

BRUNDALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2024

HOS NEWS

Happy 2024! We have loved welcoming our children back to school after the Christmas break. It was a very successful end of term. The performances were fabulous and it was wonderful to welcome so many families into our school.

The children have settled so well back into school and we have been very impressed with their positive attitudes. As a school, we strive to make the school a better place, so that everyone can thrive. This half term we are focusing our assemblies on being kind. Last week, we have been talking about how we can create a culture of kindness and ensure that this is extended beyond our school community. In their circle groups the children came up with many different ideas about how we can celebrate the kindness we see every day in school, and why kindness is one of our school values. I was so impressed with their ideas and I am looking forward to making some of them part of our school routine. For example, we are going to have kindness shout outs in our celebration assembly on Fridays. This week Mrs. Artherton told us that Rowan in Year 1 held the door open for her; Mr. Applegate told us how Ruby in Year 4 always asks him how he is before each Circle Group session and Miss Codling about how KaityInn in Year 5 got equipment for somebody in her group. All of these are small but they demonstrate our school value of kindness.

Providing a caring, friendly and safe environment is a priority for us and we aim to work in partnership with all involved to resolve any issues that might occur. Sometimes there are quick fixes and sometimes there is lengthier work to be undertaken. This might go on 'behind the scenes'. The underpinning fact is that every child has the right to feel safe and bullying will not be tolerated. If you ever feel that there is any issue that we have not addressed, please speak to the school directly.

We are going to be extending our values to include two more. We have asked our school community and will be unveiling these in the next few weeks. These will be linked to children's learning in the classroom and to encourage our children to be brave and independent learners.

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READING VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to become a reading volunteer in school? Reading is an integral part of our school curriculum and is one of the key factors in helping children achieve well in school. If you have any spare time you would like to offer school, we would love to meet with you. We can offer some training and a DBS check. Please contact the school office if you are interested on office@brundall.norfolk.sch.uk or on 01603 712597 and we will then contact you.

Year Group Overview

Please watch out for our year group overviews. These will be coming out early this week and will give an overview of what your child will be learning in different areas of the curriculum, over the first part of Spring Term. Don't forget to check out our website as we have lots of top tips and guides as to how you can help your child at home.

Thank you to Fobs

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to FOBs for their generous donation of iPads. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the team for their tireless efforts in fundraising for the school. This contribution will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the students' learning experience.

*Thank
you!*



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HOMEWORK

We know that children learn best when they practise. It helps them gain competence and helps them to improve. Even when pupils have mastered something, practising still has benefits: it reinforces the basic skills that they need in order to learn more advanced skills, it protects against forgetting and practice helps them to apply their knowledge and skills in different ways. Because of this, we would like all pupils to complete weekly homework. Please check out our website for information and guides about how best you can support your child.

HOMEWORK TASKS

Homework tasks are set each week by their phase group team. Each phase group has a different homework set, and day due, which can be found on our website. The homework is designed to help pupils to practise while respecting family time. We do not set big projects that require lots of time and resources, or long writing tasks. To help your child we have a drop in Homework club each Thursday lunchtime which is run by Miss Cornish. They do not have to book a place.

Reception – High frequency words instant recall
reading x5 a week

Year 1/2 - High frequency words – reading and spelling
(more information coming soon)
reading x5
Numbots

Year 3/4 - Reading x5
Spelling list
TTRS

Each week your child will receive a maths, English or topic to complete

Year 5/6 - Reading x5 a week
TTRS
Year 6 revision booklet
Spelling – Spelling Shed

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ATTENDANCE

This week, you will receive a letter which informs you of your child's attendance percentage to date.

We place great importance on attendance and punctuality at Brundall School. The national average for attendance is 96%. For your child to be in line with this and get the most out of their school experience both academically and socially, they need to attend at least 177 out of 190 days per year. Absences will mean children missing lessons from units of work, which may make it harder for them to understand concepts when they return to school.

If your child arrives late, they are likely to miss reading and spelling sessions, which usually happen at the beginning of the day. This may mean they do not make the progress they could if they were on time.

Whilst we realise that some absences and lateness cannot be avoided, we want to work with families to find solutions which maximise learning opportunities for all children. Please come and talk to us or visit the attendance page on our website if you have any questions about this. Schools have a statutory responsibility to report attendance to parents.

For your information by the end of the year		
Percentage	Sessions (2 per day)	Days
100%	No missed sessions	No days absent
99%-96%	4 - 14 sessions missed	2 to 7 days off
95%-90%	18 - 38 sessions missed	9 to 19 days off
89%-85%	42 - 58 sessions missed	21 to 29 days off
Below 84%	More than 60 sessions	More than 30 days

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UNIFORM

Our School Uniform Policy

Children are expected to be physically active every day; they should come to school ready to be active. The uniform has many options so children can choose what they feel most comfortable in whilst still giving us a united feel.

If children do not come in uniform, we will lend them a school sweatshirt or a fleece.

Our School Uniform

- A white or red polo shirt, which may have a logo on it
- Plain (no logos or lines) grey or black trousers (These can be sports style shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings but they must be plain with no logos or stripes. Children can wear cycling shorts under their skirts), shorts, skirt or pinafore
- A red and white gingham dress
- A red sweatshirt, which may have the logo on it
- A red cardigan, which may have the logo on it
- A red logoed fleece
- A grey logoed hooded sweatshirt
- Flat, black shoes or ankle boots
- Any coloured trainers

Children may wear trainers or bring trainers to change in to for PE, they are not allowed to wear make-up and nail varnish. The only jewellery allowed are stud earrings which can be worn for PE. Watches can be worn but must be removed for PE.

All of these logoed items, as well as book bags are available to order on the school website .

For Swimming

- Trunks (not board shorts) or a one piece swimming costume
- A swimming hat
- A towel
- Goggles may be worn

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NUT FREE SCHOOL



Can we please remind you we are a nut free school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cake

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

DRESSING APPROPRIATELY FOR SCHOOL

With the temperatures dropping, it's important to make sure your children are dressed appropriately for school. Please ensure that they come in with a coat, as the weather can change quickly, even if it's sunny in the morning. It's also recommended to send in hats, gloves, and scarves, especially if they'll be playing outside during break, unless it's raining heavily. Don't forget to label all belongings clearly with your child's name.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19.02.24 - 23.02.24 - Half-term holiday

26.02.24 - Spring Term 2 begins

07.03.24 - World Book Day

28.03.24 - 12.04.24 Easter Holiday

15.04.24 - Summer Term Begins



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS:

We are pleased to announce that our Extra-Curricular Clubs are commencing next week and will continue until March 22nd.

You should have already received information regarding the specific clubs your child has been assigned.



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NORWICH

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NORWICH PHILHARMONIC
ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS
SEASON 2023/24

SATURDAY
10 FEBRUARY
2024
2.30 & 4.30pm
THE KING'S
CENTRE
NORWICH

The Phil's Children's Concert

*A fun and informal concert for
young children and their families*

Norwich Philharmonic Orchestra
Matthew Andrews conductor
Bernard Hughes narrator

Composer Bernard Hughes narrates James Mayhew's
funny children's book *The Knight Who Took All Day*
and introduces heroic music by Tchaikovsky, Rossini, Grieg
and others, plus the theme to *How To Train Your Dragon*.

With 2 performances of about an hour each, children can sit on the floor or on bean bags
close to the musicians and have a go on some of the instruments during the interval!

Suggested age range 5-11 but older children will enjoy it too

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