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WEEKLY NEWS

HOS News
Around school this week







This week we have been celebrating the power of telling stories with lots of opportunities to make and share stories. How is that different from any other week here at BPS, I hear you ask? Well, we began with the launch of our storytelling competition. Already, lots of children have been rehearsing and reciting in order to enter and get through to the Grand Final. We had a visit over two days from the author of the DNA Detectives Series, Dr. Mandy Hartley, who swept us up in a mystery and taught us how DNA could be used to solve it. We also did some mixed-age group storytelling in our Circle Groups.





For Chinese New Year's Eve, the children in Crew Club made and ate dumplings!

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Absence Procedures

Parents must inform the school office before 8:30am; leaving a message on the school absence line (01603 712597). When leaving a message please state the following:
Child's name
Class
Detailed reason for absence (e.g _____ has been sick in the night rather than _____ is unwell.)
If a child is absent from school without a reason being provided, the office staff will contact parents to ascertain the reasons for any absences. By leaving a detailed message, it will save us having to make this contact call.
If a child is absent without a reason being provided, school staff may carry out a welfare visit to the home address or request that the police carry out a welfare visit.
The attendance rate of all children is regularly monitored. If poor attendance is significant, parents will be contacted by letter asking them to meet with a school representative to discuss the issue. If no improvement is made, we are obliged to follow Norfolk County Council procedures which can result in parents receiving a fine.

Term-time absence

Holidays in term time cannot be authorised.
Permission for term-time absence will only be authorised if there are exceptional circumstances. A request form must be submitted to the Head of School via the school office with full details of the exceptional reasons why a child needs to be absent from school. The Head of School will respond to all requests.
Please note, absence to observe certain major religious festivals may be authorised but we are not able to authorise travelling days if families choose to go to another country or part of the country to mark a festival.

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Sickness & Medical Appointments

If you need to take your child out of school during the day for a medical appointment, we ask that you come to the school office, where you can sign him/her out. After a medical appointment, please bring your child to the school office when they return.
If your child is going to be absent from school because they have a medical appointment, please bring any letters or appointment cards you have been sent or given to the school office. We are aware that if you have a doctors' appointment you may not have any documentation but please inform the office. If we do not know why your child is not in school then their absence will be recorded as unauthorised and persistent poor attendance can lead to parents receiving a fine.

Lateness

At Brundall Primary School all pupils are expected to arrive on time every day of the school year. We are aware that sometimes mornings do not run as smoothly as you would like, and we acknowledge the occasional lateness is just part of life and unavoidable. The school day begins at 8:40am when the gates will be opened. Children should go straight to their classes for their early morning work which includes fine motor skill activities, Timetable Rockstar and reading. The class register will be taken at 8:55. so your child must be in class at this time and not arriving at the school gates. All pupils arriving after this time are required to report to the main office with their parents, who will be expected to provide a reason for their absence. If their arrival is before 9:10, it will be recorded as late. An 'L' code will be put in the register (Late before the close of the register).
Any child arriving after 9:10am will receive a 'U' code as this is categorised as an unauthorised absence for the session. Parents will be contacted to discuss any pattern of late arrival. If children regularly arrive late, their learning begins to suffer.

Open Classroom's

VERE CLASS 03.02.25

MURPHY CLASS 04.02.25

BRIGHT CLASS 05.02.25

HALLS CLASS 06.02.25

JACKSON CLASS 07.02.25

ALMOND CLASS 11.02.25

BOYCE CLASS 13.02.25

The open classrooms will take place straight after morning drop-off in the school hall, except for Bright Class, which will be held in their own classroom. These sessions will last for approximately 40 minutes..

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
10.2.25	HORSTEAD RESIDENTIAL Y4
17.2.25	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
6.3.25	WORLD BOOK DAY
27.3.25	Y34 TIDE & TIDE MUSEUM
1.4.25 2.4.25	PARENTS EVENING
3.4.25	YEAR 3/4 PRODUCTION TO PARENTS
4.4.25	END OF TERM
23.4.25	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
5.5.25	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
12.5.25	KEY STAGE 2 SATS
21.5.25	RECEPTION SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR5/6 SPORTS DAY (PM)
22.5.25	YEAR 1/2 SPORTS DAY (AM) YEAR 3/4 SPORTS DAY (PM)
26.5.25	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
19.6.25 -20.6.25	Y6 CAMPING TRIP



REMINDER

We would like to remind you that payment is now due for all after-school clubs and music tuition for this term.
Thank you to those who have already made their payments.
We appreciate your promptness!

If you have not yet made your payment, please do so at your earliest convenience to ensure your child's continued participation in these activities.