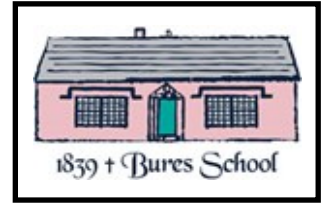


Bures C.E. Primary School

Newsletter



Contact us: 01787 227446 primary@bures.suffolk.sch.uk Date: **4th January 2019**

Big Question of the Week...

“What was the best thing you learned in 2018? What do you hope to learn in 2019?”



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a very merry and enjoyable Christmas break and are looking forward to an exciting 2019. It was lovely to see the children arrive back yesterday—eager to learn and desperate to catch up with their friends!

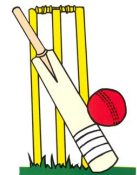
Our Class Teachers have been busy planning children's learning over the Christmas Holiday. Class Newsletters providing lots of information about the themes for this term will all be on the website by the end of next week. We will send a paper copy home for you next Friday. Make sure you take time to look at it with your child and begin to think about how you could support their learning in the coming weeks.

Exercising Your Yeti!!

As part of this year's School Improvement Plan, we are looking closely at our curriculum to make sure it fits the needs of all our children. One of the things we would like to introduce is a list of twenty experiences we will pledge to provide for all our children throughout their time with us which will help them to become more independent and open their eyes to new and exciting opportunities. We'd like your help in deciding what these experiences should be. Below are a few ideas to help you get started. We'd like you to sit down with your child and come up with your top twenty, the staff will be working on their ideas too and we will put them together to form the final list.

Please return your lists to school by Friday 18th January. (if you 'google' things to do before you leave primary school you may get some further ideas)

- Follow a map and go on an adventure
- Plant a flower or tree, look after it and watch it grow
- Have a picnic in the outdoors
- Visit at least two different places of worship
- Communicate with someone who lives in a different country
- Be involved in a fundraising activity for a charity
- Display your artwork in an exhibition
- Take part in competitive sport



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Sports for Champions

We are very much looking forward to our visit from Ezekiel Ewulo, a professional long jump athlete who has represented both the UK and Nigeria will be coming into school on January 15th. The aim of the event is to inspire the children and give them tips on how to succeed in every aspect of their life by outlining the four key elements of SUCCESS which are TEAMWORK, RESPONSIBILITY, COMMUNICATION and CREATIVITY. We also hope it will help to encourage our children to BE ACTIVE—the area of focus for our 'Five Ways to Well-Being' project this half term.

As you will be aware, part of the day will include a sponsored circuit where the children will get to take part in with Ezekiel. We need children to return their sponsor money and sponsor forms on Monday 7th January. The 'Sports for Champions' organisers will be collecting the money and forms and will then be preparing certificates and prizes for those children who have worked hardest to gain sponsorship.

Ezekiel Ewulo

Long Jump

D.O.B:

29/01/1986

Coach:

Aston Moore

Represents

Nigeria



Admission to Nursery & Primary School in the 2019/2020 school year

Please be advised that the closing date is Tuesday 15th January 2019. Parents/carers should apply for Primary school places online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions. If living in Essex, applications should be made with Essex County Council <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions>. The Nursery admissions are carried out by the school and we have application forms in the office. We would be grateful if you could spread the word to any friends or family that you think will be interested in our Nursery or Reception.

Online Safety

The 'Think You Know' website is an excellent place to go to gain information about how to ensure your children remain safe when using the internet. Mrs Holmes spotted a recent article on 'Gaming' which you might find useful. The web address for this article is www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/ - it is definitely worth a look.

Attendance—Whole School so far this academic year **96.2%**

Gold = 98 -100%

Green = 95 - 97.9%

Red = 90 - 94.9%

Purple = <90%

Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
99.3	91.7	98.6	91.5	99.6	96.8	99.2

A good week! Well done Year 4!! But also a great week for Reception and Year 6.

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Black Post Box

There is a black post box by the office door. This is emptied every day before 10am. If you would rather not queue in the morning in the office, please feel free to post any correspondence, slips and payments. It is secure and only the office have a key. Thank you.



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our next second hand uniform sale will take place on Tuesday 12th February. If you have any uniform you wish to donate please hand this into the school office.



Parent Consultations

Please be advised that Parent Consultations are on the following dates in the School Hall:

Monday 21st January—3.30-7pm (Year 4's Consultations will start from 5pm)

Wednesday 23rd January—3.30-6pm

We will be taking bookings in the office (10 minute slots) from Monday morning—on a first come, first serve basis. We do request a 10 minute gap between siblings as appointments sometime over run.

School Catering Provision

You will be receiving a survey today in your child's book bag regarding your views on our school lunches. We would appreciate you filling it in and returning to us as we really value your opinions. We will also be giving the children a survey to complete at school as their opinions are important too.



Please see next page for Spring Term dates list.

INFORMATION AND DATES FOR SPRING TERM 2019

Hopefully this Dates List will help you plan your diary for this term but schools are dynamic places, so there are bound to be dates and times which may change. We will keep you informed of any changes as early as possible.

Weds 2nd Jan	All Day	PD Day – No School Today
Thurs 3 rd Jan		Term Starts
Tues 8 th January	All Day	Year 5 Children for Maths – TGS (selected students)
Fri 11 th January	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Nursery
Tues 15 th January		Sports for Champions
Fri 18 th January	9.30 – 11.30am	Swimming Gala (selected students)
Mon 21 st January	3.30 – 7pm	Parent Consultations
Tues 22 nd January	All Day	Year 5 Children for Maths – TGS (selected students)
Wed 23 rd January	8.30 – 1.30pm 3.30 – 6pm 6.30pm	EFL Nation 6 a side Football at Portman Road (selected students) Parent Consultations Governor's Meeting
Fri 25 th January	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Reception
Fri 1 st February	9.30 – 12noon	KS2 Quicksticks Hockey at TGS (selected students)
Fri 1 st February	3.15 – 5.30pm	PSA Disco
Mon 4 th February	1.30 – 4.30pm	KS1 Indoor Athletics (Selected Students)
Tues 5 th February	All Day	Y5 Children for Maths – TGS (selected students)
Thurs 7 th February	9.00 – 10am	Church Assembly
Fri 8 th February	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Y1
Wed 13 th Feb	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Parent Workshop – Online Safety (The 2 John's)
Thurs 14 th Feb	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Y2
Fri 15 th Feb	All Day	PD Day
HALF TERM 18th February to 22nd February		
Thurs 28 th Feb	9am	Church Assembly
Fri 1 st March	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Y3
Thurs 7 th March	All Day Morning	World Book Day Barking Dog Theatre Company Visit
Fri 15 th March	3.15pm	Cake Stall – Y4
Wed 20 th March	9.30 – 12.30pm 6.30pm	Gymnastics Competition (selected students) Governor's Meeting
Fri 22 nd March	1.30 – 4.30pm	Y3/4 Quicksticks Hockey @ TGS (Selected Students)
Tues 26 th March	Afternoon	Crucial Crew – Y6
Fri 29 th March	3.15pm	Cake Stall - Y5
Tues 2 nd April	Morning	Class Photos
Thurs 4 th April	9am	Easter Service
Fri 5 th April	 3.15pm	Last Day of Term Cake Stall – Y6
Easter Break 8th April to 22nd April		
Tues 23 rd April	All Day	Term Starts

Please Note that the 2nd and 3rd of September 2019 are PD Days.