



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

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

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

The School Council, Ethos Council and Eco-Warriors met for the first time this week to discuss goals for the year. The School Council, from Reception Class through to Year 6 contributed with some great ideas and discussion points. Topics covered included improving the Peace Garden with more seating, how to reduce waste, ways to help and support others. They will meet again in two weeks to move forward with their plans once they have spoken with their classes.

Twice this week, I have had the pleasure of showing new/prospective families around our school. WOW! What a delight this has been! We are so proud of our school and pupils' daily accomplishments. It is wonderful to see our walls adorned with excellent work completed within the last 4 weeks, our children are actively learning at all points in the day and showed excellent manners and learning behaviours to our visitors.

As a RWI school- to support fidelity to our phonics system, this week, we have begun to introduce our new book-bag home books across school and will be sending home a letter on Monday introducing how this will support reading at home. Look out for this and feel free to ask us any questions you may encounter.

We would like to wish Mrs Tuck and Mrs Foster our very best for the future as they move on to new experiences. We would like to welcome Miss Sinclair, who has many years' experience working with pupils at Primary age into our school and we will soon welcome Mrs Mulligan who will be joining our school with a number of years supporting in primary and special school education settings. We know you will make them very welcome.

Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Africa Class (yr 2)

Europe Class (yr 3)

S. America Class (yr 4)

Asia Class (yr 5)

N. America Class (yr 6)

Johan for settling into Nursery so well and gaining in independence!

Ernie for being a kind friend and showing courage during transitions.

Emma for working hard in English this week. She has used adverbials of time correctly to sequence photos from the walk around the village. Well done Emma!

All of Africa Class for representing Thomas Bullock so well whilst on our trip to Sandringham. You all made us very proud!

Rosie for her independence with editing her writing to include ambitious vocabulary and punctuation.

Lily-Grace for her change in attitude towards her learning. She has been focused all week, starting tasks promptly and with a positive attitude. Well done!

Olivia for the positive attitude she has shown to her work so far this term. Well done!

Daisy has worked incredibly hard this week and has been very kind and helpful in class.



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WOW MOMENTS!

Amber (yr 2) achieved her first clear round and won her first rosette.

George Ho (yr 2) was awarded Player of the Month for September for Shipdham U7s Football Team.

Amelia (yr 3) played her first football match and saved 3 goals!

Olivia (yr 5) achieved her Bronze award in Brownies this week, she has also become a Secunder.



Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school
<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

The week's overall attendance – 95%
South America Class (yr 4) – 96%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Week
1	Where do people live and work in our local area?
2	Why is King John I known as bad King John?
3	Where have people chosen to settle in the UK?
4	Who was Boudicca and how did she challenge the Roman occupation of Britain?
5	What did the Anglo Saxons believe?
6	Why did the ancient Egyptians build the pyramids?

Africa Class (yr 2)

This week the class visited Sandringham House as part of their topic 'Kings and Queens'. They had a guided tour of the gardens and house and also had a workshop learning about all Kings and Queens who have lived at Sandringham. They made their own crowns and imagined they were Kings and Queens, which helped them think of ideas for their 'If I Were a King/Queen' poem in English.



N America Class (yr 6)

Here are some pictures of year 6 performing their model text. They worked as groups to rehearse a paragraph each and then performed it, using actions and a story map as a prompt.



Asia Class (yr 5)

This week in Science year 5 used Oreo cookies to recreate the 8 phases of the moon.



Gardening Club

The children all thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck in preparing beds this week in the growing area. We are all looking forward to autumn/winter growing plans!



NOTICES

SCHOOL MENU NEXT WEEK

There will be a swap around of days next week only to the menu. This will affect the main and vegetarian choices only and will be as follows:

Monday – Pizza (as normal)

Tuesday – Not so spicy Chicken Tikka Masala/Creamy Vegetarian Korma (previously Thursday)

Wednesday – Roast Chicken/Veggie Sausage & Root Veg Traybake (as normal)

Thursday – Fish Fingers/Crispy Bean & Veg Fingers (previously Friday)

Friday – Classic beef burger/super veggie burger (previously Tuesday)

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Many parents showed a preference towards the zoom parents' evenings and open book looks last year as they allowed families flexibility with childcare and meeting times. We also recognise some parents may like to join in person. Therefore, as placed in the calendar we will be sending out invitations for parents' evenings as follows:

Wednesday 19th October – in person, in school (adults only please)

Thursday 20th October – by ZOOM only

Booking forms were sent out on Thursday this week. Please contact the school office if you have not received one.

Aspens, who provide school meals to our children will be serving a taster menu for all to try on the Wednesday, please do stop by to learn more about the menu and sample some tasty food.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year the Harvest Festival will be held at All Saints Church on Tuesday 11th October at 9.30am and parents are welcome to come along. We will be collecting for the Food Bank in Dereham. They would be happy to accept any donations of food such as:

Baked Beans, soup, rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat and fish,
jars of pasta sauce, long life milk and fruit juice, long life sponge puddings.
Items for Christmas – Christmas Puddings (large and small), custard,
selection boxes, Christmas biscuits, Christmas savoury snacks/crackers/crisps.

OPEN AFTERNOON

We would like to welcome all prospective parents of
Pre School and Nursery children due to start school
September 2023 or thereafter to our open afternoon on
Wednesday 12th October
1.00pm – 3.00pm

There will be a short presentation by the Headteacher,
Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Marjoram the Reception Class Teacher,
a tour of the School, a visit to the Early Years Classrooms
and the opportunity to meet the other parents.

Refreshments provided

Telephone 01362 820300 if you require further information.

E-Safety

We have recently been alerted to a new scam being circulated across the UK. This phishing scam involves a text message that links you to a fake UK government website to register for the energy bills discount scheme.

Please follow the link to find out more information on how to identify the scam, and what steps you need to take to keep yourself protected.

https://ineqe.com/2022/09/23/energy-bills-scam-important-information/?utm_campaign=Ineqe%20Safeguarding%20Roundup&utm_medium=email&hsmi=227083178&hsenc=p2ANqtz-IVYzVHI0C_jo7UspyC1qwylI1Nb4a4iMZ36_8HEgE17ORDu6nmBaRFqyUQtZ4VUFNCDHcqa8n1IY5YJMz_TZj-SrrFpmvhr8pKCYMcot2cXD774&utm_content=227083178&utm_source=hs_email





The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week

We have listened carefully to the sounds of jungle animals – copying these sounds and making up actions. We have enjoyed singing lots of animal nursery rhymes also. We have learnt all about matching – we've matched buttons, socks and played lots of matching games. We even took off all of our shoes, mixed them up and then put them back into their pairs. We've used our focus book 'You Choose' to have lots of discussions surrounding ourselves, our families and our homes. With Mrs Taylor, we listened to the story 'The Dot' by Peter H Reynolds and created our own artwork!



Next week

In Literacy, we will continue to look at the book 'You Choose', creating our own double page for the book with all of our favourite things included. In Maths, we will continue with our focus on matching. We will look at matching number shapes, matching the same size and matching prints.

Learning links at home

- Look around your home at your toys and teddies. Which are your favourites? Why?
- Cut up some sponges into circles, triangles and squares. Using paint, can you print with these? Can you print a matching pair of shapes using the same colour?
- Help an adult at home to pair up socks. Check they are the same size and same colour, with the same pattern!



DIARY DATES

October

- 3rd Yr 5 trip to West Stow
- 4th Reception Class Fire Engine Visit
- 11th Harvest Festival 9.30am at All Saints Church
- 12th Open afternoon 1pm-3pm for children starting school September 2023
- 12th FOSS AGM at The Golden Dog 7.30pm
- 13th Book Looks in School Hall 3pm
- 13th SENCo Meetings
- 17th School Nursing Team Height & Weight Yr 6
- 19th Flu Immunisation – all classes
- 19th Parents evening (in school)
- 20th Parents evening (online)

Half term week Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October

November

- 3rd Yr 6 trip to Gressenhall
- 22nd Yr 3 trip to Time and Tide Museum
- 30th Yr4 trip to Time and Tide Museum

December

- 13th Yr 1 Trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Event
- 14th Carol Service 2.30pm at All Saints Church
- 16th Christingle Service 9.30am at All Saints Church
- 16th Last day of term

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

January

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th School reopens

Half term week Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

March

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

April

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

- 17th INSET Day
- 18th School reopens

May

- 1st Bank Holiday
- 8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week
- 15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week

Half term Monday 29th May – Friday June 2nd

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th School reopens

July

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

* New addition