

Bures Primary CEVC School

Update for the Parish Councils – January 2022

Safely back to school after the Christmas break. We have a few members of staff and children currently off sick, but school remains open, albeit within the confines of the Suffolk Risk Assessment.

Despite the covid backdrop, the School once again celebrated Art Week, which produced many excellent pictures and sculptures and no doubt also inspired contributions for the Parish Magazine Christmas designs.

Speak Out Stay Safe – Towards the end of last term the children were reminded of the important message that they should turn to trusted adults to support them if they feel worried, anxious or unsafe for any reason. The ‘Speak Out Stay Safe’ assembly and lesson materials provided by the NSPCC are perfectly pitched to avoid frightening the children whilst ensuring that they learn about behaviours that are not acceptable and who can help if they are worried. We are working particularly hard at school to ensure that our pupils are aware of keeping themselves safe online and talking to someone if they see or hear anything which upsets or disturbs them.

Changes in Suffolk’s guidance in preventing the spread of Covid-19 meant that we had to think carefully about Christmas Performance plans. Sadly, this meant that we were unable to invite parents and family members to join us for our Nativity or our Carol Service as we had previously planned. However, the events did go ahead and were videoed for parents to enjoy in their own homes over Christmas. And we did manage a whole school trip to see Aladdin, performed at the Mercury Theatre in Colchester.

Moving into 2022, the topics currently being studied by the Year Groups are as follows:

Reception Winter, Weather and Wonderful Tales—Enjoying the winter weather and learning lots of traditional tales.

Year 1 Marvellous Materials—lots of learning about different materials and their uses whilst also exploring the history of two impressive monarchs—Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria.

Year 2 Fire Fire! - The Great Fire of London—When was it? Where did it start? And most importantly how do we know?

Year 3 Blue Planet - Exploring oceans, seas and rivers and finding out about the water cycle.

Year 4 Arctic Adventure - A geography based topic exploring this fascinating area of the world and comparing it with our locality.

Year 5 Earth and Space— A science and geography focus finding out about our world and its place within the solar system.

Year 6 Deadly 60— An investigation into the Science and Geography of the rainforests. Watch out there are some deadly species in the animal kingdom here! Be ready for a Brazilian carnival feast as part of the Design and Technology curriculum.

On the Governor front, two of our Parent Governors, Clare Frewin and Claire Lloyd, have recently left our Governing Body. They have both provided great support and the necessary challenge in their role to drive the developments which ensure that all our children are able to access the best learning opportunities possible. They will both be greatly missed in this important role and we are now in the process of looking for new Parent Governors to take up this valuable opportunity to play an active role in school improvement and development.

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.

Kind regards,

Tim Fairbairn
Chair of Governors
8 January 2022