



BVS Fortnightly

Fortnightly news update from Bure Valley School



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents & Carers,

As a school, it is really important that we monitor pupils' attendance regularly. On page 2-3 of this newsletter, you will find information regarding attendance/absence. I would be grateful if you could read this, so that we can all work together.

Next week is Key Stage 2 SATs week. Our Yr6 children are well prepared and we are sure they will do their best throughout the week. If you are a parent of a Yr6 child, please make sure they are well rested. If you signed up for Yr6 breakfast club, school will be open from 8.15am.

In assembly this week, Rev Andrew reminded all of us that we are unique and the tests measure where the children currently are with their English, maths and reading, but they don't necessarily capture all the things that make them unique and special.

J Olney

ATTENDANCE WATCH

Our target school attendance figure is 97.2%.

Our current figure is... **95.3%**

Our class of the week is: **ITALY Class with 98.2%**



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UPCOMING EVENTS

13 - 16 May - Yr 6 SATs
17 May - Yr 6 SATs Party
21 May - Goblin Car
construction day
22 May - Girls' Kwik Cricket
24 May - Last day of half
term
3 June - Back to school
4 June - Sports Day
5 June - Sports Day
(information to follow)
7 June - Goblin Car
race day
10 June - Tri-golf **NEW DATE**
11 June - Reserve date for
sports day
19 June - Mixed Kwik
Cricket finals - Horsford
Cricket Club
20 June - Yr5/6
Orchestra concert

More dates and information to follow

See our website for
important dates later in
the term.

BVS Fortnightly
available online,
or via paper copy from
reception



ATTENDANCE

As a school it is really important that we monitor pupils attendance regularly. Our current whole school attendance rate is 95.3% our target is 97.2%.

Where a child has unauthorised absence or low attendance we will work with families to bring about improvements, because we consider high attendance essential.

Did you know:

A child with 90% attendance would have missed 3 weeks or 19 days of school?
80% attendance is a whole half term's worth of learning at 38 missed days if a child is 10 minutes late each day that adds up to six and a half days of lost learning time over the year.

Under current government legislation, the school is unable to allow absence in term time for the purpose of a holiday under any circumstances. The regulations do allow the school to continue to authorise absence in "exceptional circumstances". Please see below a list of examples of allowable absences and those which will be classed as unauthorised absences.

Allowed Absences:

- Sickness/illness
- Emergency and planned medical appointments (parents are requested to make routine appointments outside of school hours)
- Hospital scheduled appointments/treatment
- Day/s for specific religious observance

Allowed Absence in Exceptional Circumstances (at the discretion of the head and in advance of the event):

- Family/close friend bereavement
- Other compassionate grounds
- Family wedding/civil partnership taking part on school day - not travelling to a wedding unless it is abroad. We can only authorise a maximum of three days for trips abroad
- Family crisis
- Examinations off site
- Educational Opportunities - sport, music, performance etc.
- Attendance at an event at the request of a public organisation
- Visit to a new school
- Family re-location visit





Absences not Allowed:

Family holiday during term time no matter what the length

Family trips

Leaving school early to travel to an event

All requests for absence due to exceptional circumstances must be made by completing an absence request form from the office. We will then review your request and decide if it meets the criteria for authorisation. Parents should keep their copy of the authorisation in case they are required to prove their child has authorised absence during term time.

Please be aware that any holiday in term time will be treated as unauthorised and could result in a fine of £60 per child, per parent, being issued by Norfolk County Council. If a notice is unpaid within 21 days, the fine will double to £120 per parent, per child.

The local authority operates a system where any pupil will meet the criteria for legal intervention (a Fixed Penalty Notice) where they have:

- 10 consecutive sessions (1 school day consists of 2 sessions) of unauthorised absence where some or all of the absence may be attributed to an unauthorised holiday in term time
- 15% unauthorised absence over a period of 6 school weeks for reasons other than unauthorised term time holiday

For absence relating to illness of five school days or more, school may request a doctor's note for absence.

We hope that parents will understand that schools are bound by government legislation and have to comply with attendance regulations.

Thanks for your continued support.





YR4 POPPY LINE TRIP

On Tuesday, 30 April, Yr4 went on the Poppy Line trip. We learnt about all the different types of planes and how to identify them. Then Mrs Scott took us to a house which used to be a carriage and we did some house work. Then Mr Thomos took us to the dinner hall and we made our own lunch. I made a spam sandwich, which tasted alright.

Isla G, Yr4

Italy class went on a Poppy Line trip. We had to dress up as World War Two children. It was so fun we got to make our own sandwiches and also do some jobs. There was a blackout and we had to put our heads down. We got evacuated from a train.

Kameron K, Yr4



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN BIRD FEEDERS - HOPEFULLY WE WILL SOME VERY HAPPY FEATHERED FRIENDS VISITING US AT BVS



HALOS - as at 10/519

25 Halos

- France** - Harry D, Elias J
- Australia** - Katie M, Ella W, Elijah D, Isla K, Teigan-Ray G
- Italy** - Kameron K, Leon J, Toby B, Jack H,
- Mexico** - Jessica B, Caitlin M, Alfie A, Alice S, Charlie T

50 Halos

- France** - Ruby P,
- Australia** - Zack P, Leah J



Unfortunately, since Easter there have been some reported incidents of speeding at the Norwich Road crossing Patrol, resulting in Mr Kerrison nearly being hit by the vehicles. Please can we remind you that the speed limit on that part of the road is 20mph and also ask you and your children to remain vigilant, on and around the crossing, especially on the occasions when Mr Kerrison is not on patrol.

Thank you





CRICKETERS HITTING FOR 6

The weather held for two teams to go to Bradfield Cricket club last Thursday (2 May), to represent the school in the North Norfolk School Sports Partnerships Kwik Cricket qualifier. Both Yr

6 and 5 pupils were able to play and their personal and team skills improved throughout the day, which was great to see.

Congratulations to our A team who have now qualified for Norfolk finals at Horsford Cricket club on the 19 June.



BVS FRIENDLY FACES

Our Friendly Faces have now received their t-shirts, so that they can be recognised more easily around the school.





THE BIG NORFOLK SAUSAGE BASH

12TH MAY 2019 FROM 10AM @ AYLSHAM MARKET PLACE & RED LION STREET

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD STALLS • VARIOUS BUTCHERS

LOCAL BREWERIES • COOKERY THEATRE WITH ROLLING DEMOS FROM LOCAL CHEFS ALL DAY

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT @ THE CHURCH

PARKING AVAILABLE AT 

WELL DONE TO CHARLIE T, MEXICO FOR WINNING THE SAUSAGE RECIPE COMPETITION

THE FRIENDS OF BVS AND OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS WILL BE RUNNING CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES IN ST MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD.

