



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents, Carer and Friends

Our school value this half-term is thankfulness. Therefore, the children have enjoyed assemblies this week to consider the value of thankfulness and what we are thankful for. They have produced oak and maple leaves for our values trees and I have given an additional assembly to explain the first Thanksgiving.

Saying this, I am truly thankful to our parents and community. Even with a number of cases at local high schools, your willingness and continued good practice of wearing masks, socially distancing and leaving the site immediately at drop off and with your children at pick-up, without socialising, means that we remain a safe environment. Please can I request we all remain vigilant, for the safety of our school community, especially as we enter the Christmas period and our local community re-opens after lock-down.

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class	Jacob for excellent listening and speaking during class discussions.
Oceania Class	Eliza for trying so hard with her Phonics and spelling.
Asia Class	Lily-Grace for consistently persevering in her work and making progress with her independence in all areas of her learning.
Africa Class	Noah E for his incredible knowledge and contributions in both RE and English.
S America Class	Oscar for showing the value of perseverance and writing a wonderful fact file for an Ancient Greek.
Europe Class	Ryan for working extra hard and participating more in lessons.
N America Class	Tristan for making such huge progress with his handwriting.

Whole School Attendance this week 97.34%

Story Time every night in December

From November 30th in the evening, we will be sharing an Advent present of a story, in school and on social media with our families and pupils' each day.

A number of school staff will be taking part in reading a Christmas story and we certainly hope you find the time to join us. These will continue until Christmas Eve.

Christmas Cards

After much deliberation, to protect our community and avoid cross contamination from outside of our school setting we have, alongside of other trust schools, decided that Christmas card sharing will not take place this year in school. Please note that children will make a card in school. Thank you for your understanding.



REMINDERS

PE Uniform We appreciate the shops have been shut, however as they reopen please can we remind you of the school uniform expectations which are listed in full by clicking the link <http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/parents-hub/uniform/> What to bring to school? As previously requested, a small book bag is sufficient and not a rucksack.

Headlice

We have had a few cases of headlice again within the school. Would you please check your child's head regularly and treat, if necessary. If your child does have head lice the **whole family needs treating**.

While there is an outbreak within the school, you may like to consider preventative measures and treatment which is available in most chemist shops.

Please can we also remind you that all children who have hair below shoulder length are to have it tied back in school at all times, not just PE. Thank you.

Caretaker

We are currently advertising for a School Caretaker, please contact the school office by telephone or email office@thomasbullock.dneat.org More information is on the website.

Key dates during December

Friday 4 th	Non uniform day for the Friends of Shipdham School Christmas Raffle. Donations can be dropped off on the day in boxes left outside.
Every day next week	As mentioned in last week's newsletter there will be a box left outside each day for filled socks for the Homeless.
7 th – 9 th	Drop off clothing bags for Bag 2 School collection.
Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 16 th	Ark Class Nativity – Mrs Marjoram will be sending out via DoJo information on how this can be viewed. Christmas Lunch Day
Thurs 17 th	Oceania Class (yr 1) Christmas in the Past, an online event from the Norfolk Museum Service All classes - Christmas Movie and Popcorn afternoon.
Friday 18 th	Christingle Carol Service (pre-recorded earlier in the week). This will be available to view via our website. Christmas Party Afternoon. A non-uniform party clothes day!

Please visit the school website www.thomasbullock.dneat.org , our Facebook page and Twitter feed for pictures from the week where you will see that South America Class have been enjoying their Science lesson learning about how sound travels. Asia Class have been creating shelters for Traction Man. Oceania Class in History have been exploring timelines and in Geography learning about oceans and continents. Europe Class have been making Origami bookmarks!

