirts for art lessons. For Mrs Pusey

All donations can be dropped off at the Office.



THE
AYLSHAM
CLUSTER
TRUST

It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child



Saturday 8th October 2016

Blickling Estate

2 pm - 4 pm

The National Trust and The Aylsham Cluster Trust Schools' Friends and PTA groups will be offering families the opportunity of enjoying a large range of FREE activities to enjoy in conjunction with the 50 things to do programme.

Activities will include woodland art, apple pressing, mud faces, conker run, fairy houses, tree decorations, twig stars and either mini raft or kite making.

No booking required—just turn up on the day and enjoy this FREE event!

Come along for half an hour or stay the whole two hours.

To obtain free car parking in the main car park please display this leaflet on your car dash board.



All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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