

## Bures Primary CEVC School and Nursery

### Update for the Parish Councils – July 2019

As ever, the run up to the end of the academic year has been a busy time. We still have Sports Day and our Leavers' Celebration Assembly and BBQ to look forward to, as well as welcoming our incoming Nursery and Reception children for their introductory sessions.

At the end of May, the School participated in Walk to School Week. Ms Slater thanked everyone for throwing themselves into the event with such enthusiasm. "I know lots of children have walked, cycled and scooted much further than usual—it has been a great learning experience and lovely to talk about their journeys to school—some of which have been very long!!!" Any steps to help reduce traffic congestion around school drop off and pick up times are much appreciated, especially along the Nayland Road.

In early June the children enjoyed a brilliant Science and Technology week. Elderflower cordial, chocolate pasta, healthy soups and strange flavoured breads are just some of the delicious creations the children de-signed, made and evaluated. The 'Mac n Cheese' van was a great addition to the playground with Mrs Steel working hard to help children produce some amazing concoctions. Hogwarts (Y4) and The Hundred Acre Wood Class (R) joined forces to combine the ice cream and jelly they had made - the perfect combination. In Key Stage 1, children in Brambly Hedge (Y1) and Emerald City (Y2) designed some delicious-looking healthy eating plates as well as bravely tasting some very strong flavoured foods like blue cheese and gherkins. Lots of amazing experiments were carried out during the week. In The Shire (Y5) they looked at what happened to coins when placed in different substances and in Narnia (Y3) the children experimented with light. The children also enjoyed the visit of an amazing BMW i8, an electric hybrid car. The horn was well exercised and everyone learnt that electric cars are good for the environment, which has got to be a good thing!

Year 6 have had a busy time. They enjoyed an amazing residential at Rockley Point in Dorset, with plenty of opportunities to try out a number of water sports. On their return they threw themselves with great energy into their bikeability sessions. Followed then with their stage production of Alice the Musical. Staged at the Quay Theatre, with help from Year 5. Both performances were a real triumph and it was a great credit to all the children who performed and sang with such confidence and enthusiasm!

Throughout the Summer Term the children have been exploring the Lord's Prayer, to focus on what it means and to become very familiar with the words of the prayer. The recent Faith and Festival day also centred on the Lord's Prayer, to give children a chance to examine it further and at their own pace. Set up around the Hall were eight stations each focusing on a phrase from the prayer with an activity or reflection. It was lovely to see the children engage with the words of the prayer and to begin to use it in their own ways. Thank you to all the members of the Church community who gave up their time to make this such a special day.

Ms Slater was also pleased to announce that two generous members of our Bures community, Dennis Ambrose and Gay Sayles, have provided the funding for the school to adopt a Suffolk Punch Horse and become members of the Suffolk Horse Society. Our Suffolk Punch is called Colony Ronny and she made a splendid appearance at the Bures Carnival, as did many children. We have lots of children who love horses and enjoy riding, so we are thrilled to have been given this opportunity to support a local breed of horse which is recognised as one of the most endangered equine breeds. Our current Year 4 class are going to take responsibility for liaising with the Suffolk Horse Society and keeping Colony Ronny in the spotlight. Please keep your eyes open as they will be arranging fundraising activities to support the new addition to our Bures family in the near future.

On the music front, Miss Foster, a parent and a Governor, was lucky enough to attend the Suffolk County Music Service Whole Class Ensemble and she wrote: "Thoroughly enjoyed watching Year 4 performing in the concert this afternoon. What an amazing opportunity for our children to sing and play their instruments as part of a large choir/band, led by such skilled and enthusiastic music teachers. Well done to everyone; it sounded fabulous!"

The School has continued to be represented in sporting tournaments held at Ormiston and TGS, in kwik cricket, rounders and athletics and congratulations are also due to the gymnastic team for their splendid performances at the Regional Finals.

The Governors meet in the final full week of term, to review the year just gone and reflect on the shape of next year's School Improvement Plan, as we continue to move forwards.

A happy Summer break to everyone and a well deserved break for our very hardworking staff team.

Tim Fairbairn  
Chair of Governors