



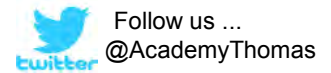
Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

5th October 2018

Achieve good Health, and Well Being Embrace Cultural Diversity
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Dear Families



Welcome back

The first few weeks of school have flown by and the summer holiday is now a distant memory. All children have settled well especially those who are new to the school... I am always impressed with how well our children settle back in to the school year and make such great efforts with their learning.

The initial excitement of the new year has now passed and we are already beginning to raise the expectations of what the children need to achieve in their new classes. Some children will find this challenging at the start but we always enable them to raise their own standards and expectations quickly.

As usual, if you require any help please ask. We are all here trying to achieve the same thing for the children - that they will all build strong foundations for their future success.

Five ways to help your child succeed at school

1 Read every night (including weekends) Even if this is for just five minutes, and even if your child is reading on their own; reading every night will make a big difference. You can make the reading experience even more affective by asking your child questions about the book such as asking them why they think events happen, characters make certain decisions, what might happen next etc.

2 Focus on the same multiplication tables every night (including weekends) Ask your child to say a single multiplication table every night for a few weeks and they will learn it. By the end of the year they will know them all! Make sure they say them like this.... 1x7 is 7... 2x7 is 14... 3x7 is 21 and so on.

3 Sleep well every night; We would never advise you when to send your children to bed but it is recommended that children get at least 9 hours sleep every night. However, in my experience many children go to bed at a decent time but they do not get to sleep very quickly due to portable devices. Tired children struggle at school - alert children succeed.

4 Broaden their horizons; children who have a wide variety of experiences often achieve the highest standards. This can be done in many ways. From going on day trips to museum, galleries, historic locations, different towns for shopping etc to reading a wider range of texts such as magazines, watching TV documentaries about subjects they might be interested in, playing video games that require problem solving and strategising, learning to cook, gardening, watching a variety of films etc.

5 Encourage independence; The biggest barrier to learning we come across when teaching is when children cannot think for themselves because they rely too heavily on adults solving problems for them. Children need to get into the habit and develop the confidence to think for themselves. Independence can be encouraged in a number of ways from asking children to get themselves ready for school every day to being given some small chores around the house to simply telling them to find a solution to a problem they have by themselves.

Reminders....

Entering the School - Under no circumstances are parents to come into the school unaccompanied at any-time. If they wish to speak to the class teacher they must report to the school office first.

Parking - As we have requested many times before parents are **NOT** allowed to park in the school carpark at the beginning and end of the school day unless by prior arrangement with the Headteacher. Staff are having problems parking in the mornings and cars have been blocked in if a member of staff has to leave to attend a course.

Staff & School Update

Staffing

After helping out a lot last term we are very pleased to be able to welcome Mrs Taylor to our staff on a permanent basis as an experienced Teaching Assistant. Mrs Taylor is working alongside Mrs Lindner in Africa Class (year 3).

There were two staff weddings during the summer holiday! Miss Tarrant (Reception Class Teacher) who has decided to keep her surname but become Mrs Tarrant and Miss Wright (Year 2 Teacher) is now known as Mrs Ives. Congratulations!

News from Mrs Wall

Now that Mrs Ives has returned to school after Maternity Leave and taken on the SENCo role once again, I have a new role as Well Being Lead. I am working with a team of staff members to ensure that the children's social and emotional needs are met, enabling them to feel happy and settled at school so that they can achieve their best. I am currently developing the school's existing provision in order to provide a selection of options to meet the varied needs of the children.

- ◆ The Academy Breakfast Club will continue to be run by Mrs Heavens and Miss Greaves, providing children with a calm start to the day and opportunities to read, complete homework and play games as well as enjoy a healthy breakfast and socialise with friends.
- ◆ Mrs Hardingham will continue to work with children and their families to ensure a consistent approach from both home and school.

New additions this school year include:

- ◆ A social group run by Miss Greaves, who is being supported this half term by an experienced nurture group practitioner. They run hour long sessions once a week with small groups of children who need support with social skills, confidence or communication.
- ◆ Towards the end of last school year, I had the opportunity to complete a course which enables me to work with children as an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). There are weekly 1:1 sessions to help children to develop skills to manage their feelings, improve their self-esteem and resilience or develop their social skills. There is more information on the School Website about ELSA.



Interested in volunteering and becoming a Governor?

- ◆ Do you want to make a difference to the lives of young people and your local community?
- ◆ Do you enjoy working as part of a team?
- ◆ Are you willing to challenge and ask questions?
- ◆ Are you open to new ideas, willing to learn and undertake training to understand the role?

We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body if you are interested we'd love to hear from you. A Governing Body needs people from different backgrounds with a wide range of professional and personal skills to drive the school improvement. There are no particular qualifications required anyone can become a governor provided they have the willingness to learn, time to give to the role and a capacity to work with people. Our values are important to us and we expect our governors to be supportive of these. You are welcome to visit the school and meet the staff and children. If you are interested in becoming a part of our friendly, fun and professional team, just contact the School Office.

What's happening...

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The following children have been chosen to represent their class on the school council this term

Oceania Class (1) – Esme and Caleb

Asia Class (2) – Evie and Robin

Africa Class (3) – Neve and Finley

South America (4) – Millie and Leo

Europe (5) – Lauren and Jack

North America (6) – Amelie and Jack

TEAM LEADERS

The following children in North America and Europe classes have been chosen by school staff as house team leaders

Water (blue) – Callie and Leighton **Air (yellow) – Jack and Eliana**

Earth (green) – Lottie and Lewis **Fire (red) – Oliver and Sophie**

All the children received their badges in Celebration Assembly

RECEPTION CLASS AND NEW JOINERS

A belated welcome to all the children who joined us in September and to some more recent joiners, they have all settled in really nicely, we now have 195 children on roll!

Reception Class – Cyril, Archie, Lydia-Rose, Darcey, Hana, Thomas, Lily, Ruby, Esme, Benjamin, Elsa, Autumn, Isla, Rosie, Betsy, Austin, Tiah, Henry, Millie, Lilly, Maxwell, Leila, Miles, Bailey, Cole, Harry-James, Lillie, Sophia, and Lily-Grace

Oceania Class (1) Poppy, **Asia Class (2)** Matilda,

South America Class(4) Charlie, **Europe Class (5)** Harriet,

North America Class Holly, Alexander and Jack

SCHOOL CHOIR

Calling singers in years 3-6 to join our school choir! Choir runs every Thursday 3.15-4.00pm. We will once again be taking part in the Young Voices Choir at the O2 Arena, London on 31st January and final numbers to sing at the O2 are required by the end of September. So, see Mrs Dack and join now before it is too late!!

EDP BOOKS FOR SCHOOL

We have registered with the EDP 'Books for Schools'. Tokens appear daily in the newspaper from 1st October – 8th December. Just by collecting a 1000 tokens we will receive £100 worth of books. Please drop off your tokens to the school office.

Thank you !

OPEN AFTERNOON

Pre School Children September 2019

We will be holding our annual Open Afternoon for prospective parents of pre school children due to start school September 2019 on Thursday 1st November at 1.30pm. There will be a short presentation by Mr Madsen and the Reception Class Teacher Mrs Tarrant, followed by a tour of the school, a visit to the Reception Classroom and the opportunity to meet the other parents. If you would like more information please call the school office.

Thomas Bullock Going Green!

Over the last few years we have been making great improvements to the outside environment at the school, including developing the peace garden and the science and nature area.

Children in many classes have also been growing flowers and vegetables as part of their science topics. We are really pleased that some of this work has now been recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society, as we are now officially a 'Gardening School' and have achieved the first level of their gardening awards. This is great, but we know that we could do much better!

We have big plans for developing this area of school life over the next few months and years, aiming to improve the outdoor learning environment further and provide better opportunities for all children.

Watch this space for BIG news coming soon.... in the meantime, if you have contacts in the horticultural or agricultural world, we would love to talk to you! Please see Mrs Lindner (Y3) or Miss Pointer (Y1).



PRIMARY MATHS COMPETITION

Recently 4 of our children, 2 from year 6 and 2 from year 5, represented Thomas Bullock Primary as ambassadors in maths. They were chosen to attend Northgate High School in their annual maths challenge competition.

Elena, Eliana, Jack and Joschka, accompanied by Mrs Nicolaou, spent the morning at Northgate High school competing against 7 other local schools in logic and problem solving questions.

The questions were challenging and predominantly from the year 6 curriculum so for our year 5s it certainly was a challenge. However a challenge they all rose to.

They worked hard as a team and developed strategies to achieve the high standard needed for the completion. As a result Thomas Bullock came 2nd losing by just 2 points to Beetley Primary.

The fantastic four were exhausted at the end of the competition. Jack fell asleep on the minibus returning to school and I think Elena would have had the journey been longer!

The highlights of the day were definitely the cakes (we helped ourselves to seconds), the Northgate freebies - oh and the maths!!!

It was an incredible achievement and they should feel very proud of themselves, as we feel proud of them. Well done!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018/2019

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Autumn Term

11 th October	Neatherd Open Evening for Yr 6
12 th October	FOSS AGM 7.30pm
15 th & 16 th October	Year 4 residential to The Horstead Centre
29 th October	KS2 – Norwich City FC v Fulham FC at Carrow Road 7pm
18th October – 26th October inclusive – Half Term	
1 st November	KS2 Cross Country at Taverham
	Open Afternoon for parents of children starting school Sept 2019
8 th November	Remembrance Service at All Saints Church
27 th & 28 th November	Parents' Evenings
4 th December	Flu Immunisation for years R,1,2,3,4 and 5
7 th December	FOSS Christmas Fair 6pm – 8.30pm
12 th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
13 th December	Year R, 1 and 2 Nativity – morning, time TBC
14 th December	Year R, 1 and 2 Nativity – afternoon, time TBC
13 th & 14 th December	FOSS Lunchtime Christmas Shop
17 th December	Christmas Party Afternoon
18 th December	Carol Service at All Saints Church 2pm
19th December – 2nd January inclusive – Christmas Holiday	

Spring Term

31 st January	School Choir at Young Voices Choir at the O2 Arena
18th February – 22nd February inclusive – Half Term	
26 th February	Yr 1 'Step On It' Road Safety Training
	Yr R – 'Benjamin & Bethany Bear' Road Safety Training
20 th & 21 st March	Level 1 Cycling Year 4
28 th March	School Photographer – Class Photos
28 th & 29 th March	FOSS Lunchtime Mothers' Day Shop
2 nd & 3 rd April	Parents' Evening
5 th April	Easter Service at All Saints Church 2pm
8th April – 22nd April inclusive – Easter Holiday	

Summer Term

6th May – Bank Holiday	
7 th , 9 th , 13 th & 15 th May	Year 5 Level 2 Cycling
13 th – 17 th May	Year 6 SAT's week
27th May – 31st May inclusive – Half Term	
8 th June	Community Yard Sale
19 th June	Thomas Bullock Service at All Saints Church
13 th & 14 th June	FOSS Lunchtime Fathers' Day Shop
24 th – 28 th June	Years 5 & 6 Adventure Week
1 st July	Year 6 Road Safety 'Going Places'
	Year 4 'Seatbelt Safety'
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	FOSS Summer Fete
12 th July	Reserve Sports Day
17 th July	Leavers' and Awards Service at All Saints Church 10am
	Yr 6 informal Leavers' Assembly at School 1.30pm

25th July – 3rd September inclusive Summer Holiday (Back to School 4th September)

Dates correct as at 4th October 2018