



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Happy New Year to you all. On behalf of all the BVS staff I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy 2017.

Although it doesn't feel spring like outside the Spring Term is well and truly underway at BVS. This is a really important term for your children. Now fully settled, we hope that your children make the most of every learning opportunity their teacher(s) provides between now and Easter; which is only ten school weeks away. Every day at BVS the team work tirelessly to move your Child's learning on. However we benefit greatly from your support to help your child reach their potential. When you take into account evenings, weekends and school holidays our pupils only spend 1/6 of the year at school. We have less contact time with pupils than you think. This is why it is so important that school works in partnership with home, so that we can work together to help our children to learn and flourish. Please take up any opportunities this year to visit school or to join in a workshop. Do ask your child's teacher how you can help at home. If you're unsure please do not be afraid. We are here to help. Your child's future is our priority too.

Please see the information regarding Core Knowledge within this edition of the Newsletter to help you further.

J Olney

Mr Olney

ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is...

96.7%

Our class of the week is:

India Class with 97.4%!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

17 January 2017

BVS Choir at the 02

25 January 2017

YR 3 Maths Parents Evening

26 January 2017

YR 6 Parents SATs Information Evening

31 January 2017

Australia Class Assembly

3 February 2017

Friends Disco

10 February 2017

Muffi day (information to follow)
Last day of half term

See our website for important dates later in the term.

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



CORE KNOWLEDGE

To help you to help your child remember key bits of information (knowledge) our subject leaders have worked really hard to create core knowledge booklets for each area of our curriculum. These booklets cover all the bits of core knowledge we believe your child should know. We strongly believe that children who are able to retain this knowledge will fare better and be able to make links between different areas of their learning.

We have provided you with the answers to make it easier for you to help your children.

I urge you to click on the link below and to take a look at the different sections created. Use the links to set your child fun, low stake quizzes. Set questions from one subject or mix them up. Ask a question over breakfast, break up a long car journey with a quiz, and get your child to compete against family members. Whatever you do make it fun!

Start with your child's year group but feel free to venture further afield if your child has a really good grasp of the subject(s) in their age range. You can print from the website to create paper copies should you wish.

Remembering knowledge is a challenge for everyone. Just like us – your children will forget things. Therefore it is really important to revisit things. Ask the same questions a week or a fortnight later. What has your child remembered? The more we practice the more we strengthen long term memory.

As a school we will be hosting a Core Knowledge information evening for parents (details to follow) to help you make the most of this resource. We will also be hosting inter-school competitions and quizzes. Core Knowledge questions will form part of your child's homework from time to time. We will also use our twitter account and newsletter to set questions etc.

This resource has fantastic potential but it will only be of use if we use it. So please do.

<http://www.burevalleyschool.org.uk/school-information/core-knowledge/>

PARENTPAY



By September 2017 we hope to be a cashless school and will be introducing ParentPay over the coming weeks as a secure online payment method for trips, charity / mufiti days, school lunches and breakfast and tea club. As Years 4 and 6 have a residential trip planned for the summer term we will be rolling out ParentPay to those year groups first - please look out for your introductory letter with your login details, which we will send out by the end of next week. Once you have logged in you will be able to make full or part payments towards your child's residential trip. Years 3 and 5 will receive their letters soon after. The initial set up will be for school trips and mufiti / charity events. After Easter we hope to be ready for breakfast and tea club with the final stage being school lunches which we plan to roll out in July. We would really appreciate your support in using ParentPay as we feel it will be a huge benefit to parents and the school.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sarah Turner

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MORE PUPILS WHO HAVE RECEIVED 25 HALO STICKERS (WEEK ENDING 13 JANUARY)

SPAIN

Bradley Sharpe

FRANCE

Welly Lumb

JAPAN

Ollie Bates, Harry Gerrard, Sebastian Moldoveanu

COOKING CLUB WITH MR SYKES

Eggs Benedict!





CYCLING TO SCHOOL



If your child cycles to school, please make sure they wear a cycle helmet and cycle safely.

PARKING AT SCHOOL

A polite reminder - please do not park in the school car park at the beginning or end of the school day.

When parking on Hungate Street, please be considerate to residents and pedestrians.

We are trying to engage the help of the Safer Neighbourhood Team from Aylsham police station to ensure safety at busy times of the day and would be grateful for your co-operation.
Thank you

SPRING TERM LUNCH MENU

Please see the BVS website for the new lunch menu.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

If your child brings a mobile phone into school it should be for emergencies only.

If any pupil is found using a mobile phone within school for listening to music, taking videos/photos etc, the phone will be confiscated until the end of the school day and parents will be informed.
Thank you.

MONEY RAISED

Well done to everyone who organised and attended the BVS Christmas Fayre. **We raised £884!!!** What an amazing amount.

We also raised **£123** for Save the Children from the collection taken at the BVS Christmas church service at St Michael's.

Thank you for giving so generously

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Please remember that children should not arrive on the school premises before 8.30am, unless attending Breakfast Club.

The playground is not supervised until 8.30am

YR 5 VISITED BY PHYLLIDA SCRIVENS

A lovely first day back for Year 5 with a visit from the author, Phyllida Scrivens.

Signed copies by both Phyllida and Joe Stirling are available directly from the author at the discounted price of £19.50 plus £4 postage and packing. Please email: phyllida.scrivens@icloud.com with your order and you will receive details of how to pay. Please find further details about the book at escapinghitler.com.



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