



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

 Diocese of Norwich
Education and
Academies Trust

1st April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Happy Easter break.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me into the Thomas Bullock community over the past two weeks. In most unconventional times, you have been most accommodating and kind to our wonderful teams, and for this I am truly grateful.



The move from traditional school learning to distance learning has undoubtedly shown us what incredibly supportive and proactive parents we have here at Thomas Bullock Academy.

We thank you for your engagement. The amount of Dojo uploaded, and work sent in for us to see and share has been incredible. Mrs Ward, Mrs Lindner and I were delighted with the bounty in the inbox yesterday. Our children and our school are very lucky to have such dedicated, caring and incredibly creative parents, who have really engaged with the curriculum we have offered. Thank you for your support. The class teachers have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the children and seeing the progress they are making through the blogs and purple mash. Please do continue to engage with us daily and if you do need our support we are here.

This is an incredibly difficult time for everyone in our communities. We have uploaded some guidance on our website around looking after children's welfare, wellbeing and mental health during this time, you may find the DFE guidance helpful. My daughter has a diary she likes to write in daily, it has verses at the top, and the one for yesterday was "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7. I feel this is poignant now and ongoing as we and our children become more familiar with our current social distancing and break in routines.

Ongoing Learning

Unfortunately, we do not know when our school will reopen. However, if the government continue to require school closures to be in place, then we are ready to move into an even more supportive teaching and learning role. Our teachers will be engaging with training to allow them to use a range of online tools, to model new learning concepts for our pupils. We will be adding in video content to support PE, Science, daily reading, word, sound and spelling rule recognition as well as some for procedural maths.

We will continue to engage with daily academic learning objectives to continue learning the content from the National Curriculum, which they would naturally be following throughout the summer term, like that which they have been completing.



This will be followed intermittently with weekly themes (like this week) after Easter, to allow for creative opportunities as well.

This Saturday and next Saturday, I would like to invite you into my home for our bedtime storytime! Hopefully my children pick books your children will like too! These will be on our website Saturday evening at 7pm. Please snuggle down with your children and enjoy!

Website, Feedback and Social Media

Our website is a bounty of information for you, much thanks to Mrs. Lowe and her skills. As explained above please check this daily for the children's work to be completed as well as other daily notices and information.

Thank you for engaging with our social media platforms. Please continue to like and share the content on twitter and Facebook that our wonderful children have produced. Please do continue to share this work with us.

If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do share any feedback about the learning taking place, and that which is going forward into Easter with myself. I run a 'virtual' open door policy and would love to hear from you.

Special News

We have been fortunate to receive an abundance of perishable goods from QD in Dereham before they shut yesterday. We are entirely grateful for their kindness and generosity in reaching out to us. We will be making hampers for some of the members of our school community today with this donation.

We are now a part of the rainbow trail. Our pupils have been busy making a large rainbow which now sits proudly on our gates. Please make sure and put yours up too!

Easter

As well as continuing to read over the holidays, Mrs. Phelps has been busy working on a project for you to complete over Easter. Look out for this tomorrow on the website. We also will be sharing some fabulous Pre-Easter service practices. Otherwise, stay healthy and safe, and remind pupils to wash their hands often for at least 20 seconds.

Rejoice and share with your children the fact that 'He has risen' and the true wonder of Easter. Enjoy your time with your family and loved ones, eat plenty of chocolate and relax.

Yours sincerely

Shannon O'Sullivan
Headteacher

