



# Brundall School News - 14

## January 2018



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Welcome back to school. Staff returned refreshed and ready to work with two other local Primary schools about our PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) programme. The learning is going well, and there were good conversations about the Pupil of the Day, the giving of compliments, and the discussion about comfortable and uncomfortable feelings. We have begun to think about renewing our Behaviour Policy, and one of the ideas that connects to our work with PATHS is about showing 'visible kindness' around the school. I think this is a good aspiration for us as a staff.

You will have received a letter stating the vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Body at the school. Please do consider whether you (or a parent you know!) have the skills and time that would make a contribution to this role. The Governors are volunteers who oversee the effective running of the school, and each governor brings skills and experience and guidance that the school could not do without.

Our first 'Mathletics' report has arrived, and I'm delighted that we awarded over 70 certificates last Friday for achieving the 1000 point target. Some children are making great use of this resource at home already, with the school account logging over 300 hours of use, and thousands of activities completed. It's a great way to do short 15-20 sessions of targeted learning or practice, and I hope you will take this opportunity, funded this year by the Friends of Brundall, to use the programme.

We look forward to welcoming back Ms Lisa Hewitt in the Golden Orioles this Friday. Ms Hewitt came to meet the Orioles on Monday, and there were a number of children who recognized her as she had taught older brothers and sisters while previously teaching at the school before her appointment to the Castle Museum Education service.

Parents' evenings are scheduled for Monday March 19 and Tuesday March 20, slightly later than last year, as our Year 6 pupils will be in France the week of March 5. This is our first trip abroad for a very long time, and I would like to thank Mrs Power and Mr Gayford for undertaking this educational visit. Mrs Forder will also accompany the trip, and we are making plans for Mrs Allison to make up the fourth member of staff. In her absence, Mrs Lamb and supply teachers known to us will cover the Toucans class on the Tuesday to Friday.

R. Stuart-Sheppard



### ***Spare Clothes Appeal***

*Do you have any old uniform or clean underwear (especially girls' tights) that you no longer need?*

*We have a shortage of spare clothing for our key stage 1 children.*

*Any donations would be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you.*



### **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 to miss the start of the school day.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Strings Assembly (Parents welcome)	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Penguins/Swans - Castle Trip	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
February Half Term	12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 (inc)
Y6 French Trip	5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Nightingales - Castle Trip	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Parents Evening	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Easter Holidays	29 <sup>th</sup> March - 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 (inc)
Y5 Residential	18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
May Day	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 (inc)
Summer Term Ends	21 <sup>st</sup> July 2018

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## Musical Theatre Club

Stimulation for your child's imagination, using creativity, involving dancing/singing and acting.

Pam Clarke, who currently teaches piano/keyboard in school and dance in Brundall runs an after school club.



Open to all ages.  
Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm  
Cost- £3.00 per week

To register please:  
Leave your written details in the school office  
or Email: [pclarkemusic@hotmail.com](mailto:pclarkemusic@hotmail.com)  
or Telephone: 01603 431657



## \*\*\*JUMBLE SALE\*\*\*

**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**2PM START**

**HEATHLANDS VILLAGE HALL**  
REFRESHMENTS & CAKES AVAILABLE  
20P ENTRY PER PERSON

If you have any jumble or unwanted Christmas gifts,  
please bring them to Heathlands on Sat 27<sup>th</sup>  
between 12-1.30pm

**\*\*The Jumble Sale starts at 2.00pm\*\***

All proceeds go to Hemblington Pre School  
**PLEASE SUPPORT US**

## Parking Reminder



There have been several reports of inconsiderate parking on the roads around the school.

If possible, we ask parents to walk or cycle with their children to school. If distances mean you need to drive, please park at a distance from the school and allow yourself time to walk. This is good for exercise and for maintaining good relationships with our neighbours.

Thank you.

## Suitable Clothing

Please ensure that your children are wearing suitable clothing for the cold weather.

We have noticed several younger children arriving at school without hats and gloves.

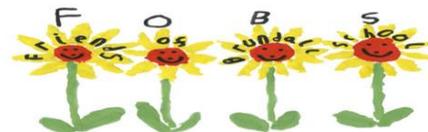
## Head lice



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

Advice about detection, treatment and prevention is available on our school website.

<http://www.brundallprimary.com/pages/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Head-Lice-The-Truth-and-the-Myths.pdf>



Friends of Brundall School  
200 Club Winners - December 2017

K. Martin - 1st prize  
D. Jones - 2nd prize  
Mr Phillips - 3rd prize

# In and Around Brundall School



A few highlights from last term.



Happy New Year.  
It's good to be back.