



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

 Diocese of Norwich  
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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

Our second week at school has seen our fabulous Reception children enjoying time in school together. Please do see the photos below. As well, we have enjoyed a week of new clubs including our orchestra try-outs.

In Key Stage 2, dance club was enjoyed with Miss Stewart, who is also a qualified dance teacher; Choir/ Glee Club with Miss Crane who will be building a choir throughout the year; Lego club in Key Stage 1 and 2 as well as Mindfulness and Funky Fingers were also popular clubs. There are still places available in the Choir, Mindfulness and Times Tables Rock Stars lunchtime clubs.

Miss Drake, our music teacher, began the orchestra/band today. Children were encouraged to play their instruments and over time we are looking forward to including our band playing at school and community events. We are truly thankful and grateful to the Thomas Bullock Trust, for supporting our music tuition and allowing us to pay for this without sharing out costs.

We are also excited to see that a number of year groups have begun to book class trips this term, these are also funded by the Thomas Bullock Trust.

Lastly, it was a delight to see the Year 5 and 6 pupils exploring their science and geography learning through forest schools this week with Mrs Garrod.

Next week, I am delighted to announce I will be launching our exciting positive behaviour tokens. Our updated Behaviour Policy includes a new token system which we will share and begin to use on Monday. Watch this space and listen out for your children explaining they have received green or gold tokens!

Thank you again for your support in wearing masks at pick up and drop off and having your children in on time each day. Have a wonderful weekend and do enjoy our remaining weeks of the sunshine.



## ***Shining Lights of the Week!***

<b>Oceania Class (yr 1)</b>	<b>Harrison</b> for consistently sharing his ideas and encouraging others to make good choices.
<b>Africa Class (yr 2)</b>	<b>Sienna</b> for consistently working hard, spending time on the presentation of her work and listening to instructions.
<b>Europe Class (yr 3)</b>	<b>Ben</b> for always being kind and helpful. Well done!
<b>S America Class (yr 4)</b>	<b>Logan B</b> for always listening carefully, being polite and putting lots of effort into his work.
<b>Asia Class (yr 5)</b>	<b>Henry</b> for his wonderful descriptive writing. Well done!
<b>N America Class (yr 6)</b>	<b>Ruby C</b> has tried really hard with her writing this week, listening well and contributing with lots of ideas.

## ***WOW Moments!***

Adelaide and April in South America class (yr 4) both won medals (Adelaide gold and April bronze) at the David Beckett memorial race day at Norfolk Ski Club in the ski slalom. Both girls had a great day racing!

Lois in Asia Class (yr 5) has been attending dog training sessions with her dog and the instructor has been very impressed with how quickly she has been able to teach her dog to follow instructions.

Kai in North America Class (yr 6) has taken up a keen interest in shooting and over the summer holiday, whilst at the Radley Hall Game Fair he had some lessons. Photos of him during his lessons made it into a monthly shooting magazine.

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school <https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjcUMV7>

**The week's overall attendance - 98%**

### **Antarctica Class (Reception)**

The class have had a wonderful week of transition sessions. The children have had Their first lunches in school and have enjoyed playing with the other KS1 children at lunch times. They have made new friends and are learning our routines quickly. We are looking forward to full time hours from Monday and remind families the children need to wear their PE kits on Tuesday's from next week.



## **IMPORTANT - SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

The School Photographer will be visiting the school next Thursday to take individual and sibling photos.

It will **NOT** be possible to include pre school or high school children this year.

If you would like a sibling photo please can you bring your child into the school hall at the following times:

- If you have children across all year groups – 8.10am
- If you have children across years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only – 8.20am
- If you have children across years R, 1 and 2 only – 8.30am

Individual photos will be taken throughout the morning.

**Children in years 3 and 5 do not need to come in their PE kits on this day.**

### **Reminder**

Please note only water is permitted in bottles for the classroom. Squash or juice is only permitted in lunch boxes.

### **Flu Immunisation Consent Forms**

Flu Nasal Consent Forms for all year groups will be sent home next week, please return to school by 18<sup>th</sup> October. There is no online consent facility and if you wish to refuse the vaccine, please also complete the form.

### **Oceania Class (Year 1)**

The class have been learning about the different characters from a page in the book 'You Choose'. They have also been looking around the school for what they might be able to see on an aerial map!





## North America Class (Year 6)

In North America class this week, the children have been learning about who ruled ancient Egypt in topic. They have also learnt about sources of light and how we see in Science. In English, we have been busy looking at our model text, 'The time-slip scarab'. Ask your children to perform their paragraph to you! In Art, we have started to look at Egyptian self-portraits and the children have planned their crown design.

### OPEN AFTERNOON

We would like to welcome all prospective parents of pre school children due to start school September 2022 to our open afternoon on

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
1.30 – 3.00pm**

There will be a short presentation by the Headteacher, Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Marjoram the Reception Class Teacher, a tour of the School, a visit to the Reception Classroom and the opportunity to meet the other parents.

Refreshments provided

### Free School Meal – Is my child eligible?

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals if they go to school. It's called universal infant free school meals. You do **not** have to apply to get these meals, but if you do receive one of the benefits listed below, you should still apply. This is because it can help raise extra funds for your child's school (called Pupil Premium). This Government funding can help with extra tuition, teaching and after school activities.

If your child is in Year 3 or above, you must receive one of the following benefits to get free school meals:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

**Please download an application from the school website or contact the school office for a form if you think you maybe eligible.**



## DIARY DATES

### September

20<sup>th</sup> Reception Class – Class Photo for ‘My First Day at School’ EDP

23<sup>rd</sup> School Photographer individual and sibling photos

### October

6<sup>th</sup> Reception Class Police visit

14<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start school September 2022\*

13<sup>th</sup> Year 5 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Visit

13<sup>th</sup> FOSS AGM 7pm – 8pm at The Golden Dog

**October half term – 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October inclusive**

### November

**INSET DAY – 1<sup>st</sup> November – School Closed**

2<sup>nd</sup> November School re-opens for Autumn Term 2

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> online parent consultations

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4 Time and Tide Museum Romans Event (date may change)

8<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation all year groups (*consent forms yet to be sent home*)

29<sup>th</sup> Year 1 London Transport Museum online workshop ‘The Mystery Bus’

**Christmas Holiday – 20<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January inclusive**

6<sup>th</sup> January School re-opens for Spring Term 1\*\*

**February half term – 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February inclusive**

21<sup>st</sup> February School re-opens for Spring Term 2

**Easter Holiday – 4<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**

20<sup>th</sup> April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Closed – Bank Holiday**

**May half term – 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

6<sup>th</sup> May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of term.

\* Please note change of date.

\*\* Please note change of date for return to school. This additional day has been set in lieu of the Queen’s Jubilee Bank Holiday in June which falls in half term.

If you are looking for things to do, you may find this link- of 50 things to do in Norfolk, full of surprising adventures! <https://norfolk.50thingstodo.org/app/os#!/welcom>

