



# Brundall School News - 20

## March 2018



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Thank you for your understanding about the school closures last week. Although a team of us gave a good clear on the Thursday, the weather again deteriorated and it was not safe to travel to school and so we, like almost all Norfolk schools, remained closed for three days.

Since the rain and temperature rise, it's been all systems go. Year 6 are sending great photos back from Normandy; and the pupils who were not on the residential have been making amazing explorations of our French heritage here in Norwich. This is our first overseas trip, and the website is showing us the wonderful activities the children are experiencing. Big thanks to Mrs Power, Mr Gayford, Mrs Allison, Mrs Forder and Mrs Bromiley for giving their time and commitment to making this trip happen.

Mrs Brown has overseen the Cross Country Team taking part in the Norfolk finals, and we've been really excited by the good effort and showing of our young runners who qualified through the local heats. Thank you to parents who made travel arrangements after the original date was postponed.

Breakfast with a Book transformed into 'Break with a Book' which was hugely enjoyed. Our library gang have done wonders with the library in increasing our stock related to our key target of preparing pupils for life in modern day Britain, and are now working on a display of favourite books.

Spelling Week has been launched and your children will be coming home with many different strategies and tricks over the next few weeks, from sounding out through chunking and mnemonics. I hope you enjoy thinking about spelling with your child, from the level of playing games like scrabble, hangman, or crosswords, through to exploring new ways of remembering tricky words.

Our growth mindset theme in March is 'mistakes are opportunities for learning' and this ties in wonderfully with spelling.

Thanks to John Fleetwood who helped us obtain 6 old variety Norfolk Apple trees, which are now settling in as a mini orchard at the bottom of the playing field. They have protectors around them; however, please make sure your child knows they are young saplings and must be looked after!

Thank you to the overwhelming number of parents who respect our request not to use the Avenue. I've had some interesting conversations this week with parents who continue to use the road. Although there is no legal restriction, I do appreciate the understanding of the vast majority of parents in parking at a safe distance and making time to complete the journey on foot. Thank you.

Looking ahead: your child might have mentioned the amazing Rock Steady assembly before the snow came...they will be back March 21 to give each class a taster of their programme, and parents will then have information directly from the Rock Steady organization about their offering which will be trialled for a term on Thursday mornings after Easter. This will be a paid-for tuition, like piano lessons with Pam Clarke. We continue to offer all pupils string instruction free of charge, alongside clubs in Saxophone, guitar, ukulele and harmonica.

R. Stuart-Sheppard



Our Parents Evening appointments in March will be booked using Parentmail.  
The booking system will be available from 8.00a.m. on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please visit the help site: [www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/](http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/)  
or if you need the link re-sent please contact Kim Rose in the school office.

# dates to Remember

Parents Evening	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Celebration Assembly	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018
Wear a Hat Day	28 <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
KS1 Disco	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Fairhaven - Orioles	25 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Fairhaven - Nightingales	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Fairhaven - Puffins	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018
The Big Sing	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018
May Day	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018 (inc)
Gressenhall Trip - Reception	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Summer Term Ends	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2018

Wear a Hat Day 2018  
on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.



Help us to raise awareness of brain tumours and raise money to help support long term, life-saving research to help find a cure.

Children can wear non-school uniform and should wear a hat, head scarf, bandana or other head covering to show support.

Suggested donation £1.00.

For more information go to  
[www.braintumourresearch.org](http://www.braintumourresearch.org)

Norwich CC, Norwich, NR135HL  
Fri 18 May - Fri 06 Jul 2018, 18:00 - 19:00

**\*BOOK NOW\***  
<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars>

- 4-8 year olds
- 8 Fun Sessions
- £40 (Kit Included)
- ECB Approved
- DBS Checked

Includes Personalised Kit bag

## Stay Safe Online - A workshop for families Brundall Library

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 6 - 7.30pm and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6 - 7pm

Free - call the library on  
01603 714576 or pop in  
to book



for parents/carers and children aged 8-12 | Norfolk County Council

## THANK YOU

One of our home from home from t on his way apped while cycling home with his brother. We would like to thank the parents that stopped to offer assistance to him and his brother. We are very fortunate to be part of such a kind and caring community.



## Parking Reminder

We have noticed that several parents have started parking in the staff car park to either drop off their child in the morning or collect their child at the end of the day. We would like to remind parents that the car park is for staff only. 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.

**Join us for a run.**

**BRUNS ON THE RUN**

**Saturday at 10:30**  
**Brundall Countryside Park**  
**Postwick Lane, Brundall, NR13 5RF**  
**Free**

All welcome for a beginners Couch to 5k programme with parkrun run directors Phil, Paul, Barbara, Vikki, Nick & Liz. 10 week course starting Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Register to join the fun:  
[groups.runtogether.co.uk/BrunsontheRun](http://groups.runtogether.co.uk/BrunsontheRun)

RunTogether  
with DW Fitness First

# In and Around Brundall School



Six old variety Norfolk Apple trees! Thank you to John Fleetwood, Parish Tree Warden for working with us on this project.



Thank you Open the Book team for Joseph, part 1. These are tremendous stories for our children to hear.



For a limited time only...we are adding battery recycling to our small steps to help the environment. Look out for your child bringing a collection box home.



Second place out of the whole of Norfolk! Well done Year 3 and 4 sports hall team!



Our year 6 pupils not in France are having some wonderful French experiences exploring the Norwich-Normandy connection...here are braided French loaves they made at the Assembly House. Thank you!



Library Gang: awesome new resources!



...and the next coat to continue the pattern should be what colour? Maths everywhere!



Tommy from Rock Steady definitely got our Assembly going....thank you for a great wake-up and introducing all the band instruments.