



Brundall School News - 5

October 2020



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Changes!

The scheduled demolition of the Caretakers bungalow is moving ahead and from Monday, October 19, the parking lot will be fenced off at the Reception Area to accommodate the works going on.

This will mean a change to access to the school for visitors and the children in the siblings and childminders group. Parents and carers should no longer use the car park to collect children from the childminders and sibling group; staff will bring the children to the gate of the car park at 3.30.

If you need to communicate with the school, please continue to do so via telephone or email. There will be a temporary intercom for deliveries and essential visitors to the school at the loading bay door.

With the latest updates on the Covid-19 situation, staff are aware that we need to maintain the measures in place for hygiene and social distancing. Staff have noted that this can be an issue when parents or carers wish to speak with staff in morning or afternoon, and will be wearing face masks at these times. We would appreciate your wearing of a facial covering if you are intending to speak with staff. You may wish to consider whether a mask is appropriate or necessary if you are standing in a line at the time of entry or pick up. Being outdoors does minimise the risk of transmission and we recognize that Norfolk has not had the levels of infection that some areas have seen. Nonetheless, with the colder weather and a steady increase in infection rates, including reported cases in both Norwich and Acle, we would recommend the additional precaution of a mask at drop off and collection times.

Due to the persistent rain, dampness and the change in the seasons, we are nearing the end of the availability of our grass spaces at lunchtimes. There is a shift to the hard surfaces for outdoor play. While we are restricted in this way, we are maintaining areas of play for our Reception/Key Stage 1 classes, and keeping our Year 3/4 (lower Key stage 2) on a separate playground to our Year 5/6 (Upper Key Stage 2).

R. Stuart-Sheppard/S. Sutton

Parent's Evening

As with everything this year, Parent's Evening arrangements will take a different form. We will be sending out a summary of how your child has settled into their new class and this will be handed out on Friday 6th November. There will also be a parent feedback form and we would really like to receive feedback on how you feel your child has settled back into school life.

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Family Voice Coffee Morning

Our Family Voice online Coffee Morning for a friendly get-together with other parent carers is still taking place on:

Friday 16 October from 10:00 to 11:00am

There is no need to book as long as you are a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND. Just click on the link below from 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83006703755>

We now have an extra session to follow on from the Coffee Morning. Stay online or join us at 11:00am for an update on

Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) from Rachel Gates

Strategic Health and Disability Commissioner, Norfolk County Council

The contract for the current provider (ECCH) finishes in August 2021. NCC and NHS Norfolk and Waveney have begun the process for commissioning a new service covering the whole of Norfolk and Waveney.

Rachel Gates has offered to join our Coffee Morning at 11.15 to meet parent carers and discuss their experiences to date and what the future service should look like.

The link is as above. You do not need to book.

Please make sure you have joined by 11.15am as we will not be able to let you into the meeting after this.

Open Sessions

We are holding a series of information sessions, including a tour of the school, during the autumn term, for parents of children due to start school in September 2021.

Due to Covid-19, we are having to strictly limit the numbers of visitors on site at any time. In addition to this, we are unable to offer tours of the school during the day.

We are pleased to offer several sessions, for parents and carers to book:

Tuesday 3rd November 2020 @ 4.00pm

Thursday 5th November 2020 @ 4.00pm

Tuesday 17th November 2020 @ 4.00pm

Thursday 19th November 2020 @ 4.00pm

At this time, we can only accommodate one parent per family for a visit and we are unable to accommodate any children. Parents will need to wear a mask and our school staff will wear visors, to ensure everyone's safety.

Based on previous years, we anticipate that these events will be very popular, so we have set a limit on numbers for each event.

Attendance will be by appointment only.

Please contact the school directly via email or telephone to book your place.



Inter-House Cross Country	16 th October 2020
Staff Training Days	22 nd & 23 rd Oct 2020
Half Term	26 th Oct - 30 th Oct
Flu Immunisations	10 th November 2020
School Photographs	19 th November 2020
Term Ends	18 th December 2020



School Photographs

Pret-a-Portrait photographers will be visiting the school on Thursday 19th November to take individual photographs of the children who attend this school. As in the past, your photographs will be available to view on-line and you will be given a password with information about ordering.

**There will not be PE on this day. Please send your child to school in their school uniform.
Thank you in advance.**

P.E Update

We are delighted to announce that our school has been recognised for a Silver Award in our commitment to engage in competitive sport. In the last academic year children represented our school in swimming, Sportshall Athletics, cross-country, an Adapted Games competition at University of East Anglia and were busily preparing for Quadkids Athletics, cricket, netball and rugby competitions before Lockdown. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who supported us in this achievement: the children gained so much from these experiences.

This half term has seen all classes increase their physical activity levels as part of our Recovery Programme. Across the school, classes have begun Healthy Heart Runs as well as two P.E lessons a week with regular yoga being used to support mental health. We have also invested in new outdoor suits to ensure children are being active in all weathers. There has also been much excitement with Years 3/4 being taught by cricket coach, Russell Cole, from Chance to Shine, to improve important throwing and catching skills.

With current world health challenges, looking after our physical and mental health has never been more important so it is great to see so many families choosing a more active journey to school. Biking, scooting and walking are fantastic ways to energize and prepare your child for a day of learning, improve sleep and provide an important mental release. Just watching the joy on the faces of children scooting to school reveals the enormous benefits that physical activity brings.

With this in mind we are excited to announce an inter house cross country competition to be held on **Friday 16th October** with each child representing either Heron (red), Kestrel (blue) or Swift (green) House. This year we are also awarding points for perseverance, grit and determination as well as the top six finishers for each class. **Every child will need to arrive in school dressed in outdoor P.E kit, with a spare set of clothes just in case and of course their indoor shoes for afterwards. Hair needs to be tied back and earring removed or covered by tape before school please.**

*****HOT OFF THE PRESS*****

As part of our ongoing aim of increasing activity levels we have invested in new lunchtime equipment for each class bubble that will be arriving shortly and we are planning a project to support our health by eating to improve immunity. More news soon...

Keep moving and don't forget to share any of your out of school physical achievements with us too.

Mrs Brown/Mrs York-Smith