



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

Welcome to the Summer term. It is with a dance in our step that the team are entering school each day, because our children are just the best! They are thoughtful, kind, bright and reflective learners. I have had the pleasure of joining classes this week and their thirst for learning, interesting questioning and respect for others is fantastic. Our new computers were being used in every class from Reception to Year 6. The use of well-planned and sequenced opportunities our teachers are offering to our pupils, means they are truly eager and engaged learners across school.



Reception Class practicing phonics to reinforce the learning from the lesson.

Reflecting on our new value of **Responsibility**, we see this as *“taking responsibility because it gives us a **determination to leave things better than we found them**”*. Just before Easter, and over the Easter break, I spent time showing new families, and prospective candidates for new roles around our school (from outside of course!) It is fantastic to see the changes that have taken place over the last year and be able to show them to prospective new families. As a small village school, none of this can be completed without the support of our wider community

New Starters and Parent Cafe

We welcomed children in Years R,2,3,4 and 5 this week. We wish our new families and pupils a warm welcome and we know our school community will be welcoming you in with open arms as well. With this in mind, as we have ended the weekly QA, I would like to restart our Parent Coffee Afternoons. Please can you all place Friday May 7th at 2pm in your calendars. Hopefully, we can meet for real cake and coffee soon too!

Parents Evening

Parents Evenings will take place on 4th and 5th May. Appointment letters will be sent home shortly and as before in October, meetings will be via Zoom.



Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Class** Amber F has had a fantastic first week at Thomas Bullock; making new friends, following our school values and working really hard in all lessons. Well done, Amber!
- Oceania Class** Ben for writing a super spring poem, taking responsibility for checking and improving his writing to make it the best it can be. Great work Ben!
- Asia Class** Ben has consistently worked hard, particularly with his work on time.
- Africa Class** Eva for joining Y3 so positively and working so hard.
- South America** Ada has joined us this term and has already made excellent contributions in class. She has made a wonderful volcano for her topic homework.
- Europe Class** Toby for settling into the class so well and joining in with class discussions.
- North America** Ellie for returning from the holidays with a super attitude and always trying her best with her learning this week.

The week's overall attendance - 98.4%

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome Miss Wright to our lunchtime team, she is currently working in KS2 at lunchtimes and volunteering some afternoons in the Year 4 classroom. We were also so happy to welcome back Mrs Gibb in the school office. Mrs Ward is very pleased with the extra support.

We are so proud of Mrs Rowling. She has successfully completed her TA training at our school, after dedicating 18 months to volunteering and supporting our pupils. Mrs Rowling completed her studies with an Outstanding 100% in final exams. Well done!

We welcomed back Mrs Garrod our Forest Schools Teacher this week who will be focusing on groups in year 1 and year 3 this half term.

Outdoor Growing Area

A lot of work took place over the Easter break to tidy up the polytunnel area in preparation for planting and sowing. Thank you to staff and parents who came along to help and to parents who have already donated some seeds ready for planting. We would very much welcome further donations – if anyone can help with the following we would be so grateful. Compost, plants (vegetable and flowers) and seeds. Please contact the school office by email or phone to arrange. Thank you!



South America Class

The children have been learning about Extreme Earth in topic this week and shared their pieces they completed of over the Easter break.



Open Morning

It was lovely to meet the parents who came along to our open morning for children joining Reception in September. There were some lovely compliments around the transformation of the EYFS, KS1 and surrounding grounds area as well as many questions about starting school. One question that cropped up more than once was who the Teacher would be. We are delighted to confirm that following a successful period of maternity cover, Mrs Marjoram will be staying in Reception Class, as the Permanent Early Years Leader of Thomas Bullock, supported by Mrs Taylor. She has lots of excellent plans for future development of Reception and EYFS and the creative outdoor and indoor spaces across school. She also has a passion for Early Reading and this is truly developing everywhere in school. Below are some photos of the EYFS area and one taken a year ago – spot the difference!



Class based Clubs

Free Clubs will begin again on Tuesday 27th April, every Tuesday until 4pm until half term. Numbers are limited and we will reserve these on a first come, first served basis.

- Year R Gardening and Outdoor Learning
- Year 1 Lego
- Year 2 Games
- Year 3 Spelling Games
- Year 4 TT Rockstars
- Year 5 Book Club
- Year 6 Coding Club
- Please express your interest by completing the form using this link:
<https://forms.gle/d3DZMjmsXX92JFUz7>

Feeling Unwell?

As our local area reopens further, and we begin mixing with other families and larger groups of the public, we request that you continue to remain vigilant. If you or your children are unwell, please do not send them in. Internally, we have the same rule in order to continue to protect the sanctity of our bubbles. Staff who are unwell are encouraged to not come in until they are fit and healthy. Please be reminded to telephone the office and report any reason for absence.

School Video

On Thursday afternoon we will be having a film made of our school, please send children into school in regulation PE or School Uniform on that day. Thank you.