



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the weekend. As well as it being Children in Need day, I reminded the children it is World Kindness Day. In honour of such, I have challenged the children to promote kindness towards others, both at home and at school.

Next week, it is anti-bullying week and we will be focusing our collective worship and PSHE on ensuring that we continue to be an anti-bullying school. Please join us in celebrating the wonderful things going on in our Academy at this time. Below is a selection of just a few of the fab things that have been happening.

### Remembrance Service

Every class observed a two minute silence during the Remembrance Service in their classrooms which was led by Mrs O'Sullivan. Across the school additional learning took place including writing poems for fallen soldiers. The children made class poppy wreaths which were laid in the Peace Garden by class representatives. Here is a photo of children from North America (yr 6) with their wreaths.



### Children in Need

All the children looked amazing today dressed up for Children In Need.

We will let you know how much we collected in next week's newsletter, along with some more photos taken from today.

For now, here is a photo of Oceania Class who also took part in this morning's Joe Wicks PE Children in Need Challenge.



### Shining Lights of the Week

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| Ark Class        | Imogen for great perseverance and teamwork when making her own camera.  |
| Oceania Class    | Harriet for using absolutely beautiful cursive writing in all her work.   |
| Asia Class       | Esme for fantastic teamwork, showing respect to her peers.  |
| Africa Class     | Matthew for his excellent attitude towards learning this week.  |
| S. America Class | Evie for being an excellent role model to her peers.  |
| Europe Class     | Megan M for her wonderful creative writing  |
| N. America Class | Harry D for making a real effort to participate in lessons and for a superb effort in his 'Camp Green Lake' homework. |



## **Attendance**

Good attendance is considered to be above 95% and our whole school attendance this term to date is 96.63% which is above the national average and considering these unprecedented times is something we are proud of. Regular and punctual attendance is essential for effective learning, promoting positive relationships and developing good attitudes to education. Thank you for your continued support, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you feel you may need assistance with this matter.

## **Autumn Parent Survey**

We are pleased with the response we have had so far to the parental survey and will be leaving the link open until 4pm Monday 16th November. Thank you for your completing this and for sharing your views about our School.

<https://forms.gle/MpxXthnXM1WJ9qJE8>

## **Vacancies**

We currently have a vacancy for a Caretaker to start in January. For full information, including how to apply please visit the school website [www.thomasbullock.dneat.org](http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org).

We will be also advertising for a Teaching Assistant in KS2 for Wednesday and Friday afternoons until the end of term, in the first instance.

If you require any further information please give call us.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

A Scholastic Book Magazine was sent home today and the latest books can be browsed and ordered on line using the following link:

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/thomas-bullock/digital-book-club>

For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic rewards to spend on more books for the school. Please place your **order online by December 4th**

## **Beginning and End of Day Arrangements**

We are truly grateful to everyone for helping us to keep our school safe and we have noticed a big increase in the wearing of face masks at drop off and pick up times, thank you! We are finding that the morning drop off is working exceptionally well, with all the children arriving on time, swiftly entering the school grounds, and settled in their classrooms in record times. Even so it can come a little congested particularly around pick up, please be reminded of social distancing and gathering especially on the pavement areas. We are continually thinking of ways to improve the situation and along with the support of everyone we will keep everyone safe.