



**Bringham
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Broadening Horizons

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the half term holiday it is a good opportunity to reflect on all we have achieved this term. Despite the weather and seasonal coughs and colds we have managed two days this term with 100% attendance. I recognise that the vast majority of parents at Bringham make sure their child is at school unless really unwell; so thank you and let's keep aiming for 100%.

The children have enjoyed their curriculum topics this term – from Kings and Queens in Year 1 to World War 2 in year 6. Several year groups have participated in theme days and dressed up as Romans, Royalty or Evacuees! A huge thank you for your help with costumes. I'm sure they are days they won't forget and they certainly put some fun into the curriculum.

May I take the opportunity to thank those of you who came to our parent event to find out more about our special partnership with the David Ross Education Trust and how this can help us to deliver a world class education to all our children. The importance of parents in partnership was a key message and how together we can ensure they do well at school; develop into well rounded young people and have high aspirations for their future. Thank you to the children who came back to showcase the enrichment opportunities they have accessed through the Trust. If you couldn't make the event, I intend running the presentation again during our open evenings in March so please factor that into your evening.

This week I attended the DRET principal's conference at Havelock Academy in Grimsby. It was great to work with colleagues to develop the Trust educational strategy, share best practice and listen to some inspiring presentations.

Do enjoy the half term break and I hope you are able to spend some quality time with your children.

Angela Watson

Curriculum News

The Romans are Coming! Year 2 have been enjoying a Roman theme day today as a finale to their topic work this term.



Year 6 Escape to the Country

Year 6 pupils have been finding out what it was like to live during the second world war. Last week they went to Bletchley Park which was once the top secret home of the World War 2 code breakers. They have been baking and sharing recipes from the time of rationing and today they have dressed as evacuees.



Match Box Challenge

Please encourage your child to take part in this fundraising event which will be split between the School and the Inspiration Fund. We benefit enormously from this fund and this is an opportunity to ensure the funds are available to support the enrichment programme.



Sports Update

There has been a lot of sporting activity and SUCCESS for the Bringhurst children during the past 2 weeks.

On Monday 29th January, the Year 4, 5 and 6 swimming teams took part in the second of three Rutland Sport swimming galas hoping to qualify for the finals after half-term. Issy Oliver, Isabel Evans and Freya Addy Usher finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Y5 Girls Freestyle. Joseph Greaves won the Y5 Boys freestyle and finished 2nd in the backstroke. Issy Oliver also won the Y5 Girls backstroke and Scarlett Reid finished 2nd in Y4 Girls backstroke. Isabel Evans, Freya Addy Usher and Maddison Wiseman-Hay completed another 1, 2, 3 in the Y5 Girls breaststroke. All will be hoping their times are quick enough to reach the finals day. Thank you to Mrs Evans for organising the teams and being poolside to help.

On Thursday, two lower and two upper key stage 2 teams competed at the Rutland Sport gymnastics event. One of the Y3/4 squads, competing against 21 other teams, won the bronze medal in the team event. Isobel Every also won an individual bronze. One of the Y5 teams performed brilliantly to finish 4th out of 21 in the Y5/6 team competition.

A huge well done to all children who took part in these events. You did yourself and the school proud, not only through your performances but also with your support for your team mates.

Andy Usher - Sports Co-ordinator

Lateness

One of my jobs in preparation for Governors is to report on attendance and lateness. The number of children arriving after the close of the registers at 9.00am is surprising, with some children losing up to an hour in learning time. I ask the staff to ensure that they start lessons promptly so this means that some children are missing the start of lessons. It can also mean an unsettled start to their day.

Home School Agreements

The Dret Home School Agreement which was sent out last week replaces the agreement normally given to you when your child starts school. We are aiming for a 100% return on this document please. If for any reason you feel you cannot sign then please come and see me. We will be reminding you until we have all copies returned to us. Thank you

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please check your emails for further information on how to apply. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference and to contribute to developing our children's education.

Dates for Your Diary



Friday 9th February – School closes for half-term

Monday 19th February

School Closed Designated Staff Training Day

Tuesday 20th February

School opens

Monday 26th February

Swimming Gala Finals

Wednesday 28th February

Y2 Multiskills Festival

Friday 2nd March

World Book Day Dress Up

Wednesday 7th March

Spring Disco 6-7pm

Thursday 8th March

Rutland Sports Dodgeball

Tuesday 13th March

Parents Evening late 5pm – 7pm

Tuesday 13th March

Tag Rugby

Wednesday 14th March

Parents Evening Early 4-6pm

Thursday 29th March

School breaks up for Easter