



Brundall School News - 11 January 2012

Following our analysis of progress in Literacy and Numeracy, we are focusing this term on developing writing throughout the school.

All staff have been concentrating on helping pupils improve the presentation and layout of their work, encouraging neat and legible handwriting, and discussing with pupils how they can extend and develop their writing.

To help your child at home, it's great if they can do some writing every day. Many parents have a reading session every day, and last term we talked about maths in the home, in measurement, calculations, shapes and other aspects. This term, see if you can help your child to write something every day. It might be using opportunities to write thank you notes or cards, to make lists, plans or timetables for activities, or something as regular as a diary. If you are writing lists, or needing to write at home, it's good to share this with your child as well.

We will be assessing progress before half term; we have also linked to a local school to share our assessments of writing and compare our judgments.

The date for the parents forum this half term is **Friday February 3 at 2:45** in the spare classroom in the new block. It will be an open forum to discuss any general matters about learning and the school. If you have a specific concern, remember to speak to your child's teacher first, as this is usually very helpful in sharing understanding about how your child learns best.

R. Stuart-Sheppard

Attendance Really Does Matter

Parents of children at Thorpe St Andrew High School will be aware of the research published in their recent newsletter. This shows how your child's attendance is directly linked to their performance in school.

Attendance Rates

94% = Very good chance of 5 A*-C Grades

93% = Good chance of 5 A*-C Grades

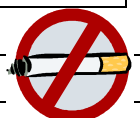
92% = Fair chance of 5 A*-C Grades

90% = Less than 50% chance of 5 A*-C Grades

88% = Less than 35% chance of 5 A*-C Grades

Less than 88% = Less than 30% chance of 5 A*-C Grades

In order for your child to achieve the highest possible grades **they must be in school.**



No Smoking

We would like to remind parents and visitors to our school that Brundall School and its grounds are non-smoking areas.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Water Wednesday



Turn on the Tap - Water Wednesday is a new fundraising initiative for this term. Children can donate 10p or more for a glass of water, every Wednesday, at lunchtime.

Did you know that 884 million people around the world do not have access to clean drinking water? 4,000 children die every day from drinking dirty water.

£8 can supply a family of 6 with a water filter supplying them with clean drinking water.

We hope that you will support this cause, and help to make clean drinking water a reality for as many children as possible.

Thank you.

Save a Tree

Our delivery of newsletters and letters home to parents electronically is going very well. So far three quarters of our parents have signed up to Parentmail.

This means they receive their newsletter directly and immediately, and in full colour!

If you would like to sign up, please collect a form from the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Parents Forum	3 rd February
February Half Term	13 th -17 th inclusive
Parents Evenings	5 th & 6 th March
School Closes for Easter	30 th March 2012
Summer Term	16 th April 2012
May Day	7 th May
Half Term	4 th June - 8 th June
Summer Term Ends	20 th July

School Closures

With the weather forecasts predicting cold and possibly snowy days ahead, remember that the most reliable source of information is the Norfolk

Schools website

www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk.

If I make the decision to close the school because of poor conditions, this is where I will post the information. This is then used by local radio stations to broadcast. Mr Winter does an excellent job of clearing snow and gritting school pathways and we will endeavour to stay open whenever possible and safe to do so.

Head lice

Please make sure you check your child's hair regularly for any signs of head lice, and treat as necessary.



All the latest advice about detection, treatment and prevention is available on our school website.

Gerbusters

Tummy bugs, sickness and flu can spread very easily at this time of year. But there is much we can all do to stay well.

There is a very useful "germbusting toolkit" available online at www.norfolk.nhs.uk/germbusters It is full of information about how to prevent the spread of those germs which cause tummy bugs and flu and what to do if you fall ill. There are videos, fact files, downloadable leaflets and other helpful information.

Things to remember

- Hand washing, particularly after using the toilet, is crucial. You just need hot, soapy water.
- At home, keep surfaces clean to destroy germs.
- Sharing towels and linen spreads germs - keep them clean.
- If you have the flu then you usually treat it yourself with advice from your pharmacist, plenty of fluid and rest.