



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The children have had the most wonderful day enjoying our winter weather and dressing in home clothes for the FOSS Raffle Donation Day. We have been blown away by the immense amount of prizes that have been collected! Thank you for your support.

We have had a very busy week in school! Elves have been flying into Thomas Bullock from the North Pole each night and causing no end of mischief! I cannot wait to see what they get up to over the next two weeks. The Leadership team and myself have been busy adding some additional Christmas Cheer fun activities to the calendar for the final week and the team have decorated the school in true Christmas spirit.

You may be aware that we completed some internal assessments which support us in helping to find any gaps the children need catching up in, these sit alongside of a family of over a 1000 schools. Since the start of the recovery period Thomas Bullock has done well in all areas and is sitting above the National picture. We are so proud of all of our pupils' achievements and know they are working exceptionally hard both at home and in school. We will continue to work hard to achieve the best for our children.

Next week, we have Mr Wade, our new Deputy Head coming into school for 3 days! He will be meeting with children and teachers and spending some time with Year 6, his new home.

The Thomas Bullock Trust has once again offered a Christmas Aid fund for families in Shipdham, at our school. We know that for working families, that may have had time out of work this year, Christmas may be particularly hard. If you would like to contact us we are in a fortunate position that we may be able to offer some Christmas Financial Assistance due to their generosity. Please email office@thomasbullock.dneat.org or phone and speak to Mrs Ward.

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class	Mason for a great improvement in his handwriting and effort with his reading at home.
Oceania Class	Elizabeth for trying so hard in Maths, really persevering to be able to find the total of addition sums.
Asia Class	Isla for a brilliantly written adventure story, she worked so hard to include different vocabulary and punctuation.
Africa Class	Olivia for her focus and hard work this week.
South America	Lily May for showing the school value of perseverance.
Europe Class	Gregory for the amazing effort he is putting into his learning and for consistently taking great care with his presentation
N America Class	Lucas for putting so much effort into his work and participating in lessons.

Whole School Attendance this week 98.17%



Filled Socks for the Homeless

Thank you to everyone who has helped with our appeal, so far we have collected over 50 socks filled with essential items.



Santa Dash

On Friday 11th December (Christmas Jumper Day) we are going to take part in a National Santa Dash. The West Norwich and Dereham Schools Sports Partnership are promoting this event and it is part of the School Games. If your child has a **Santa hat** please could they bring it to wear on the day.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Following your extraordinary generosity this week, we will not be collecting in school on this day, but children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper, homemade is just as fun as purchased or handed down! However, if you would like to donate online the link is:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/about/how-to-pay-in-your-fundraising>

We look forward to seeing your Christmas jumper fun!

Photos from the Week

Africa Class (yr 3) moved into the poly tunnel for an afternoon as part of their science topic investigating soil. **Ark Class (EYFS)** Jingle the elf has been up to no good in Ark Class! They have been making snowflakes and having fun in the snow today too. **North America Class (Yr 6)** have been studying fossils and learning about the process of fossilisation in their Science lesson today.

