



Brundall School News - 8

February 2010

One of our governors remarked to me last week about the pace of change in the Public Sector, and how the capacity to live with change was essential.

The only way our school as a learning community can continue to improve and cope with change is through the commitment of all involved with the school taking responsibility for improving the quality of the learning that goes on in the school.

I've been delighted this half term to hear that we have been awarded the 'High Quality Chartermark Award for Physical Education'-one of only 8 schools in the county, out of nearly 400, to achieve this. In large part this has been made possible by the efforts of Kirsty Sims, in making sure that good quality PE is going on during the day and in after school opportunities. Parents have played their part in this by requesting PE opportunities, and Mrs Sims has been supported by Mrs Sutton in her leadership of PE.

With Mrs Rose's absence, we have been fortunate in members of staff increasing their hours and in having support from parents in working in the office. Although I have been aware of a few gaps in the efficiency of our service, we continue to make progress and keep the school running with all the 'behind the scenes' activities. Thank you for bearing with us as we learn!

Mr Winter contacted the fire safety team and we took part in an audit of our preparation for a fire. This is extremely valuable to have a professional pair of eyes to report to us about the quality of our systems and improve the safety of our learning environment for all the children.

We are fortunate that parents support their children through talking to them about their learning and making sure they are prepared for the day ahead by getting them here on time. I'm also pleased that the Friends of Brundall are in the midst of a 'relaunch', with a new chair and fresh ideas and enthusiasm, focused on how parents can play their part in helping us improve the quality of what we offer.

With this in mind, I hope to host a parents Forum with Siw from FOBs the morning of March 11. I hope this will be an informal chance to have a coffee or tea and in an open way, raise any issues that might be on your mind, and enable us to keep thinking about the best way forward- and how to utilize all the talents within the wider community to keep on moving towards our goal of creating an extraordinary school for our extraordinary children...

Rick Stuart-Sheppard

Parents with dogs, please can you remember to tether them safely before entering the school site.

Term Dates

February Half Term	15 th - 19 th inclusive
School Closes for Easter	1 st April
Summer Term	20 th April
May Day	3 rd May
May Half Term	31 st May - 4 th June incl.
Summer Term Ends	23 rd July
Return to school	6 th September

Key Stage 2 School Disco

12th February

5.30pm - 7pm



CONGRATULATIONS



To our staff for achieving

The

High Quality P.E. Award

FOBS - BAGz TO SCHOOL - 24th FEB

Please start collecting your old clothes, bedding, curtains etc. for us to collect in. Further details to follow

Diary Dates

5 th February	Hats for Haiti
8 - 12 th February	Special Week (Indoor Market)
12 th February	KS2 School Disco
1 st - 3 rd March	Parents Evening
19 th March	FOBS Quiz 'n' Chips

HATS FOR HAITI

This Friday, the Pupil Council are running a non school uniform day to raise money for the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

However, it will be with a difference! We would like children to come in a hat which can be as original or different as they would like to make it!

Please could you send your child with a minimum of 50p or more to go towards the victims of Haiti.

Thank you
From the Pupil Council

Punctuality

We notice that several families find it difficult to get to school for an 8.50am start for KS2 or 8.55am start for KS1. The start of the morning is important for registration and settling the children in. We know there are occasions when things are difficult in the morning, but please do not let lateness become a habit as it is not helpful to your child or the school.