



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

I would like to thank all parents and carers who came to our autumn term parent consultations this week. It's always a pleasure to welcome parents into the school. It enthuses me to see so many parents and carers taking a keen interest in their children's learning. We hope you left feeling that your child is valued for who they are, that we know them well, that they are settled and are making progress.

We aim to be welcoming and inviting at all times, so should you ever have a concern or a question, please don't feel you cannot approach your child's class teacher or the school. Our teachers were thrilled to receive positive comments about how well children have settled, particularly from parents who have recently joined BVS.

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ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is...

96.4%

Our class of the week is:

JAPAN WITH 97.5%



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 22 Nov - Japan Assembly
- 20 Nov - Australia Assembly
- 6 Dec - India Assembly
- 8 Dec - Friends Christmas Fayre at BVS
- 13 Dec - Brazil Assembly
- 14 Dec - Spain Assembly
- 15 Dec - BVS Community Service at St Michaels Church (am)
- 18 Dec - Parent Panto
- 19 Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 19 Dec - Last day of Term

See our website for important dates later in the term.

BVS Fortnightly available online, by email or via paper copy from the school reception





ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We kicked off our week of activities across school with Odd Sock Day with the message that we celebrate difference and uniqueness. Those of you who were in school this week would have seen the fabulous Anti-Bullying Norfolk Rocks our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been making alongside Mrs and Mr Osborne. They look great. From today they will be hidden around the school and the local area. If you come across one of our rocks please take a photo and share it with us on our Facebook Page and Twitter Feed with the #NorfolkRocks You can also share what you find on the Norfolk Rocks FaceBook Group.



LUNCHTIME DRINKS

For a number of reasons we have taken the decision to withdraw the sale of lunchtime drinks at BVS. From Monday, 20 November, we will only offer water or milk – both of which will be free of charge. If you currently have a credit on your lunchtime drinks account this will be refunded back to your ParentPay account within the next week.

YEAR 5 BOYS RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY

Back in October Harry Carver and Jacob Read from India class decided to raise money for cancer charities.



“We wanted to help people with cancer, because we know people who suffer from it. We decided to grow our own fruit and vegetables and bring them into school and sell them at lunchtime and after school. We sold apples, pears, raspberries, sweetcorn, beans and gherkins. We hope to do it next year and have already started to grow brussels-sprouts.” *Harry and Jacob*

WELL DONE BOYS — the final total raised was £18.16 and went to the local charity “Jay's Journey”.

WINTER AT BVS

As winter approaches, there a few pieces of information that we would like to remind/inform you all about.



Clothing

Although the weather has been reasonably mild for the time of year, we would be grateful if children could have a coat available for outside playtime/learning and a suitable tracksuit for outdoor PE. Children are more than welcome to come to school in wellington boots and change into their shoes, especially in wet or snowy conditions.

Bad weather

Although we have not experienced a snow day over the last couple of years, we would like to remind you of where you can find out about school closures. Any school closure will be posted on the Norfolk County Council website www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk. You can also tune into local radio stations who give regular updates. We, as a school, will endeavour to post on our Twitter and Facebook pages, as soon as we can, but it may not be possible to send out a parent text, so please do not rely upon receiving a text message.

If you live in a rural area and are unable to get to school safely, please inform the office as soon as possible.

We will always try to keep the school open, but because many members of staff travel in by car, this may not always be possible.

Icy conditions

In previous years Hungate Street has not always been gritted. Please be aware of this and take extra care when walking/driving to school.





SEND A SMILE WITH SANTA CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Georgia-May, in Mexico class, is hoping to bring a smile to children who will be spending their Christmas in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. The hospital, supported by the Norwich Evening News, aims to give a gift to every inpatient in hospital on Christmas Day.



Rules: New gifts not used goods
No food or drink
Not wrapped
Presents for all age ranges
No homemade gifts, electrical items or sharp objects

If gifts could be brought to the school office by Wednesday, 29 November Georgia-May and her parents will make sure they are dropped off by Saturday, 9 December for the hospital to wrap and prepare. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the BVS Christmas Fayre on 8 December! We need helpers in the morning to set up then from 2.30pm to serve until around 4.30pm.

If you are able to help, please contact the office. Thank you

SCHOOL BOILERS



Whilst we wait for our boilers to be repaired we are keeping our school and classrooms warm with mobile electric/fan heaters.

Hopefully, by the time of our next newsletter, the boilers will be up and running. In the meantime we still have hot water and gas for the kitchen so school is able to function as it should.

RUGBY FESTIVAL

Holt Rugby club hosted a rugby festival for 36 of our pupils on Thursday, 9 November. This included some coaching sessions in the morning and a game in the afternoon. This was the first year in this format as unfortunately, this year, there are no county finals. The children still threw themselves into the activities with great commitment. We saw some great tries and some fantastic tagging in defence. Well done all and a big thanks to all the staff/adults who helped on the day.



BVS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Thank you to all those who have already entered our exciting My Norfolk Photography Competition. If you haven't yet entered but are keen to, we would like to remind pupils and parents that the deadline for entry is Friday, 1 December 2017.

The deserving winner will be announced at our Star of the Half Term Assembly Tuesday, 19 December.

They will win the accolade of BVS Photographer of the Year, be given responsibility for capturing whole school events on film and will win themselves a digital camera!

We look forward to displaying the entries in school for all to see.

Rules:

- 1 entry per child
- Photo must be taken by child
- Photo needs to relate (in anyway) to the My Norfolk theme

To enter you can:

- Bring an actual photo to school
- Bring a digital photo on a memory stick for us to save
- Email your photo to: head@burevalley.norfolk.sch.uk

All entries must be labelled with the child's full name and class.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

It was a pleasure to watch both Mexico and France class assemblies this week. The children take real pride in helping put together their class assemblies for parents and carers and are always keen to showcase their learning and our rich and varied curriculum. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did.



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