



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy **NEWSLETTER** 12th November 2021

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

This week in we had a Remembrance Service in school and during the afternoon the student council laid wreaths made by the children in our Peace Garden. A number of our children also wrote beautiful poems which were shared during the service.



Nursery and Free Stay and Play

Thank you to those of you who have shown an interest in our Nursery Provision from January 2022. If you have not yet completed the form, please find it herewith. <https://forms.gle/w9GrX4wW3vy7gfQC9> We will be running our Free Stay and Play session next Friday for all children not of schooling age invited. Please do join us!

School Trips

We are looking forward to a number of trips taking place this half term beginning next week with the Gruffalo Forest Trail at High Lodge for our Early Years Class. The following week they will see the story come to life on stage at the Norwich Playhouse. Years 1 and 2 who have been studying toys from the past and royal residences this half term, will be visiting Holkham Hall next month for 'Father Christmas in Residence' which is a magical event full of cheer and wonder. This week we have also been finalising the year 6 residential to Eaton Vale Activity Centre next June. We are in the process of booking a visit for year 3 in line with their topic this half term.

Next week we will be supporting Anti Bullying Week, starting with odd socks Monday, as well as Children in Need Day (Topsy Turvy Day) on Friday, further details below.

Christmas at Thomas Bullock

We are excited to share several events planned for the weeks leading up to Christmas in School. Please see the diary dates below. These include a Nativity Performance by Antarctica Class, a Christmas Concert by our orchestra, Christmas



Jumper Day, FOSS Christmas Shops, Christmas Carol Church Service, Christmas around Europe (MFL) day and a Christmas Party. We are hoping guidance will allow parents to attend some of these events and will continue to keep you informed.

Parent Survey

As we continue to develop and improve our school it is important to gather the views of all of those with a direct interest in the school. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/rHCbC7ybJWmjNm2T8>

Your views will be taken into account and we will report the results back to you.

Shining Lights of the Half Term!

- Antarctica Class (yr R)** **Bobbie** for trying very hard with his phonics. He is beginning to segment to spell using the correct sounds!
- Oceania Class (yr 1)** **Ellsie** for being an excellent behaviour role model for her peers and younger children in school.
- Africa Class (yr 2)** **Pria** for using accurate strategies in maths to bridge 10 when adding 2 2-digit numbers. She talked through her strategy carefully in order to not make any mistakes.
- Europe Class (yr 3)** **Elsa** for working really hard to improve her maths. Elsa is always focussed and determined throughout the maths lessons and has made big improvements!
- S. America Class (yr 4)** **Noah E** for working extremely hard across all subjects and uplevelling his work. He also supports other children and encourages them in the class.
- Asia Class (yr 5)** **Riley** for his contributions to class discussions. Riley regularly puts his hand up to answer questions and share interesting ideas.
- N. America Class (yr 6)** **Chloe** who has contributed so much to discussions this week and produced some brilliant writing.

WOW Moments!

Pippa in Oceania Class (yr 1) cycled 9miles cross country on the red route at High Lodge!

Dexter in Africa Class (yr 2) visited Colchester Zoo, he held an enormous cockroach, fed leaves to the giraffes and carrots to the elephants!

Kai in North America Class (yr 6) recently took part in a junior compak sporting competition (shot gun) and he got 1st place.

Adelaide in South America Class (yr 4) won silver medal in Club Chaps individual slalom race at Norfolk ski club last Sunday.

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school <https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpjjcUMV7>



The week's overall attendance - 97%

Headteacher's Award

Ewan in Year 6 for taking his own time to create labels and a design for our Remembrance Display.

Antarctica Class (EYFS)

The children made some owl ice creams in class as part of their Gruffalo focus book. The children said the 'ice cream' was squidgy, soft and cold and the feathers felt fluffy and tickly. They had a great time exploring the feel and smell of the shaving foam.



Asia Class (yr 5)

This week year 5 have been investigating balanced and unbalanced forces by arm wrestling! They have also made catching games on Purple Mash.



Parking

Unfortunately, Shipdham Parish Council have received further complaints about parking around the School. They have informed us they intend to request a PCSO to be present at drop off/pick up times to offer parking support and guidance. We continue to request that you do not park on the verges, in front of driveways, on grass or sidewalks. Can we suggest walking or biking to school whenever possible or taking public transport and that you utilise the entire 8:40-8:50 drop off period to limit the number of people at the gate or using the road at once. Thankyou for your support for our local community.

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK

Children in Need ... Reminder!

We will be celebrating and fundraising for Children in Need next Friday 19th November. Along with the 'Topsy Turvy' lunch planned, we will have a special assembly and fun in class activities.



For a donation, it will be a non-uniform day and we would like children to Pudsey-fy themselves to show their respect for Pudsey by wearing something spotty, putting on Pudsey ears, bandana or dressing Topsy Turvy (PJs). Mrs O'Sullivan read the story which has been shared on Facebook.

Let's see if we can be a 'Spotacular' school and raise lots for this worthwhile cause. Collection pots will be outside school on the morning.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Monday

Anti-Bullying Week is coordinated across the country by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and takes place next week 15th – 19th November. It has the theme 'One Kind Word'. The week begins on Monday with Odd Socks day which is supported by CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day and his band Andy and the Odd Socks. Children can come into school on this day wearing odd socks!

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. In School we will be learning about anti bullying during assemblies and class learning.

See Something, Hear Something, Say Something

We have also attached separately in this email a poster 'See Something, Hear Something, Say Something' and below is a link which gives more information from Norfolk County Council around safeguarding and staying safe.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/safeguarding>

DIARY DATES

November

- 19th Children in Need Day and Topsy Turvy Menu
- 15th Year 6 Playground Leadership Training
- 17th Year R to Thetford Forest*
- 25th Antarctica Class (yr R) to Norwich Playhouse to see the Gruffalo*
- 26th KS1 Gymnastics Festival
- 27th Christmas Fair alongside Village Christmas Street Market 11am-3pm
- 29th Year 1 London Transport Museum online workshop 'The Mystery Bus'

December

- 9th EYFS (yr R) Nativity*
- 10th Orchestra Concert in Celebration Assembly*
- 13th Year 6 School Nursing Team – Height & Weight Measurements
- 13th Christmas Jumper Day*
- 13th & 14th Lunchtime FOSS Christmas Shop
- 15th Year 1 and 2 to Holkham Hall – Christmas Experience
- 16th Christmas Lunch and Carol Service at Church
- 17th Christmas Songs Assembly & Children's Party afternoon

Christmas Holiday – 20th December – 5th January inclusive

- 6th January School re-opens for Spring Term 1**
- 20th FOSS Film Night 5pm

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
- 29th – 1st July Yr 6 Residential to Eaton Vale*

July

- 9th FOSS Summer Fete
- 15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco
- 22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**

**** 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.**