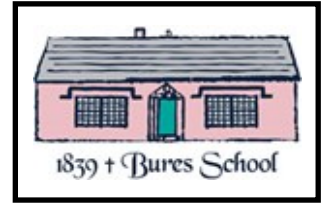


Bures C.E. Primary School

Newsletter



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Big Question of the Week

“Who would be the worst person to be stuck in an elevator with? What about the best?”



Testing Times! Year 2 and Year 6

If your child is in Year 6 then I am sure you are aware that they will be taking the National KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) next week. Our Year 2 pupils are also involved in a statutory assessment process involving some formal testing but their test results are used to inform an overall teacher assessment judgement which is what we are obliged to report to the DfE. The Year 2 tests take place throughout this month with the timings of these chosen by our Year 2 team to ensure that the children do not feel under any pressure and are able to demonstrate effectively everything they have learnt throughout their first years in school.

The Year 6 tests are more formal with set timings for each test. The timetable this year looks like this:

Date:	Subject / Paper
Monday 13 th May	English 1 – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling English 2 – Spelling
Tuesday 14 th May	English 1 – Reading
Wednesday 15 th May	Maths 1 – Arithmetic
Thursday 16 th May	Maths 2 and 3 – Reasoning
Friday 18 th May	Celebrate!!

The majority of tests will be carried out first thing each morning when the children are wide awake and raring to go! The Year 6 tests provide an opportunity for the children to show the progress they have made across the whole of KS2. Miss Holtom has done a great job of preparing them for what can be a stressful experience - developing their ability to access the tests effectively and confidently through lots of practice questions and support in revising key skills and understanding.

What can parents do to help?

- Encourage your child to do their very best but also talk to them about the fact that the outcome of these tests are a single snapshot of their learning and that whatever the outcome they should celebrate all the progress they have made since they first arrived in school.
- Encourage your child to do a bit of exercise each day—healthy body—healthy mind!
- Try to get your child to eat a healthy and filling breakfast during SATs week—reducing the sugar and adding a little fruit can be helpful—think bananas !
- A good night's sleep is the best preparation for strong performance the next morning.
- Let Miss Holtom know if your child is particularly worried or upset on any of the test days so we can provide an extra bit of TLC.
- Finally, it might be nice to plan a small celebration at the end of the week—something the whole family can look forward to.

(P.S. If your child is ill during SATs week please contact us as early as possible to let us know and we can talk to you about what provision we can make to ensure they don't miss out.)

Saying Goodbye

I am sorry to say that Mrs Appleby has resigned from her post as Year 2 Class Teacher and will not be returning to work following a period of sickness absence. Mrs Appleby has been an important member of our team since she arrived at Bures as an NQT three years ago. I know you will want to join me in wishing her all the very best for the future. She will be greatly missed by all of us but most especially by the children. Mrs Handley, who is a qualified Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) and knows the class very well, will be working with the children for the rest of this half term under my supervision and with support from other members of staff. I will let you know what provision will be made for the second half of the Summer Term once I have finalised plans.

Midday Assistant Vacancy

We are looking to expand our Midday Assistant team. If you have some spare time during the School day and enjoy being with children, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for a reliable individual to support and supervise children at lunchtime both in the dining hall and during outside play. Our lunchtimes run from 12.00 until 1.00 pm each day. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to a member of staff in our School Office.

Walk to School Week

Next week is national 'Walk to School Week'. This initiative has two main aims—one to decrease the traffic around school gates and two to encourage children to have more daily exercise. Both of these aims are really important so please think about attempting to walk to school at least one or two days next week. If you live outside the village, why not park a little further away and walk the last five minutes of the journey?

PSA NEWS

Waitrose Green Token Scheme

We're delighted to announce that we will be receiving £300 from the Waitrose 'Community Matters' green token scheme. Many thanks to everyone who popped their tokens into the box for our school. This money will go towards improvements to the front playground area.

80s Disco - Saturday 15th June

Tickets for our 80s Disco are on sale now and are selling fast! They cost just £5 and can be purchased from the School Office or Bures Post Office.



Dates for your Diary

We'll be raising money for our school on the following dates. If you can spare an hour to help us at any of these events, we would be glad to hear from you. Email PSA@bures.suffolk.sch.uk, speak to Helen Foster or leave a message for us in the school office if you can assist.

Friday 24th May - Non-uniform day
Saturday 15th June - Bures Carnival
Saturday 15th June - 80s Disco
Tuesday 9th July - Sports Day
Thursday 11th July - Bures Music Festival

Collective Worship

The 'Open the Book' team began our Collective Worship week with the story of 'Doubting Thomas'. The children who played the part of the other disciples had one word to say "WOW" and they performed it spectacularly. On Wednesday, we continued our study of The Lord's Prayer. Mrs Holmes talked about the opening phrase 'Our Father' - she encouraged the children to think about the role of a father as a teacher.

Explore, Believe, Shine

'The Adventure Awaits...'



Our Learning Ambassadors for this week are:



Samuel, Millie, Abigail, Hannah, Rowan, Daniel, Eleanor, Huck, Bella, Oliver, Charlie, James, Rowan and Ryan

Staff Ambassadors— Mrs Turner and Ms Bower
Well Done to all of them!



Attendance

I am thrilled to say that we have made good progress in ensuring that our attendance levels are creeping towards being higher than the national average as you would expect from our school. In order to ensure that this achievement is sustained I would like to remind you that, as usual, I will not be authorising any Leave of Absence in the Summer Term including the last day of term unless in exceptional circumstances. We have just had two weeks holiday and are shortly to have half term therefore there should not be a need to take extra days in term time. As our Attendance Policy states a 'Penalty Notice' may be issued on the occasion of 4 days of unauthorised absence (which is 8 morning and afternoon sessions), within one academic year. These absences do not need to be consecutive in order for the Penalty Notice to be issued. A Penalty Notice will be issued within 15 school days from the final day of unauthorised absence.

A further reminder—routine doctor or dentist appointments should not be taken during the school day. These should be arranged after school or in the holidays. We do appreciate emergency appointments are sometime required. Just a reminder that if attending any doctors, dentist or hospital appointment during school hours, medical evidence is required e.g. an appointment card or hospital letter. Thank you.

Attendance—Whole School so far this academic year **96.4%**

Reception	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
98.6	97.5	95.7	97.9	97.4	99.6	97.1

Gold = 98 -100%

Green = 95 - 97.9%

Red = 90 - 94.9%

Purple = <90%

Well done Year 5! A good week all around!

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Church News

'Messy Church is on **Saturday - May 18th** from **4:00 - 6:00pm** at **St Mary's Church, Bures.**

This month, we will be spending much of our time in the churchyard and discovering all about nature. We plan to make the most amazing 'bug hotel', some fat balls for the birds and have lots of fun discovering the joy of being outdoors. And, if it rains, we will just move inside the church and imagine we are outside!!

As usual, we will finish with a **scrummy cooked supper** for **everyone.**

Please wear suitable clothes and footwear for spending time outside.'



Treasuring God's Creation...

Messy Church

Saturday 18 May
4-6 pm

Help us make a bug hotel, fat balls for the birds and have fun discovering about nature ...