



BVS FORTNIGHTLY

Fortnightly news update from Bure Valley School



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL



Thank you to all the parents and carers who made it into school this week for their child's first parent consultation of the year. We hope you found the meeting useful and have a better understanding of how your child has settled into their new class. These meetings are very important. They show 'our children' that school and home work together in their best interests. They show that we care about 'our children's' education. They allow us to discuss concerns and share positives. They keep everyone well informed. They help us to better understand the things 'our children' need to work on. They remind us that we want the same things for 'our children'; which is for them to be safe, happy and learning. If you missed your appointment, or never arranged a meeting, please contact the school so that this can take place. We can be flexible and work around you and your commitments.

I would personally like to thank the many parents and carers who stopped to give positive verbal feedback or who took the time to write some lovely comments about our school and staff. It was a real morale boost and energised the staff after two consecutive long working days. We realise that from time to time parents and carers will raise concerns (and rightly so), but it is always nice to receive some lovely compliments. We chose this career because we enjoy helping young people and their families. We want to make a positive difference.

This week, we marked the hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War. A hundred years have past since the 'Great War' ended yet we still remember. We stop. We think. We take time out of our lives and bring to mind those people who fought and suffered and died in a terrible war. We also remember the people caught up in World War Two and other wars that have happened since.

'Remembrance' is not a word we use every day. In everyday life, we say we 'remember' something like a friend's birthday. Things around us help us to remember people or places. Photos remind us of a party, or maybe a holiday. Old toys or clothes remind us of who gave them to us, or why we liked them when we were younger.

But remembrance is bigger than that. Remembrance is something that can be shared. That is why many people choose to wear a poppy. The poppy is a sign of remembrance. It shows that we have not forgotten what happened long ago, to people in our own and other people's families.

J Olney

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13 Nov - Yr6 Time and Tide Museum Visit
- 14 Nov- Spain Assembly
- 15 Nov - Japan Assembly
- 21 Nov - India Assembly
- 29 Nov - Australia Assembly
- 5 Dec - Yr5 Castle Museum
- 7 Dec - Christmas Fayre
- 12 Dec - Mexico Assembly
- 13 Dec - France Assembly
- 17 Dec - BVS Carol Service @ St Michael's Church
- 18 Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 18 Dec - Last day of term

See our new website for important dates later in the term.

BVS Fortnightly available online, or via paper copy from reception

ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **96.9%**

Our class of the week is:

France Class with 100%!!!!





BURE VALLEY BREAKFAST AND TEA CLUB

Bure Valley School has run a thriving breakfast and tea club for several years. These clubs are run by qualified and experienced school staff and, in addition to the provision of wrap around care, they offer your child the opportunity to make new friends in a safe environment and the chance to broaden their play and eating experiences.

We have always sought to give parents excellent value for money and, in the expectation that this endeavour would ultimately become self-financing, have continued to offer this provision at an exceptionally competitive price. Despite their popularity, however, the clubs continue to depend heavily on subsidies from the school and Aylsham Learning Federation and, unfortunately, with the increase in staffing costs that have accompanied legislative changes regarding National and living wage and the significant cuts to school budgets, we are no longer in a position to maintain this subsidy.

We have considered the impact of this on our breakfast and tea club users carefully and sought to protect parents and carers from the impact of any sudden price increase by introducing staged changes to these session fees. The price increase will therefore be two-fold with one increase commencing from January 2019 and a second from September 2019. The revised costs remain competitively priced and on a par with charges being made by Aylsham schools and nurseries. We have also looked to reward parents booking multiple sessions by offering a discounted rate which applies to the 'All Day' option which combines breakfast and tea club 1 and 2.

From January 2019 you will therefore see some changes to the pricing schedules which are currently available on Parent Pay. The system for booking and payment will however remain the same. You can expect to see the following options and price changes from January 2019 (with additional price changes in September 2019):

Session	Time	Price - Jan 2019	Price - Sept 2019
Breakfast Club	7:30-8:30am	£4.25	£5.00
Tea Club 1	3:15-4:30pm	£5.30	£6.25
Tea Club 2	4:30-6:00pm	£6.00	£7.50
Breakfast Club & Tea Club 1 & 2 (All Day)	7:30-8:30am 3:15-6:00pm	£14.00	£16.50

We hope you will appreciate the reason for this increase and continue to feel that Bure Valley breakfast and tea clubs remain the very best way for many of our pupils to start and end their school day.

YR 4 KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL TRIP

A few photos from the Yr4 residential 2018.





BURE VALLEY REMEMBERS



Today we all remembered the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1. This week, each child has had the opportunity to make a poppy, which they then placed on a wreath during our remembrance assembly.

The wreaths will now be on display in St Michael's church over the weekend, before returning to BVS on Monday, as part of the centenary commemorations.



SHOE BOX APPEAL

Please return any shoe boxes to school by 16 November.
Thank you



ROAD SAFETY & CONSIDERATE DRIVING

A polite reminder regarding road safety around the school. This morning a child walking to school was narrowly missed by a car that mounted the pavement whilst parking. Please do take great care if you need to bring your car to school and maybe consider how necessary it is to drive and the possibility of either walking, where possible, or parking further away to free up the traffic around school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is illegal to park on the zig zag yellow lines and from time to time, the local police do patrol this area.

The safety of our children is the responsibility of us all and we very much appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you

WATER

Research has shown that children who drink regularly learn well in school. Most of our children do have a water bottle in school, but we have a few children who don't. Please could you ensure your child has a named water bottle for school every day. No squash or fruit juice please.

Thank you



CHRISTMAS FAYRE 7 DECEMBER 3.00PM-4.00PM



If you are able to help during the day or at the fayre, please contact the office.

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BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS TOKENS 2018

Please keep collecting the EDP tokens and send them into school.

Many thanks

