

Bures Primary CEVC School

Update for the Parish Councils – September 2022

Safely back to school for a new academic year and welcome to our new Reception and new to Bures School children. Ms Slater and I are very grateful to the staff team who have worked hard over the holiday to make sure everything was ready – they have lots of challenging and interesting learning experiences planned. Class Newsletters will be on the website now to provide more information about this.

It has been a busy holiday with the most of our doors and windows being replaced. We are hoping this will help with our energy costs as well as making the place look even smarter than normal. We are very grateful to Mrs Plumstead and Mr Newstead who helped to make sure the works were completed safely and on time – not an easy task!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Fox to our Year One team and Mrs Howson as our new SENDCo, in addition to Vicar Daniel who joins our Governing Body. We will all help to make them feel valued members of our fabulous community.

In common with people across our nation, the children and staff at Bures have been reflecting on the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In assembly the school shared some words in a prayer which seemed to sum up the mixture of emotions and feelings this momentous event has prompted:

"We give thanks for her long life, and for all the ways she loved and served those in her care. We bring you our sadness for what we have lost; Our gratitude for what we remember and cherish; And our wondering about what is to yet to come."

The children were encouraged to think about who the Queen was to them, what she was like and what we might be able to learn from her devoted service to her people. This linked very well to this half term's Christian value of responsibility. We shared some photographs of the Queen which helped us all think about who she was - many of these made us smile - the children particularly loved seeing her with the real Paddington! They had a range of ideas about what she was like - they said she was kind, dutiful, caring, and amazingly hardworking as well as noting that she wore lots of jewellery, always had matching hats and loved her corgis! She will be greatly missed.

The AGM for our parent and teacher association is on Wednesday 5th October at 9am. Bures PSA consists of a group of parents who work together, in conjunction with staff, to raise money to support the school. Alongside regular events, such as fun days and discos, we arrange a variety of activities including film nights, ice-cream sales and competitions for the children to participate in.

As school funding becomes an ever-increasing issue, the role of the PSA is becoming more vital in providing the 'added extras' which improve the quality of the children's educational experience. It is really heartening to see the Bures community come together and show it's spirit and generosity and we can't wait for you to join us! Doing more together builds our community and enables us to improve our children's learning experience through the funds we raise.

All the children have been working with professionals from Suffolk Mind to develop their resilience and learn more about how to keep themselves mentally healthy. Our staff have undertaken training in preparation for supporting the children with their sessions which will take place over a two hour slot. Our grateful thanks go to the charitable organisation who have provided the considerable funding needed for us to be able to go ahead with this valuable project.

Thank you for taking an interest in our School. If you know of anyone who is looking for a Primary School place for their child or children, please contact the School Office to see where we currently have spaces.

Kind regards,

Tim Fairbairn
Chair of Governors
23/9/22