



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

We have had a lovely first week back at school, it was exciting to welcome the children back after a six week break, they have all settled back into the routine extremely well including several new children who have joined in different year groups. It was particularly pleasing to greet the Nursery children and a full Reception Class who have all made a fantastic start to their education journey this week.

We will all have been saddened by the announcement of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As a school community our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time. We held an assembly to celebrate her life this morning sharing our gratefulness for her servitude over the last seventy years. We will continue to answer any questions children may have and continue to offer support throughout the mourning period. We would like to remind you that school will remain open throughout. The day of the Queen's funeral will be a public holiday and therefore schools will be closed if this falls on a weekday. Next week Revd Laura will be leading a remembrance service for our school, once we know the date and venue for this we will let you know.

It is our school's 40th anniversary this term and we will be looking to celebrate on October 21st. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

Phonics Parent Workshops

To accommodate all parents we have decided to run two phonics workshops for Reception and Year 1 (Year 2 are more than welcome to join) these will take place at 2.45pm to 3.15pm and again at 5.00pm to 5.30pm on Thursday 22nd September in the school hall. We would be very pleased to see all parents in attendance.

Open Afternoon

for parents of children starting school September 2023

We will be holding our annual Open Afternoon for parents of pre school age children due to start school in September 2023 on Thursday 12th October 1pm – 3pm.

This is an opportunity for parents to meet with Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Marjoram, to learn more about the school and the Reception Class and to ask any questions they may have. A tour of the whole school will also take place. If you are currently looking for Nursery provision we have funded spaces in our school based preschool/nursery.

Parents' Evenings, Book Looks and SENCo Workshop/Drop In

Book Looks will take place in the School Hall for all classes on Thursday October 13th at 3pm

SENCo information session regarding pupil profiles and parent drop in meetings on

Thursday October 13th (further information will be shared by the SENCo).

Parents' Evenings to accommodate requests and support your childcare arrangements we will hold one virtual and one in person. Please note there will be no onsite childcare outside of Fit for Sport. These will be held on Wednesday 19th October in school, Thursday 20th October virtually. Appointment letters will be sent home in due course.



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PE LESSONS

Music lessons have been cancelled by the Norfolk County Music Hub next week due to the mourning period for the Queen. We have therefore had to re arrange the PE lessons, please come dressed for PE on the following days:

Year 1 – Monday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 – Wednesday and Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 – Monday and Friday

PE will resume for all from 19th September as informed in the class newsletters sent out earlier this week.

REMINDERS

Holidays

We will be sending out a letter regarding requesting pupil leave of absence during term time next week and the implications this will have. However, please be reminded that, the law gives **no entitlement to parents to take their children on holiday during the 38 weeks of term time**. As Headteacher I do not have the authority in law to authorise absences for holidays or related activities unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances. More information will follow in the letter. Please be made aware that Norfolk County Council track children's attendance and may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice and/or proceed to a Fast Track.

Uniform and general appearance

Thank you for following our school uniform, the children looked smart and prepared on their return. All uniform lists can be found on the School's website. <http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/parents-hub/uniform/> A reminder that hair shoulder length and below should be tied back necessary and if earrings are worn at all they should be plain studs and the children should be able to remove them themselves for PE. Please ensure hair slides and bands are plain with no embellishments or bright colours and follow the school colours of navy and white.

Driving and Parking

For the safety of the children please do not park or drive through the entrance roundabout, or on the yellow lines outside school where there is bus parking. We do not have school parking facilities, therefore please do not enter and park inside of the school gates. Please be extra cautious when driving in the area around school. Many of the children walk to/from school, some unaccompanied, which we gladly encourage and their safety on our road is paramount.

Headlice

Please be reminded that lice are easily spreadable. Therefore, please regularly check your children for lice, you can do this by combing through. If live lice are found, please inform the school, and the entire family must be treated before the children come to school. Wearing long hair up helps for their protection.

Keeping us up to date

Please remember to keep us informed of any changes in circumstances. We will be sending home next week copies of the emergency contact details we hold for your child. Please update and return as soon as possible.

Footballs

As per our behaviour policy:

Children may not bring balls or equipment from home for use at playtimes but may use those supplied by the school. Footballs should only be used on the field as the playground space is too limited. Any misuse of playground equipment will lead to confiscation.



Shining Lights of the Week!

Oceania Class (yr 1)	Corey for his amazing attitude and confidently settling into Year One!
Africa Class (yr 2)	Amber F for her wonderful manners and settling into Year Two so well!
Europe Class (yr 3)	Casper for his fantastic home learning over the Summer holidays and his attitude towards his learning this week.
S. America Class (yr 4)	Bailey for his fabulous attitude to the start of Year 4. He has set a great example with his lovely manners and attentive listening.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Eva for her amazing maths work this week!
N. America Class (yr 6)	Grace has always been on task, contributing well with thoughtful ideas and suggestions.

WOW MOMENTS!

Isla (yr 4) climbed Ben Nevis on her holiday to Scotland.
Mason (yr 5) player of the month for his football club.
Max (yr 5) man of the match in a football match
Lily Grace (yr 4) learnt to ride her bike during the summer
Harry-James (yr 4), Alfie-John (yr 2) and Corey-Isaac (yr 1) all learnt to ride their bikes without stabilisers and are growing in confidence every day
Jacob (yr 2) spent the summer training his calf and came 2nd at the Aylsham Show
Adelaide (yr 5) received a bronze medal at a Ski Race in Essex and also second place as an overall result of summer ski racing winning a silver trophy in girls under 10 category
Olivia (yr 5) received a certificate and prize in childcare for always being helpful with staff and Children and completed a summer reading challenge



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

The week's overall attendance – 98.3%
Africa class (yr 2) – 100%



OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Week
1	Where do we go to school and what is it like there?
2	What is a Monarch?
3	Mountains and Hills – what are the key physical features of the UK?
4	Who were the Romans and why did Julius Cesar want to invade Britain?
5	Who invaded Britain after the Romans left?
6	Who ruled ancient Egypt?

E-Safety

The following link takes you to the Our Safety Centre hub which is designed to provide you with online safety information and advice that is easy to access and simple to understand. You can use the short videos and step-by-step prompt cards to ensure you have a safer online experience.

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/>

North America Class (yr 6)

The children have started their new topic about ancient Egypt and undertook an activity where they wore headtorches and went into an ancient Egyptian 'tomb' to excavate an artefact and then described their discovery.



South America Class (yr 4)

During our first lesson of History this week, we put on our archaeologist hats and uncovered some Roman artefacts. We were very careful to observe how these items were used, what they were made from and how they could have been made. We also discussed who may have used them.



Free School Meals

Is my child eligible?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get a free school meal if they go to school. It is called Universal Infant Free School Meals. You do **not** have to apply to get these meals, but if you do receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still apply. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extract tuition, teaching and after school activities.

If your child is in Year 3 or above you may also be entitled to a free school meal, if you also receive one of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit – with an annual earned income of no more than £7400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16190

If you feel you may qualify for Free School Meals please complete an application form which are available from the school office or available to download from the school website.

<http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium-registration-form.pdf>

RACE FOR LIFE

Thank you for everyone who supported our Race for Life at the end of last term.

An amazing £594 has been donated in sponsorship.

Thank you!

FOREST SCHOOLS ATTIRE

A message from Mrs Garrod:

Following a rather wet Forest Schools Friday we have been reminded that all children from Nursery to Year 6 should have wellies, waterproof trousers and a rain mac in school.

Forest School happens in all weathers and is an essential part of our school's curriculum. We do not want your children to be less than prepared to fully enjoy the experience.

Thank you. If you require any support in sourcing forest schools attire we are more than happy to help.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



We have been so excited to welcome more children into our wonderful new classroom and outdoor area. The children are settling fantastically into their classroom and new routines.

This week

We have met lots of our lovely staff and explored our school and all of our outdoor areas – we were especially excited to climb the play equipment and whoosh down the slide!

Alongside singing many nursery rhymes and reading stories, we have begun our focus on the book 'The Colour Monster' this week. Within this, we have discussed feelings and what they might look and feel like. We read the story 'Ruby's Worry' and talked about what might help us if we are feeling worried.

The children were introduced to Fred the Phonics Frog who only talks in Fred talk – he says things like 'Shall we get ready for l-u-n-ch?' and 'Can you j-o-g?'. Fred will join all of our phonics sessions and games, getting the children prepared for when we begin to learn our sounds and move onto segmenting and blending!

We were introduced to our date, birthday, weather and special events display and took our first photo of what we can see when we look outside of our classroom. Over the year, we will compare these monthly photos and talk about the changes we can see.



Next week

Our learning will continue to centre around the story of 'The Colour Monster' where we will continue to talk about feelings and explore colour and colour mixing. We will play lots of speaking and listening games, sing lots of songs and nursery rhymes and share stories with repeated words or phrases to encourage us to join in with retelling them. We will begin to look at the numbers 1-3, comparing amounts and looking at symbols and marks.

Tapestry should now be up and running – please let Miss Bell-Tye know (at the gate or via emailing the office if you have any issues). As per the email request, please upload / email a family photo to display in our role play home corner and to help with our discussions during our 'All About Me' theme this term!



DIARY DATES

September 2022

- 14th Yr 6 trip to Norwich Castle
- 21st Yr 2 trip to Sandringham
- 22nd School Photographer
- 22nd Phonics Workshop for parents Reception and Year 1 - 2.45pm-3.15pm and 5pm to 5.30pm

October

- 3rd Yr 5 trip to West Stow
- 12th Open afternoon 1pm-3pm for children starting school September 2023
- 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

December

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

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

January

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th School reopens

February

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 – 10th – 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

