

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

We have had an amazing week in school celebrating everything Christmas and have made a short video to share with you. Please click on the link and enjoy!

<https://vimeo.com/657800967>

Shining Lights of the Term!

- Antarctica Class (yr R)** **Theo & Tegan** for being fantastic role models for their peers; being courteous to others, working hard, being polite and respectful. Well done!
- Oceania Class (yr 1)** **Lewis C** for always remembering his manners and saying thank you at every opportunity **and Paisley** for always remembering her manners and showing gratitude when others show kindness towards her.
- Africa Class (yr 2)** **Harriet and Archie** for being consistently good role models. They are kind and supportive to friends, put in 100% effort in their learning and show respect to their peers and the adults in school.
- Europe Class (yr 3)** **Hana and Miles** are our shining lights of the half term because they always say please and thank you and show their appreciation for others.
- S. America Class (yr 4)** **Olivia and Noah E** for having lovely manners, always saying thank you and always appreciative of those who help around them.
- Asia Class (yr 5)** **Robin and Evie** for always being polite, grateful and respectful towards others. They have also worked consistently hard in all their lessons. Well done!
- N. America Class (yr 6)** **Jesse and Bethany** have both been working really hard this half term and always act on guidance graciously and effectively.

WOW Moments!

Pippa (yr 1) made her BMX race debut this weekend racing with tenacity, confidence and skills! She was competing in the BMX East Winter league, completing three heats and one final finishing fourth overall.

William (yr 2) William has advanced to an orange hat in swimming and swam his first length unaided.

Adelaide (yr 4) has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award level 1

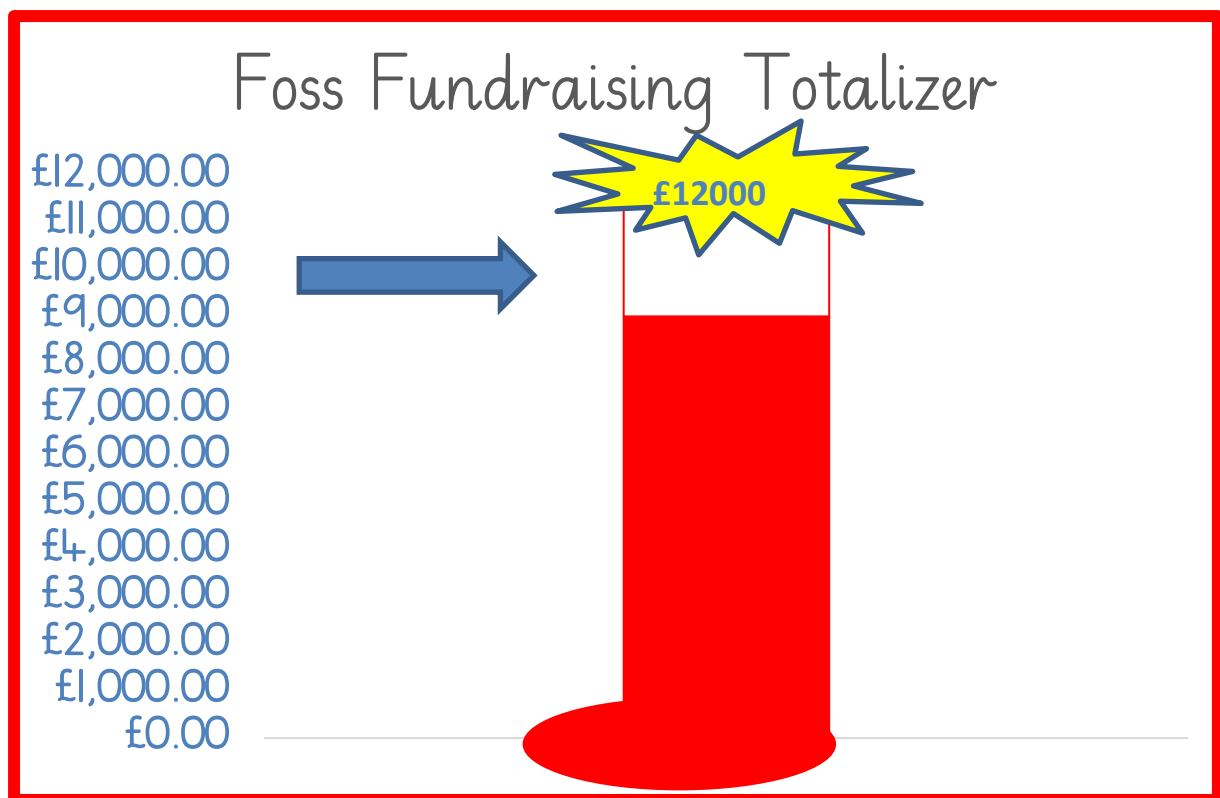
April (yr 4) has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award level 1

Lacey (yr 5) won player of the month at her judo class for her hard effort & perseverance throughout the month but also during her judo in house competition. Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school <https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance - 94.7%

Friends of Shipdham School

The Friends of Shipdham School have raised over £1300 leading up to Christmas this combines the shop, lunchtime shop, raffle etc. They have added £1000 to the target barometer for the big spend. Thank you for your amazing support!



NOTICES and REMINDERS

Uniform

We have updated the uniform order form which we have attached. This can also be downloaded from the school website or contact the school office for a paper copy.

Covid-19

Please continue to follow guidance shared earlier in the week. If you require this resent, please do let us know. We are requesting families continue to test throughout the period and before their return on Thursday 6 January 2022.

Financial Assistance

We have been generously donated a large sum from Mr and Mrs John-Carey Bennet-Mills. Long-time supporters, previous chair of the Thomas Bullock Trust and governors of our school to share with families who may need assistance this winter. We appreciate many of our families are working extremely hard to pay for essentials this Christmas- alongside rising fuel costs, wraparound care, and rising bills. Please get in touch with the office and we will confidentially look to support.

Coming soon - Extra Support for You This Winter from Breckland Council

Household Support funding for County Councils in England will help those households most in need this winter (up until March 2022). Funds will enable Norfolk libraries to expand on our [Tricky Period to Go bags](#) (currently available at all Norfolk libraries) and offer new free Grab & Go bags, containing essential items to help people over the winter months. The new Grab & Go bags will include:

- Toiletries to Go (Deodorant, Bodywash, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Soap and Hand Gel)
- Keep Warm and Go (Gloves, Thermal top, Socks, Scarf, Blanket & Hat)
- Cleaning to Go (Washing up Liquid, Spray Cleaner, Dishcloth & Washing Tablets/Powder)

These bags will be available from all Norfolk libraries and mobile libraries from January 2022. To keep up with the latest information, follow us on Twitter [@NorfolkLibs](#), Facebook [@NorfolkLibrariesUK](#), or Instagram [@norfolklibraries](#). For more information on hardship support this winter, please visit the [Norfolk County Council website](#).

DIARY DATES

Christmas Holiday – 20th December – 5th January inclusive

6th January School re-opens for Spring Term 1**

20th FOSS Film Night 5pm

February half term – 14th – 18th February inclusive

21st February School re-opens for Spring Term 2

March

24th & 25th Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop

Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive

20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

June

9th School Nursing Team – Reception class -Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening
and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

11th FOSS Yard Sale

16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

29th June – 1st July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

July

9th FOSS Summer Fete

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**

**** Please note change of date for return to school. This additional day has been set in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday in June which falls in half term.**