



# BLUEBELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear All Parents and Carers of the children at Bluebell Primary School

We the governors of Bluebell Primary School are writing to you all to update you on the areas we have been working on since we wrote to you last term.

We would like to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined us since September. We hope that you are settling in well and enjoying all that Bluebell has to offer. Choosing where your child will grow and learn is very important. This is an opportunity for us to thank all the parents who encourage and support their children so well. The strong partnership, which already exists between school and community, underpins the ethos, which is so characteristic of Bluebell Primary School.

We have much to thank you all for, firstly, to all of you who took the time to complete our homework survey. The school is looking into a new version of the homework policy and we hope to let you have more information with regard to this by half term.

Despite the long dark mornings, we would also like to thank you for all your efforts delivering your children to school on time. Attendance is extremely important. It can be calculated that if a child was to miss just 5 minutes of school time each day that over a year this would total over 6 days of learning. This is time that is extremely difficult to catch up on. As a school we have an overall target of 95% attendance, it would be fantastic to meet or even exceed this target, but we cannot do this without your help.

Our Safeguarding governor, Helen, would like to mention that it is UK Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9 February. This year's theme is 'Play your part for a better internet'. It is important that parents and carers also understand the internet to ensure that your children can get the most out of it and stay safe at the same time. We have put the link to the UK Safer Internet Centre on our school website on the front page, so you can look at the information for parents straight from clicking that link. It covers topics like talking to your children about the internet, safety using social networking sites and parental controls. The website is <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers>

Please can we take this opportunity to invite you to have a look at the school website [www.bluebell.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.bluebell.norfolk.sch.uk) here you will find lots of useful links from parent information to detailed curriculum and most recent performance tables and data, as well as useful dates for your diary.

Bluebell Primary School still has vacancies for volunteers to join the governing body. Being a governor can be very enjoyable and worthwhile. Excellent training programs are available to anyone who takes up this role. Everyone on the team is enthusiastic, wanting to make a difference and committed to supporting children. If you are interested in this and would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact any of us or ask at the school office.

For those of you who do not already know, a sample of some of the things we help with are attendance, safe guarding and pupil welfare, school finance, appointments of new staff, health and safety, maintenance of building and grounds.

We wish all our families a very Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing you all at the school very soon.

Yours sincerely

Bluebell Primary School Governing Body