



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

28th September 2020



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Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest during the week 19th October. Sadly Harvest will be slightly different this year as we cannot attend Church as we usually would. Instead the children will be learning Harvest poems in class which they will share with the rest of the school and these will also be put on the school website for parents to see too.

However, as we have done over the last few years, we will also be asking for food donations which will be donated to the MidNorfolk Foodbank in Dereham. We will be leaving boxes out each day at the school gates where any of the following can be left.

**Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar (500g), Fruit Juice (carton),
Pasta Sauces, Sponge Pudding (tinned), Tomatoes (tinned), Rice Pudding (tinned),
Tea Bags/Instant Coffee, Rice, Tinned Meat/Fish,
Tinned fruit, Baked Beans, Biscuits/Snack Bars, Baby Milk,
Toiletries such as toothpaste, shampoo**

Having spoken to the Foodbank, they are particularly short of sweets treats and puddings, fruit juice and jams. We thank you for your support especially at this time when more families than ever need extra help.

Music Provision

Thanks to the continued support of the Thomas Bullock Trust we are delighted to be in our third full week of music provision across the whole school. Please see a photo of Year 4 enjoying their drumming and guitar lesson.



Playtime Equipment

We recently bought a large amount of playtime games so each class can have their own box to use at lunchtimes.



Reminders

Annual Flu Immunisation Programme

A reminder that all children in all year groups are entitled to be immunised against flu. The nursing team will be in school on 27th November however, parents must consent or decline by Wednesday 30th September when the following link will close:

<https://tinyurl.com/ydc4y9ru>

Further information was previously communicated via email last week, please contact the school office if you did not receive this.

Home School Agreement

A new Home School Agreement for September was sent home at the beginning of term, if you have not yet returned your signed copy please can you asap. Please contact the school office if you require another copy. Thank you

PE Uniform, Clothing, Wellies and Water Bottles

We have noticed a minority of children wearing inappropriate clothing for PE. Please be reminded of our PE uniform as outlined in the school prospectus:

House coloured T shirt only, Navy Shorts, Trainers for outdoor lessons, Plimsoles or clean trainers for indoor lessons,. Navy Tracksuits are recommended for outdoor lessons in cold weather. No patterned or non school logo kit. No earrings to be worn and hoodies are discouraged for health and safety reasons and are not allowed during regular lessons.

Extra layers of clothing may be required, as under current DFE guidance we are keeping windows and doors open for airflow when possible.

A reminder that only water is allowed to be brought to school for water bottles in the classrooms.

At this time of year Wellies or a change of footwear must be worn on the field at break times, please ensure your child has these in school if they want to go on the field.

Healthy Eating

We are a Healthy Eating School but unfortunately at present we are not able to offer healthy snacks from the school kitchen at break times. Please can you ensure children bring in a healthy snack if required, we are seeing lots of chocolate bars and not so healthy snacks at break times. The children in EYFS and years 1 and 2 all receive a daily piece of fruit as part of the Government scheme.

Parking around School

We have noticed and also received several complaints about the parking around the school. Due to current arrangements when dropping off and picking up you children please take extra care where you park. Please do not obstruct driveways or drive through the layby to drop off or turn around. We appreciate that it is particularly difficult and hazardous and thank you for your support with this.

Family Update Information

We will be sending home contact information we hold for all children this week. Please check thoroughly and return to school with any amendments. Thank you.

School News

Parents Evening

Hold the date - Wednesday 14th October 2pm, onwards
Further details to follow on Friday on how to book a virtual/phone appointment

PARENT CAFÉ

Monday October 5th at 2.20pm
Feel free to join Mrs O'Sullivan for an online Parent Café
Link will be sent out on the day

Early Years - Reception 2021-2022 Intake Open Afternoon

We are delighted to be welcoming our full complement of new Reception children into our engaging and updated Early Years environment. This has made us think it is time for the parents with children in Nursery, who will enter school next year, to find out more about our offer.

Therefore, we would like to welcome you to view our school site, through a virtual tour, on our website, under New Starters 2021-2022. Here you will find story times with Mrs Marjoram and activities to complete with your child.

We would also like to invite you to join us at 4pm on 12th October for a Q&A with Mrs Marjoram the EYFS Leader and Mrs O'Sullivan Headteacher. This is to be by Zoom and a link will be on the website nearer the time. We will be looking to have events onsite as soon as Risk Assessments allow. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch by phone or email.

SPORTS CLUBS

There are several sports clubs running each night for children in years 1 to 6 run by Norwich City Sports Foundation. At present there are a few spaces and it's not too late to join. All clubs run until 4.20pm and are £3.00 per session until half term. There are spaces for:

Yr 3 & 4 Multiskills—Tuesday

Yr 1 & 2 Multiskills—Wednesday

Yr 5 & 6 Football—Thursday

SCHOOL WEBSITE

There is lots of information on the school website and Mrs Lowe does an amazing job continuing to upload lots of photos onto the site of the children's weekly learning and on Facebook and twitter, so don't forget to follow and like us! Mrs O'Sullivan also is continuing with her weekend bedtime stories.

Beginning and End of the School Day

You may have noticed that we are getting the children in fairly swiftly in the mornings, therefore we would like to introduce a 'soft start' for KS2 from 8.35am until 8.45am. Children in KS2 will be guided through the gates and it is unnecessary for them to line up. To reduce the number of adults outside the school at collection time, please ensure you arrive at the correct staggered time at the end of the day for your child's year group.



29/09/2020

Dear Parents,

Fit For Sport Extended School Club at Thomas Bullock C of E Primary Academy

I am delighted to inform you that we have selected Fit For Sport as our new After School Club Provider. Fit For Sport, the UK's leaders in engaging and educating children through fun physical activity, are delighted to be running the Extended School Clubs at our school.

What to Expect from your new Extended School Club

Fit For Sport plan lots of new and exciting activities every day in order to keep our pupils active and engaged whilst learning the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle!

The school term will be filled with Super Sports, Crafty Kidz, Fit Fun and Team Tastic activity sessions, alongside Fit For Sport's special Activity Challenge that takes place across all of their services.

The provision is Ofsted registered and will provide you with the peace of mind that your child has access to a variety of opportunities and support beyond the school day.

The full club information can be found here:

[Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy Breakfast & After School Club](#)

Booking Platform for all parents: <https://fitforsport.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

Your child will enjoy:

- Making new friends
- Trying a wide range of activities
- Having fun
- Building their confidence
- Feeling empowered
- Exploring the benefits of a health lifestyle
- Learning new Skills

Breakfast club will run:

from 7:45am until 8:45am at £3.50 per session

After School Club will run:

3:15-5:30 pm £8.50

3:15-4:30pm £5.00

4:30-5:30pm £4.00

Club Launch date: Monday 2nd November

Try the new Fit For Sport Extended School Club for FREE!

As part of the exciting launch of our new service – Fit For Sport offering all parents the opportunity to book a Free Session to give the new facility a try!

Book using the code: **FS20-THOMASBULLOCK**

Hurry offer ends DECEMBER 20TH!

Secure your child's place for Autumn term! Bookings are now open across the Extended School Club with spaces filling fast – don't miss out! Claim your spots

at: <https://fitforsport.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login...>

Book online at <https://fitforsport.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login> or find further information at <https://www.fitforsport.co.uk/extended-school-clubs>.

Need Help Registering/Booking with our new system? [Click here to find our Fit For Sport Booking Help Guide.](#)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S O'Sullivan