



## MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

As we approach the end of summer term, the children are sitting their Reading (PIRA) tests in school. These low stake tests help the school and your child's teacher to monitor the progress children are making and help highlight areas for focus or additional support. The children really enjoy challenging themselves. You can never underestimate the importance of reading daily with your children. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together.

Last week our Yr6 pupils sat their KS2 SATs tests. We will find out in July how well they did. What we do know is that the Yr6 team have worked tirelessly to support the children to be the best that they can be. We were all really proud of the children and the way in which they conducted themselves across the four days. Your children were a credit to you and to the school. We hope their hard work is rewarded.

I've been busy developing a new school website which will go live the first week back after half term. We are really impressed with it. We hope you will find it useful, easy to navigate and interactive. Your feedback will be much appreciated.

*J Olney*



## ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is...

**96.7%**

Our class of the week is:

**BRAZIL with 97.7%!**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**26 May**  
Charity Muffi Day and  
BVS Race for Life

**26 May**  
Last day of half term

**5 June**  
Back to school

**10 June**  
Family Cluster Learning Day  
at Aylsham High School

**16 June**  
Den Day at BVS

**19 June**  
Family Learning Day  
Kite Building - info to follow

**21 June**  
AHS Friendly Faces Roadshow  
for Yr6 pupils

**22 June**  
BVS Orchestra Recital - Yr5&6

**22 June**  
Poppyline Visit - Australia Class

**23 June**  
Poppyline Visit - Italy Class

**26 - 27 June**  
Sports Days - info to follow

See our website for important dates later in the term.

**BVS Fortnightly**  
available online,  
by email or via paper copy



## SCHOOL GARDEN

Mr Marsh and the school gardeners can usually be found at lunchtimes tending to the school garden. They've worked really hard to improve the garden, so we were delighted when the school kitchen started to use the produce to stock the salad bar. We are really proud of our gardeners.

If you feel that you could contribute and help in the garden, please see Mr Marsh. A letter will be going out with further details.



## PUPILS WHO HAVE RECEIVED HALO STICKERS (WEEK ENDING 19 MAY)

**SPAIN 25 Stickers -**  
Annabelle Milligan

**50 Stickers -**  
Bradley Sharp

Kirsty Weatherley

Phoebe Thornton-Green

**75 Stickers -**  
Georgia Hunter-Rowe

**AUSTRALIA 25 Stickers -**

Millie Balls  
Josh Davison  
Finlay Folkard

Skye Neatherway  
Bailey Rushmer  
Lucy Price

Isobel Brackenbury  
Chloe Bishop

**50 Stickers -**  
Emily Everson

Bethan Evans

**75 Stickers -**  
Madeleine Bell

Romy Garrard

**BRAZIL 25 Stickers -**

Flo Mills  
Laila Simnett  
Libby Lumb  
Sarat Sizeland

Yasmin Key  
Jess Slaughter  
Louie Turner

Kylie Syrett  
Jasper Russo  
Harry Newson

**JAPAN 25 Stickers -**

Jay McIlroy  
Lydia Bean  
Jerome Kern

Jessica Gotterson  
Hermione Osborne  
Millie Read

Noah Attew  
Damian Russo  
Madeleine Collins

**50 Stickers:**  
Jack Warne  
Ryan Mower

Aisha Elikwu  
Amy Hothersall

Ben Andrews

## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Max Bevan and Dylan King (Yr6 pupils). They've been playing basketball for BBITC (Basketball in the Community) for about 18 months and at the last tournament held in Dereham, they both got scouted by the boys Norfolk Basketball Team. They've since trained twice with the Norfolk under 11 team and played a large tournament in St Albans, Hertfordshire representing Norfolk. In September 2017 they will be representing the under 13's boys Norfolk team.



Congratulations to Isabelle Nash (Yr6) on achieving a distinction in her Grade 2 Ukulele Exam.





## PLASTIC BOTTLES



In order for us to be able to put on a fun, bird feeder, recycling activity at next month's Aylsham Cluster Family Learning Day (10 June), we desperately need as many plastic milk bottles (with lids) as possible.

If you could donate, or let us know where we can access lots of plastic milk bottles, that would be fabulous.

## PARKING/DROPPING OFF REMINDER



**A polite reminder to be careful when driving and parking or dropping off on Hungate Street.**

**We kindly ask that you do not use the driveways of either Bure Valley School or John of Gaunt School to turn around in. Some children, especially the younger ones, are not always aware of cars using the driveways and will not stop to look. Please also remember not to park, or pull over to drop off, on the zig-zag yellow lines. These are there for the safety of the children.**

**As the weather hopefully improves, please remember that you can park at the Jubilee Centre and walk across the school field. Thank you**

## KEEP SAFE

We have been informed that some of our pupils are occasionally climbing up the embankment from Marriott's Way onto Hungate Street rather than use the path. If your child comes to school this way please speak with them to ensure that they are accessing Hungate Street safely!! Thank you

## PARENTS/CARERS

We like to feel that as a school we are approachable and welcoming. We are always thinking of ways to better communicate and engage with parents.

However, to ensure we keep children safe we ask that all parents and carers report to the school office and sign in should they wish to come into school and speak to a member of staff. This applies before and after school. Thank you

## BVS KWIK CRICKET HITTING SUCCESS

Well done to our Kwik cricket players who went to Bradfield Cricket Club on a beautiful sunny day last Tuesday, (16 May). The glorious weather certainly helped the event with all the pupils enjoying watching and supporting each other. The encouragement they all gave to each other was wonderful to hear. They won their first two games against Mundesley and Millfield before facing off in a deciding game against Sheringham. Although there was some fantastic cricket we were unable to get to grips with the Sheringham bowling and struggled to score the runs needed to win, despite each team taking 6 wickets. Even so, they finished in 2nd place and have qualified for the Norfolk finals on Tuesday, 20 June at Horsford Cricket Club – great work.

**Mr Pope**



## FOOTBALL AND NETBALL LEAGUE TABLES



This week we saw the changing of the guards as the football league finished and the netball league started.

Our football team played a very tight game against Sheringham, with both teams producing high quality football. Both teams created their chances but the end result didn't go our way with a 2-1 loss the final result. This means BVS finished the league with 4 wins and 2 loses.

Our netball 'A' and 'B' teams went to Astley Primary to open their season on Thursday 18 May. Mrs Haycocks anticipated a tough game to start, with a couple of our players injured. However, she was delighted as the 'A' team won 5-4. The 'B' team fought well but unfortunately lost 5-0. Whilst a loss, this team contained many of our year 5 pupils who are gaining great experience ready for next year when they will hopefully step up to the 'A' team.

**Mr Pope**

