



Brundall School News - 6

October 2020



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Thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped make this half term a positive one for the full return of children to school. We appreciate the kind words and co-operative spirit that you have shown.

There have been many adjustments and changes to adapt to, with both the measures necessary for a Covid-secure return and the building work. The building work is expected to be completed by Christmas; our Covid measures look set to continue for the foreseeable future...

We're really pleased that the children have been so positive about their return to school, and the attendance - 97.5% - is the highest figure for a half term that we have had for many years!

It's been a huge reminder of how important it is for primary age children to be at school, not only for the English, Maths and a broad curriculum, but most importantly for the social setting and interaction with others. The social skills of learning how to get along with others, how to talk, listen, communicate, work things out-these are vital life skills and it's been wonderful to be back at school with the children and enjoying learning together.

Have a really good half term and we look forward to the second half of the Autumn Term beginning on Monday, November 2nd. The staggered entry and departure times, the restrictions on entry through the car park, the need for indoor footwear, the hygiene and bubbles: all these will remain in place as we continue our Covid-secure return at this time.

R. Stuart-Sheppard/S. Sutton

Half-term Holiday

School finishes at 3.30pm on Wednesday, 21st October and children return on Monday, 2nd November 2020.



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.



Staff Training Days

Half Term

Flu Immunisations

School Photographs

Y6 Height and Weight

Term Ends

22nd & 23rd Oct 2020

26th Oct - 30th Oct

10th November 2020

19th November 2020

26th November 2020

18th 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.**

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.

Starting School in Norfolk

Do you have a child who born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017? If so, your child could start school full-time in September 2021 and should apply to Norfolk County Council by 15th January 2021.

Parents should apply online at
www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk
or call 0344 800 8020.

A copy of the Parents' Guide is available on the website www.norfolk.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Punctuality

We notice that several families find it difficult to get to school for their scheduled start time. The start of the morning is important for registration and settling the children in.

Current Covid 19 restrictions and our ongoing building work makes it increasingly difficult to allow children to enter through the main entrance.

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.

