



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

24th September 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

This has been our first full week with all of our children in school. We have really enjoyed holding assemblies and singing for the first time in a very long while.

We have had a few queries around routines- therefore please be reminded of our 'soft start' in the mornings between 8:40 and 8:50. Children are not required to line up and can come straight into school once the two gates open at 8:40. From next week, EYFS should be a bit more settled and should make this much easier and our school prefects will begin to stand along the KS2 gate and guide children across.

Traffic around school at both ends of the day can be very busy, please take extra care if on foot or bike. Parents who drive to school, please continue to park safely, and drive extra slowly around the roads to school. A reminder too that parking or dropping off is not permitted in the school car park.

COVID

We respectfully request that you continue to wear masks if you are looking to speak to adults on the gates. We have families in our school with cases of COVID, whilst this has not affected any classes, it is a reminder to remain vigilant. In school we continue our hygiene measures, ventilating rooms and to take temperatures when necessary. We would request any children who feel unwell take an LFT/PCR before attending school. Please continue to follow guidance previously sent.

Bake-Off

Bake-off has begun with Thomas Bullock CE Primary staff, please do feel free to join in! Our staff have been creating show-stopping cake bakes all week! What can your family bake? Have your children feel free to join in and bake along with us each week- and send in a picture. Next week is biscuit week. This week's staff star baker resulted in a tie between Mrs Taylor (Carrot Cake) and Mrs Tuck (White Chocolate and Raspberry).

Writing

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 Teacher and Writing Leader, Mrs Fowler, who has been chosen as Writing Specialist Assessment Moderator for Norfolk County. Whilst this does not affect her time in school, her excellent expertise in excelling and developing writers has been appropriately acknowledged.

FOSS

Special thanks go to FOSS for funding our tarps that the children sat on for lunch all summer long!

Recording one of the hottest September's - please do enjoy the last of our summer sun and have a wonderful weekend!



Shining Lights of the Week!

- Antarctica Class (yr R)** **Emma** for showing great courage and enthusiasm during her first full week in Antarctica Class
- Oceania Class (yr 1)** **Nellie** for being a very kind, caring and helpful friend and encouraging others to be brave.
- Africa Class (yr 2)** **Edward Mh** for working hard and concentrating in English this week producing a beautifully written twist on a fairytale story. Well done !
- Europe Class (yr 3)** **Vinny** for being enthusiastic about his maths work this week, and using excellent mathematical language when reasoning his answers. Well done!
- S America Class (yr 4)** **Khloe** for having lots of perseverance in her maths and showing courage when asking for help, when she needs it. Well done!
- Asia Class (yr 5)** **Lexi** for always working hard and being an amazing role model. Well done!
- N America Class (yr 6)** **Megan M** is always engaged, listens well and is trying her best in all areas of her learning.

WOW Moments!

Esme (yr 3) played football on Saturday for Dereham Saints U8's she was awarded Player of the Match and got to keep the trophy for the week.

Megan M (yr 6) is now playing in a league for her local girls' football team, Dereham Saints and at the home match last week her team won but also, Megan was awarded Player of the Match by the other team for how well she played!

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

The week's overall attendance - 95.5%



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The following children have been chosen to represent their class on the School Council this term.

Antarctica Class (yr 1) – Paisley and Reuben
Africa Class (yr 2) – Rosie and Theo
Europe Class (yr 3) – Sophia and Jake
S. America Class (yr 4) – Tigga and James
Asia Class (yr 5) – Lois and Robin
N. America Class (yr 6) – Ruby and Jesse

FOSS Young Apprentice

Over the summer holiday some of our budding entrepreneurs took on the challenge from the Friends of Shipdham School to prepare a business plan, put it into action and raise money for the school. There were some very successful outcomes and FOSS awarded certificates and prizes to the following children:

Winning Team

The Glorious Gardeners

Neve, Erin and Megan M (yr 6)

The girls designed and distributed a flyer to the local community. They did various gardening jobs using equipment they already had and raised £50!

Individual Winning Entry

Lana's Lavender Bags

Lana in year 2 designed different lavender bags to sell to family and friends. She used lavender from her garden which she dried out beforehand. Lana used a sewing machine to stitch them together using pretty material. Lana raised £40

Runner up

Reuben's Cakes

Reuben in year 1 made delicious cakes and sold them to his friends and family. He raised £31.51

WELL DONE EVERYONE!



South America Class (yr 4)

In year 4 this week we had a poetry cafe to start our new unit. We discussed and appreciated different poems and wrote reviews on our favourite poems



Asia Class (yr 5)

The children have been creating the backgrounds, using white paint and Toothbrushes, for their Peter Thorpe inspired space art!



Bike to School Week

Next week is Bike to School Week – let's hope the sun continues to shine to encourage children to come to school on their bikes.
There is plenty of space in our bike sheds!

Fit for Sport – Breakfast and Afterschool Club

The club are currently looking for extra staff to work alongside the current Manager. Please contact matt.logan@energy-kidz.co.uk for further information.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy from January 2022 for an after school cleaner, 12.5 hours per week. Please contact the school office for further details.



DIARY DATES

October

6th Reception Class Police visit

8th Rising 3's (2 ½ approx +) Nursery Stay & Play Session 9.45 – 10.45 (more info to follow)

11th Harvest Festival

13th EYFS & KS1 (yrs R-2) Phonics & Reading Parent Workshop

13th Year 5 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Visit

13th FOSS AGM 7pm – 8pm at The Golden Dog

14th Open Afternoon for parents of children due to start school September 2022*

22nd FOSS Children's Disco

October half term – 25th – 29th October inclusive

November

INSET DAY – 1st November – School Closed

2nd November School re-opens for Autumn Term 2

2nd and 3rd online parent consultations

3rd Year 4 Time and Tide Museum Romans Event (date may change)

8th Flu Immunisation all year groups

29th Year 1 London Transport Museum online workshop 'The Mystery Bus'

December

13th & 14th Lunchtime FOSS Christmas Shop

17th Children's Party afternoon

Christmas Holiday – 20th December – 4th January inclusive

6th January School re-opens for Spring Term 1**

February half term – 14th – 18th February inclusive

21st February School re-opens for Spring Term 2

March

24th & 25th Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop

Easter Holiday – 4th April – 19th April inclusive

20th April School re-opens for Summer Term 1

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

June

11th FOSS Yard Sale

16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

July

9th FOSS Summer Fete

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

22nd 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.**

