



BVS Fortnightly

Fortnightly news update from Bure Valley School



MESSAGE FROM MR OLNEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a really positive start to 2020 at BVS. The children have returned refreshed and ready to learn, after a long autumn term and hectic Christmas period.

The Spring Term is often the semester in which we see children make excellent progress. This is usually because everyone has settled well into their new year group and also because pupils begin to realise, for themselves and with some prompting, that it is in this calendar year, that they will move up to the year group above. Therefore, they are motivated to achieve well in preparation for the challenges ahead.

In order to help us, help your child to make good progress and be ready for what lies ahead, we ask that you:

- read daily at home
- provide homework and spelling support
- talk about what is being learnt at school
- quiz to see what can be remembered from our core knowledge material and reinforce what has been forgotten.

It takes a whole community to educate a child and our children deserve school and home to be working as a team to help them on their learning journey.

J Olney

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 21 Jan - India Assembly
- 27 Jan - Yr4 Roman Day
- 28 Jan - Denmark Assembly
- 4 Feb - Brazil Assembly
- 5 Feb - Yr6 Gressenhall Visit
- 7 Feb - Friends Disco
- 11 Feb - Spain Assembly
- 12 Feb - Yr4 Castle Museum Visit
- 14 Feb - End of half term
- 24 Feb - Return to school

See our 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... **96.0%**

Our class of the week is Greece with: **100%!!!**





YR 5 CASTLE MUSEUM VISIT

This Castle Museum is amazing!

When we went we were learning about the Anglo-Saxons, but there were some parts that were about Vikings because it was very similar. A fun fact about the Anglo-Saxons was that they wear something called brooches. Brooches were worn for fashion or to pin your cloak. We had four different people talking about four different things. One was about story-telling, another for designing your own brooch, another one about trading and the last one about metal detecting.

Ahyan E, Yr5



AHS STUDENTS VISIT

As part of their course work several high school students visited to teach dodgeball to our year 5 pupils.

This links into the dodge ball tournament they hold for the cluster on March 5th. They also had a focus on adaptive games designed for disabled athletes and showed the children how to play goal ball, where players are blindfolded.

The pupils had a wonderful afternoon and really enjoyed the opportunity. The high school pupils did a fantastic job teaching and encouraging our pupils.



THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS

We have recently been lucky enough to buy some new laptops for the children to use and we would like to thank our lovely Friends for their generous donation of **£2000!**

Without parent/family support of our Friends' events, purchases such as this would not be possible. Please do continue to support our Friends whenever you can.

We would also like to let you know that pre-loved uniform is always available, through the Friends. If you are interested in purchasing some good quality, pre-loved school uniform, please ask at the office and they will put you in contact with Kelly.





TEA CLUB - MOVIE NIGHT



25 HALOS as @ 17/1/2020

France - Logan N, Jamie P, Holly E, Hannan E, Layla H, Lyla R, Oliver S

Spain - Benji L, Chase H

Greece - Oscar B, William M, Evie M, Finley R, Stanley W, Charlie S

India - Evie C, Erin B, Esme L

Japan - Amelia G

50 HALOS

Spain - Barnaby P

Greece - James DVS

TRIPS

We really appreciate the contributions made towards all the trips. However, increasingly we are struggling to meet the cost of external visits. Legally, we are not allowed to "overcharge" for visits and so we can only ask for payments for the actual costs - coach/admission fees etc. We feel trips are integral and enriching activities that are often tailored by the venue to enhance our children's learning.

Increasingly tight budgets mean that we may soon be unable to keep subsidising trips at the level we are currently. We do not believe that anyone is trying to avoid paying, but we do need prompt and full payment to allow these fantastic opportunities to continue to run. We do not want to be in a position where we have to cancel a trip because of lack of funding.

We do have systems to support families who may be finding payments difficult to make.

Please contact Mrs Turner confidentially and she will assist you in any way that she can.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

PARKING

On behalf of local residents we politely ask that parents and carers park safely when dropping their children off and collecting them from school.

In recent weeks, we have had many residents complaining that cars are blocking roads, damaging grass verges and making entries and exits difficult from drive ways; especially along Hungate Street and the Norwich Road.

Where possible, please walk, scoot or cycle to school. For families who need to drive, please consider parking further away from the school site to help relieve congestion.

Please can we also remind you that unless you have a child at John Bear's Nursery, please do not use their car park and also not to use the Jubilee Family Centre car park on a Monday afternoon, due to an ongoing event that is held there.

Thank you for your co-operation.





News from the BVS Art Cupboard... January 2020



Art 4 Youth Norwich Art School is a high quality learning experience for children and young people aged 7 – 16, delivered by Norfolk practising artists and art teachers in small groups of 7 to 11 year old and 12 to 16 year olds. Their art classes combine the use of professional materials and techniques, cultivating artistic talent and confidence. There is a cost for courses but they are free for pupils who come from financially disadvantage backgrounds.

If this is something you might be interested for your child, check out their website and available classes <https://www.norwichart.co.uk/>

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DISPLAY

Sculpture Park

Always Open

FREE

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Now the evenings are getting brighter why not visit the Sculpture Park at Sainsbury Centre. The Sculpture Park is FREE to explore and is situated across the University of East Anglia campus, with its 350 acres of attractive parkland open to everyone. As well as enhancing campus life for students and staff to study, work and live, the Park is open to all to enjoy art, architecture and the natural environment. The Park includes three major works by Henry Moore, recent additions by Antony Gormley, and Vladimir Tatlin's Monument.

Crafty Bugs launches February 2020!

Capital Culture Gallery in Coltishall is launching their new **Crafty Bugs** classes with local textile artist Sara Harris at the end of February. These classes will focus on creating art work with textiles, clay, paper and other materials. Classes are open to children from Year 1 and above. The term runs for five weeks, every Tuesday at 3.30pm until 4.45pm. The cost is £10 per child, per session. Dates will be: 25 February, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March.

