



# Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

## NEWSLETTER

22nd October 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

Thank you for joining our, KS1 and KS2 book looks this week. It has been lovely to have parents in school and be able to share the fantastic progress the children have made since the start of the year. Parents also enjoyed sampling the variety of homemade provided at event by our kitchen who were really thrilled to receive such lovely comments.

This week we were also fortunate for parents to join us for a phonics workshop both in school and online. Please be reminded the information from this event will go on our website during the first week in November.

We have been delighted to be the recipients of two grants the school has applied for this term. A £500 grant going towards 'big maths' resources and outdoor water play has been given by Spire Charitable Trust attached to Spire Solicitors of which Mrs Tinson, one of our Governors, is a partner. A £3000 'your green community' grant from Breckland Council has been awarded following a successful application by Mrs Taylor, our eco lead, which will go to improving our school farm and wildlife area. We are truly grateful for these amazing contributions to continue to improve our learning environments.

We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Have a wonderful and restful half term.

### ***Shining Lights of the Half Term!***

**Antarctica Class (yr R) Romeo** for showing great courage and enthusiasm during your first half term at Thomas Bullock School. Romeo always has a smile on his face, showing courage in the face of challenge, even when things aren't easy.

**Bethany** for showing great courage during her first half term at Thomas Bullock. Beth has worked incredibly hard, even when faced with a challenge. Well done, Beth!

**Oceania Class (yr 1) Lewis G** for showing courage and bravery when attending and taking part in the cross-country event on Tuesday. **Jessica** for showing courage and bravery when faced with challenges and things to overcome.

**Africa Class (yr 2) Arthur** for always coming to school full of enthusiasm as well as showing courage by trying his best and asking for help when it is needed. **Florence** for showing courage to challenge herself in her learning and growing in confidence this half term.

**Europe Class (yr 3) Esme and Bailey** for always trying their best in their learning and approaching new challenges with courage and enthusiasm.

**S. America Class (yr 4) James** for always showing a wonderful work ethic and attitude towards learning. James always talks about the importance of improving and never giving up. **Lacey** for always trying her hardest at every task, she always gives 100%.



**Asia Class (yr 5) Lois and Jacob** for showing courage with their learning this half term and tackling new challenges enthusiastically.

**N. America Class (yr 6) Georgia** for always trying her best and showing courage by asking for support when needed. **Elliot** has been encouraging and supportive of others, always giving really good advice and having the courage to do the right thing,



## **WOW Moments!**

**Jessica (Yr1)** Learning her alphabet and numbers with Mummy at home.

**Edward (Yr 2)** Completed 'Learn to Swim Stage 2' and received a badge and certificate. He is now swimming in the 25m pool!

**Adelaide (yr 4)** Adelaide won Bronze medal in the progression race at Norfolk ski club.

### **Shipdham Spitfires**

This week at Shipdham Spitfires 4 Beavers, 14 Wolf Cubs, 6 Scouts and 2 leaders were invested into the group.

Ten of the Beavers go to the School and they are doing amazing. Over the past few weeks they have made a bug hotel, been learning campfire songs, played some games and most of all they have made some new friends.

Ten of the Wolf Cubs attend the School and they are all doing really well too. They have been working on their conservation badge where they have made a bug hotel, been learning about terms used within conservation, made a bird feeder and they have learnt about endangered animals.

Two of the Scouts go to the School and they are being really good role models to the rest of the group. They have been working on their conservationist badge as well as learning campfire songs and developing friendships with older children who are at high school.

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school <https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

**The week's overall attendance - 95.9%**



## Cross Country

On 19th October 16 children from Yr 1 and 2 took part in a Cross Country Competition at Taverham Hall School. There were 10 schools and over 200 children taking part with approx 50 children in each race. Yr 1 had to run 600m and Yr 2 800m. Well done to Theo who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in his race and Rosie who got the certificate for determination.



## North America Class (yr 6)

The class have been learning about shadows in Science and investigated if their shape and size is always the same as the object. In English, we have been writing double-page spreads about ancient Egypt in the style of the book, 'Egyptology'. In art, we have made ancient Egyptian self-portraits.



## Asia Class (yr 5)

The children had a virtual presentation by the Safer Schools Partnership. They enjoyed the presentation and were all amazed to learn the age 10 is the age of criminal responsibility! The class linked some of their PSHE learning to the session with regards to identity and the protected characteristics. There were lots of interesting questions from the children at the end of the session.



### School Meals - Reminder

The current menu, which was due to change after half term, will continue for the time being. The Catering Company have informed us that this is due to supply chain issues they are currently facing, and to ensure availability the current menu will stay, with a revised date for a new menu after the Christmas Period.

**The current menu with new dates has been attached. We will be on week 3 when we return on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

We have two special menu days coming up:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November – ‘Whizz, Bang and Sparkle’

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November – ‘Everything’s Topsy Turvy for a day’

The menu for both these days were in last week’s Newsletter. Please note the Thursday menu of both weeks will be replaced with the Friday menu.

### Parent/Teacher Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Teacher’s Zoom links will be sent out Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December by email for appointments made.

### Reminder...

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November is an  
INSET Day and School will be  
closed**

## DIARY DATES

**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

3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Yr6 to Neatherd High – Food Technology

5<sup>th</sup> Whizz Bang Sparkle – Special Menu for Fireworks Day

8<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation all year groups

12<sup>th</sup> Children in Need Day and Topsy Turvy Menu

15<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Playground Leadership Training

26<sup>th</sup> KS1 Gymnastics Festival

27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair alongside Village Christmas Street Market 11am-3pm

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

**December**

13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 School Nursing Team – Height & Weight Measurements

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime FOSS Christmas Shop

17<sup>th</sup> Children's Party afternoon

**Christmas Holiday – 20<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January inclusive**

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

20<sup>th</sup> FOSS Film Night 5pm

**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

**March**

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime FOSS Mothers' Day Shop

**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

**June**

11<sup>th</sup> FOSS Yard Sale

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

**July**

9<sup>th</sup> FOSS Summer Fete

15<sup>th</sup> FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

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

**\*\* 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.**



