



**Bringhurst
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Dear Parents,

It has been a long but productive term with so much going on both in and out of school. We had such a high turnout last month for Parents' Evenings and it was a good opportunity to catch up with many of you. The vast majority of parents are very happy with the progress their children are making and feel that their children are enjoying school and all we have to offer them. Feedback on how we can do things even better is always welcome and I hope that the introduction of 'Find Out Friday' will provide another opportunity to see first-hand what goes on in school and you will be able to meet with me informally during and after this event to share your views.

Year 2 and Year 6 children have been busy preparing for their statutory tests which will take place next term. We endeavour as always to ensure that the children are confident and not stressed or anxious about taking them. Some revision over the Easter Break may be suggested to keep them practicing key skills but plenty of rest and relaxation will be just as valuable.

How lovely once again to finish the term with an Easter Celebration at Great Easton Church. Such events add purpose and shape to all our lives and provide us all with the opportunity to feel part of the wider community. The children really do sing well and have thoroughly enjoyed learning some new Easter songs this term. Thank you to Reverend Bishop for allowing us to use the church.

We are saying goodbye to a few children this half term which is always sad. We wish them all every happiness in their new schools and I know they will build on the successful start they have had at Bringhurst. I hope you all have a lovely Easter Break and fingers crossed we have some good Spring sunshine.

Angela Watson

Headteacher



Farm Visits

Year 2 and Year 5 visited the DRET farm this week. Spring is a wonderful time to visit and the children had a real hands on experience with lots of farm animals.



Noye's Fludde



Nevill Holt Opera will be performing Benjamin Britten's wonderful Noye's *Fludde* (pronounced "Noah's Flood").

Eight of our children successfully auditioned to be part of the production. All 86 singing children in this production are being cast from children attending DRET schools, and they will be working with the professional conductor, Nicholas Chalmers and the new Director of Opera at the Royal Opera House, Oliver Mears.

Dinosaur on the loose

A huge thank you to Ivanna Kuar and the PTA for arranging for a dinosaur to visit Bringhurst. The younger children really believed a dinosaur had escaped and were so excited to meet a real live dinosaur up close. All the children enjoyed some dinosaur related activities and we produced some wonderful imaginative writing.



Morning Drop Off

This week I have been monitoring the morning routines in each class and it really has been helpful having children dropped off quickly at the gate or door as lessons are now able to start at 9.00 am promptly. This means that we can fit in more curriculum time for reading, spelling and feedback on learning to pupils. Over the course of a week a prompt start can add an hour of learning. Multiplied over the year that can make a huge difference.

Going the extra mile.....

Sophie Smith (Y1 parent) is running her fourth marathon on Sunday 23rd April. She is running to raise much needed funds for the PTA. If every parent could possibly sponsor her £2.62 (10p a mile) this would raise just under £400 for the school!! If you would like to donate, please visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sophie-smith-71

Sports News

Our Netball and Football team did brilliantly at the DET Winter Cup coming 6th overall with the footballers winning the Plate and gold medals. Our Swimmers go from strength to strength. Recently the Tag Rugby Team won 3 out of 5 matches on their first outing. Hockey and Cross Country teams are benefitting from regular practice. A huge thank you to all the parents that give up their valuable time to coach the children.

Dates for Your Diary



Thursday 27th April

Rutland High 5's Netball

Qualification

3:45pm – 5:00pm

Monday 1st May

Spring Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May

Rutland High 5's Netball

Qualification

3:45pm – 5:00pm

Week Commencing 8th May

KS2 Sats

Thursday 11th May

Rutland High 5's Netball

Qualification

3:45pm – 5:00pm

Week Commencing 15th May

KS1 Sats

Thursday 18th May

DRET Sports Quick Sticks Hockey at Lodge Park 4-5.30 and Rutland Quad Kids Athletics at UCC 4-6pm

Tuesday 23rd May

Rutland High 5's Netball Finals

UCC 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Friday 26th May

Find Out Friday

School Closes for Half- Term