



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

*"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16*

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## NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

Finishing the year, with a fabulous celebration service in the hall, attended by parents of our 'Shining Lights' our Governor's, members of the Thomas Bullock Trust and all our staff and pupils in Years R-5 (and some Y6) has been a wonderful end to our year.

This week, we had our Year 6 Leavers church service, led by Reverend Purnell. We wish our Year 6 the very best of luck in the future and know they will always be role-models 'ambassadors' of our community and school and continue to 'Let their light shine' now and in the years to come.

When the heat subsided, our children and adults in school ran the 'Race for Life', further information is below- but a great big thank you to all!

We wish to say farewell to Miss Stewart and Mrs Ingles. Miss Stewart our year 3 teacher is moving back to London. As well, Mrs Ingles who began at Thomas Bullock as a TA before studying to become a teacher, most recently teaching alongside Mrs Wall in year 5. We wish them both all the best in their future endeavours.

From 5<sup>th</sup> September, please note, following the DFE/ Government alteration of school day times, our school will be open from 8:40am, with gates closing and registration at 8:50am until 3:15pm for Reception/Nursery and 3:20 for the rest of the school, Years 1-6.

This week Miss Bell-Tye, Miss Crane and Miss King all graduated. After covid stopped the previous services taking place in previous years it is wonderful that they have been formally recognised, by the UEA for the postgraduate achievements. I am sure you will join us in congratulating them.

It was with great sadness that members of our local community and families across Norfolk and the UK lost their homes and belongings to the fires. However, thank you to FOSS our families and community for quickly springing into action and selflessly giving so graciously and to FOSS and Salec Travel for transporting the donated goods to Ashill.

Finally, a most heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful parents who support our school, our incredible children who enrich our lives every day, everyone who works at Thomas Bullock and all of those in our community who serve our school and donate their time to making our school great.

Have a wonderful summer full of enjoyable and memorable experiences and hopefully some relaxation too! We are back in school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8:40am.**



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## **END OF YEAR AWARDS**

At the end of each year the class teachers give an award to two children in their class, one for significant progress the other for demonstrating the Academy's values. There are additional awards for PE and Music in year 6. Children are awarded with a certificate and a £10 book token, these are kindly provided by the Thomas Bullock Trust. Whilst we are proud of all our children's achievements, this year the following children were awarded accordingly.

| <b>Class</b>          | <b>Significant Progress Across the Curriculum</b> | <b>Demonstrating the Academy's Values</b> |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Antarctica (yr R)     | Bobbie  | Bethany                                   |
| Oceania (yr 1)        | Isabelle  | Kai                                       |
| Africa (yr 2)         | Halle   | William                                   |
| Europe (yr 3)         | Mason   | Leila                                     |
| South American (yr 4) | Logan B   | April                                     |
| Asia (yr 5)           | Ada   | Niall                                     |
| North America (yr 6)  | Jameson   | Megan M                                   |
|                       | <b>PE</b>   | <b>Music</b>                              |
| North America (yr 6)  | Ruby S and Jesse                                  | Megan G                                   |

## **WOW MOMENTS!**

**Daisy (yr R)** completed 3 sets of badges at Shipdham Spitfires Beavers and collected a medal for 2<sup>nd</sup> place for points collected.

**Kai (yr 6), Daisy (yr 5), James M (yr 3)** took part in litter picks around the village on Sunday mornings and Kai and Daisy have also been helping at Beavers and Wolf Cubs **Arthur (yr 3)** made his promise at Cubs at Shipdham Spitfires awards in Church, his squadron won the trophy for the most points, he received a medal and also a certificate for badges gained in first aid and athletics.

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school  
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjjcUMV7>

**The week's overall attendance – 90%**



## North America Class (yr 6)

In English, year 6 have been learning about significant people linked to our topic, Making Our Mark. We read books from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series. The children then chose a person to write about who had achieved something incredible. They researched their chosen person and then wrote narrative biographies in the style of Little People, Big Dreams. Here they are with their finished books! We also looked at artists who put messages across and promote change through their artwork, such as Mohammed Ali and Banksy. The children then created their own images using coloured pencils, paint and stencils with stamps.



## RACE FOR LIFE

We all took part (staff and children) in Race for Life, a couple of days later due to the extreme hot weather at the beginning of the week. Each class ran or walked around the field and completed as many laps as they could in the time, and everyone received a medal. To date £519 has been raised. Thank you to everyone for supporting and raising such a fantastic amount.



### New Menu

There will be a new menu from September, and this is included as a separate attachment to this emailed Newsletter. You will also find it on our school website [www.thomasbullock.dneat](http://www.thomasbullock.dneat)

### Lunchtime Assistant

We will be advertising for another lunchtime assistant in September. If you may be interested and would like more information now about the position, please contact the school office via email who will be happy to help.

## Uniform and Technology

Looking ahead to September, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you of our uniform expectations. We are a traditional school with traditional standards and expectations and our school ethos is to promote a sense of belonging and shared identity through the implementation of our uniform policy.

### Expected Uniform:

- Navy school sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse
- Grey trousers, grey skirt, grey pinafore dress or grey shorts
- Grey or navy tights or socks
- Black shoes
- Blue, black or white hair accessories

### Not accepted:

- Hoodies, sleeveless tops, leggings
- No slip-on shoes, brightly coloured trainers, open toe sandals, high heels or boots above the ankles
- Nail varnish and make up
- No jewellery – one small stud earring is permitted in each ear

All children who have hair below shoulder length are to have it tied back in school, including PE.

### Forest Schools

Please be reminded that all children should have appropriate Forest Schools clothing including waterproofs and leg coverings from the start of term.

During the wet weather, children are allowed to wear wellies or have a change of footwear to wear on the school field which can be left in school.

### Technology

A reminder that mobile phones, smart watches or fit bits are not permitted in school. If your child walks home on their own and your wish is for them to bring a phone to school, it must be handed into the school office and collected at the end of the day. After written permission has been received. Any children with technology on the school site will have it removed.

Thank you for your continued support with our expectations.

## DIARY DATES

### September 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> INSET Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> School reopens
- 14<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 trip to Norwich Castle
- 21<sup>st</sup> Yr 2 trip to Sandringham
- 22<sup>nd</sup> School Photographer

### October

- 17<sup>th</sup> School Nursing Team Height & Weight Yr 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation – all classes
- Half term week Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

### December

- 13<sup>th</sup> Yr 1 Trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Event
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

**Christmas holiday Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### January

- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> School reopens

### February

**Half term week Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

### March

- 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Year 5 one night residential to The Horstead Centre
- 20<sup>th</sup> School Photographer – whole class photos
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

### April

**Easter holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

- 17<sup>th</sup> INSET Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> School reopens

### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATS week
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 SATS week
- Half term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 5<sup>th</sup> INSET Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> School reopens

### July

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
- 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

