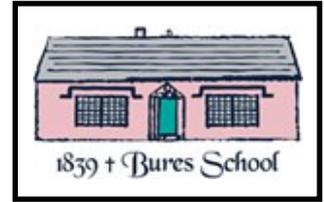


Bures C.E. Primary School

Newsletter



Contact us: 01787 227446 primary@bures.suffolk.sch.uk Date: **6th September 2019**

Big Question of the Week

“What are you most looking forward to in the new school year?”



Welcome to the New Academic Year—Lots of New Faces and A Late Goodbye!

Lots of our children seemed almost as excited as me to be back at school today—it was lovely to see their enthusiasm. Our new Reception and Nursery children have settled quickly and we have welcomed five more children into other classes. Miss Atkinson (Year Four Class Teacher) and Mrs Fairley (Year Two Class Teacher and Deputy Head) have enjoyed the warm welcome they have received from pupils, parents and staff and have both had a great first week in school.

Some of you may have noticed that Mr Ray has not arrived back this term. We are sorry to say that he resigned towards the end of last term as he had made the decision to move to Birmingham. I know you would want me to pass on your good wishes to him as he begins a new chapter in his life. He will be greatly missed by all of us (but most especially by Mrs Ray!). I am pleased to say that Mrs Jenkins has taken his place as part-time LSA in Year 1 on a temporary basis and Mrs Markwood has also re-joined our LSA Team and will be supporting our Reception Class on a Thursday and Friday. Another new face you may see around school is Miss Bates who is a Trainee Teacher. She will be working in Emerald City with support and guidance from Mrs Fairley. I know she is very excited about working with us to gain Qualified Teacher Status.

I am pleased to announce that the children will be meeting some new topics and themes this year as we have been working hard to develop and improve our curriculum. We will be interested to hear your thoughts on these once we have got underway and will also be asking you to share any expertise or resources you may have linked to these. Class Newsletters will be with you shortly and I am hoping to update our website with further details by the end of next week.

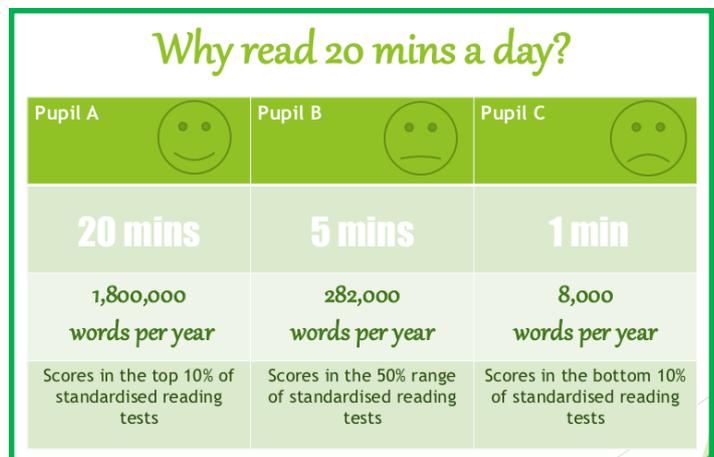
As always, the teachers have worked hard through the holidays to plan exciting themes and activities and to get their classrooms ready. As always, I am very grateful for their strong commitment to doing the very best for our pupils. I know we will have another exciting and successful year!

Improving Life Chances

It is impossible to exaggerate how important it is that all our pupils are reading regularly at home and that parents support them in this process. This diagram demonstrates the impact twenty minutes of reading can have on children's achievement. As you may be aware we have a Reading Raffle each week—to be entered into the Reading Raffle and have the opportunity of winning a book all your child needs to do is have evidence in their Reading Diary signed by an adult that they have read five times or more a week.

My goal is to see every child gaining a raffle ticket each week—this would have an amazing

impact not only on reading skills but on their wider life chances. Let's work together so we can achieve this goal!



Explore, Believe, Shine

‘The Adventure Awaits...’

Collective Worship

Our Collective Worship this week began on Wednesday with a 'Welcome Back' assembly where we talked about the challenge of doing things for the first time. I talked about how difficult I found my first driving lesson but with hard work and practice I succeeded in gaining my driving licence. The children and I agreed that we are going to try and face new experiences and activities with more of a Growth Mindset this year—using our "Yeti"! I will avoid mentioning the 'B' word but felt that it was important to talk to children this week about the turmoil our politicians seem to be in, so Tuesday's assembly was all about democracy and showing tolerance towards people who may not agree with us. Our Year Sixes modelled voting for us and we talked about being grateful to live in a democracy—even if it's not going very smoothly at the moment! Why not talk to your children about what's going on at the moment—the Newsround website could be helpful with this. We finished our week with a very mad 'Mad Science' assembly.



Cornard United are looking for players for their under 9s team (year 4). If the children are interested we train Saturday morning 9-10.30am up at Delphi and play our home games Sunday mornings at Delphi. Any parents interested please can they call James McMillan on [07528523021](tel:07528523021).

Help is at Hand—Another Big Welcome!

I am excited to let you know that we have another new employee starting work with us on Monday in a brand new role. Mrs Hannah Bradder will be joining us for two days a week as a Family Support Practitioner (FSP). We have recognised that all families may need a little extra help at times. Obviously, we have lots of educational experts in school but sometimes parents and children need something more which is not always easily available. It may be advice about what to do if your child is struggling to get into a good sleeping routine, it may be that you need help gaining access to Local Authority support services, it could be that your child sometimes doesn't want to come to school and their attendance is low or it may be that you need help to avoid those homework battles. Hannah will be in school on a Monday and Wednesday and will be happy to meet with anyone who feels in need of support. We expect her to be working with both children and parents. As this is a new post we are not sure exactly how it will work at the moment but we hope that our FSP will become a valued resource and offer something extra which may help all pupils achieve their very best at school and at home. If you would like to Meet with Mrs Bradder please you can contact her using the primary@bures.suffolk.sch.uk email address putting FAO Family Support Practitioner in the subject line so it will be directed straight to her.



Teachers Work Hard Too

I am pleased to say that over the summer break Mrs Holmes was awarded the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders (NPQSL). She has been working on gaining the qualification for the last 18 months and had to complete a range of tasks including an extensive project on developing Maths Mastery across the school. Her hard work has been of huge benefit to staff and pupils alike and definitely a big achievement considering the majority of her work had to be undertaken in her own time. Well done Mrs Holmes!

Your Upper KS2 Classes Need You!

Wonderland Class and The Shire Class are undertaking a study of the World Wars, particularly WWII, this term. If you have any information, artefacts or even memories of the war please could you let us know as the topic will definitely come alive if we are able to access primary sources of evidence as well as information books and internet sources.





Sunday 15th September
10.00am - 1.00pm
at **The Common**

Bures Boot Sale

Sunday 15th September 10am-1pm

Come along and sell your pre-loved items or browse the lovely stalls to raise money for our school.

Inflatable slide, raffle and refreshments available.

Location: Bures Common

Dates for your Diary

We will include an Autumn Term dates list in our next newsletter but there are a couple of things you may want to check and be ready for:

Tuesday 17th September is **School Photo day**. If you would like your pre-school children to be included in a photo please come to the hall at 8.40 am and we'll get those done first.

Our first ever 'Learning Café' is being held for parents and carers of children in Reception on **Wednesday 18th September** at **2.30 pm**.

The next 2nd Hand Uniform Sale is on **Tuesday 24th September**.

There will be a 'Learning Café' for Year Two parents and carers on **Tuesday 1st October** at **2.30 pm**—save the date further information to follow.

Secondary (including upper and higher) school applications for 2020/21 school year

Thursday 31st October 2019

Offer date—Monday 2nd March 2020

Primary school applications for 2020/21 school year

Wednesday 15th January 2020

Offer date—Thursday 16th April 2020

Nursery applications for 2020/21 school year

As per Primary School applications—Application forms are available from the office and are processed by the school internally.

For further information, please visit <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/admissions-to-schools-in-suffolk-for-the-20202021-school-year/>.

Please be advised that if you live in Essex, applications are made through Essex County Council.



Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that you do not put Nutella, cereal bars or any other products that may contain nuts in packed lunches. This is very important as we do have some children who have severe nut allergies!

ROMAN RIVER FESTIVAL

Roman River Music is bringing two exciting family concerts as part of the 2019 Festival.

Friendly, Family Orchestra Concert

Children's author James Campbell introduces some of the most hummable and enjoyable orchestral music including Bernstein West Side Story Dances, Dukas' Sorcerer's Apprentice, Elgar and Gershwin. Fun for the whole family, and a chance to join in. With Orlando Jopling and our wonderful festival orchestra.

Sunday 8th September 2019 – 3pm

St Mary's Church, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4QH

Family tickets only £25 for 2 adults and up to 3 children.



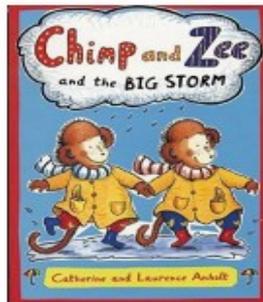
Early Years Concert

O dear, Chimp and Zee don't listen to their Mummy and when they are out dancing in the storm and a big gust of wind blows and WHOOOSH..... Come and join Vanessa and her 5 musical friends while they rescue Chimp and Zee from way up high. Based on the story Chimp and Zee and the Big Storm by Catherine and Laurence Anholt.

Thursday 12th September 2019

Morning Performance: 11am & Afternoon Performance: 1pm
Marks Tey Village Hall, Old London Road, Marks Tey, Essex CO6 1EJ

Adults - £4. Under 5's - £2. Babies under 4 months are free



Tickets for both concerts are on sale now at www.romanrivermusic.org.uk

Cake Stalls

Y1– 13th September

Y2– 27th September

Y3–11th October

Y4–18th October

Y5–1st November

Y6–15th November

Reception–29th

November

Nursery–13th

December



Open Evening

Thursday 19th September 2019

5.00pm-8.00pm, for families and pupils of Year 6

Talks with Mr Lloyd, Headteacher, will be at 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm in the Assembly Hall

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We also welcome visits to the school at anytime, please contact us for a personal tour

Excellence: for each, for all

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