

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

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

It's been a busy week at Thomas Bullock following half term. Alongside of the Government's road map announcement on Monday we have begun preparing for all pupils to return on 8th March.

Next week is both Science Week and World Book Day. Mrs Marjoram has a number of exciting reading activities planned for us over the next 2 weeks and Miss Pointer will be challenging pupils with some scientific experiments.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed this week's additional dance PE sessions with Mrs Cook and will also try cooking along with Mrs Taylor by using this link:
<https://vimeo.com/517061941> - you will need to watch through first to the end to find the recipe.

World Book Day

The class teachers will upload to Google Classroom World Book Activities starting from Monday morning these will include some fun activities across all year groups planned by our wonderful UEA Student Teachers from Reception Class. Mrs Marjoram will hold a World Book Day Assembly at 9am Thursday 4th March which will be followed by invitations from our teaching team to join them for live story sessions from 9.15am. All links will be on Google Classroom where you can choose which teacher you would like to join.

Lookout for our 'Masked Reader' challenge on our social media channels next week, we wonder if you can guess who each of the 'Masked Readers' are!

To end our first week back, on Friday 12th March we will celebrate World Book Day in school by inviting everyone to dress up as their favourite book character.

New arrivals!

Over half-term we were fortunate to have 100 new Touchscreen Chromebooks delivered, these have been on order since September! They have been purchased through donations from Shipdham Parish Council and The Thomas Bullock Trust, alongside of school and DNEAT funding. Our teachers are excited to begin developing an integrated curriculum which allows pupils to utilise their newly acquired computing skills, Times Tables Rockstars and Bug Club daily in class.

Following a successful application to Norfolk County Council we recently received a large number of Chromebooks. These devices have been gifted to the school as part of the Norfolk Community Foundation/Every Child Online campaign. These are in the process of being set-up and will be ready by March 9th for integrated learning.



As well, the Thomas Bullock Trust has kindly improved our learning offer substantially this week. Over half-term a large interactive board on wheels arrived at our school. This means, with social distancing measures in place, we can continue to offer lessons and intervention groups with a moveable screen across school. Look out for it during Live PE lessons each afternoon with Mrs Greenland.



Africa Class (Year 3)- Virtual Class Trip

This week, Africa class took part in a virtual trip organised by Norwich castle. They found out lots of information about the Ancient Egyptians, by watching a video on mummification, followed by some detective work trying to uncover what the artefacts would have been used for.

The big question of the day was whether we should be allowed to explore the tombs, or whether we felt they should be left alone? This was very interesting as most of us believed we could disturb the mummies in their afterlife, however we also liked being able to look at the artefacts they had uncovered. In the afternoon we had a live lesson with 2 of the staff at the castle who answered all of our Ancient Egyptian questions!

Africa Class would like to thank the Thomas Bullock Trust for funding the virtual trip.

Be ready for returning to School on 8th March!

- Dust off those uniforms and check all is fine and the shoes fit!
- From Monday 1st March we would like children to wear their school uniform for live lessons in readiness of the following week.
- There will not be any live lessons during the afternoon of Friday 5th March. Teachers and support staff will be preparing for the full reopening on 8th March. School will be open to critical workers as usual on this day.
- There will be a new menu sent next week, but as reminder the kitchen will not be selling snacks at mid-morning break. Please remember a healthy snack for your child to help them through the day. Fresh fruit and vegetables will continue to be supplied for the children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2.
- As we explained Tuesday we will be sending a full letter regarding the reopening guidance, expectations alongside of our risk assessment by the middle of next week. **There will be a Q & A session on 4th March at 4.45pm about the return to school on 8th March. Please join us if you have any questions or concerns.**

Shining Lights of the Week

Ark Class	Kai for outstanding perseverance in his learning, achieving some wonderful independent letter formation and written words.
Oceania Class	Reece, Eliza, Theo, Kira and Casper for working so well as a team and persevering to create their London landmark models this week!
Asia Class	Hana for a fantastic commitment to her learning and always participating in the live lessons when not at school.
Africa Class	Dolcie for her fantastic work in English this week! She has written some lovely sentences using a main and subordinate clause!
S. America Class	Sophie for participating well in class and online and producing some amazing topic and English work.
Europe Class	Joshua because he joins all the live lessons and contributes answers and ideas. He also takes part in extra afternoon sessions during which he joins in and works hard
N. America Class	Lucas for persevering with his learning and more importantly asking for help when he wasn't sure so that he could improve.

Headteacher Heroes

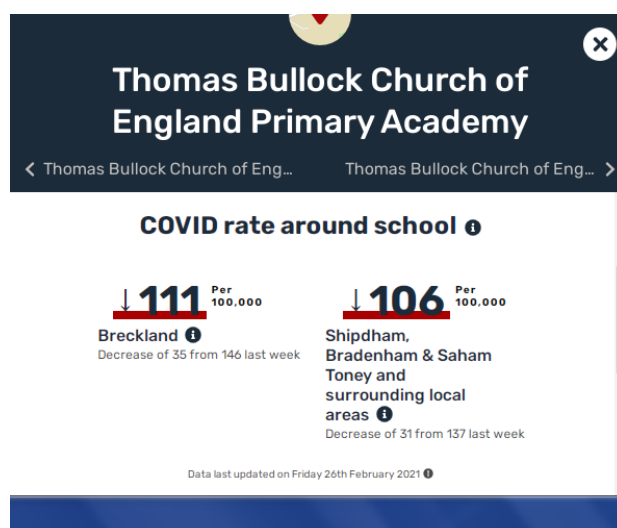
Gregory in Europe Class for exceptional perseverance and resilience, particularly this week

The whole of year 2 for exceptional attendance this week above 90% in every lesson!!

Once again to celebrate our children's home and school experience this week we have collated pictures for your viewing pleasure. Click on the following link or view on our social media pages. <https://vimeo.com/517141159>

Keeping Safe

Again, numbers continue to fall in our area, but we must all still take care. Please stay safe and well.



Parent and Community Governors

If you or someone you know has an interest in supporting and developing the direction of the future of Thomas Bullock please get in touch to express an interest in joining the school's governing body.

School Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor, 5 days a week and our catering company, Aspens, also have a vacancy for a Cook in the School Kitchen.

Please get in touch with Mrs Ward in the School Office who will be able to provide more information on both positions.

