



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

19th November 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

This week children have been learning about anti-bullying with the theme of using 'One Kind Word'. This has culminated in an assembly where children considered 'One Kind Word' for a teacher, friend and family member. Hopefully they share these with you.

Today, we had a very successful Children in Need Day where children understood how valuable their charitable contribution was for children locally and across the world. This supports our value of teaching the children about philanthropy.

We are delighted that for Fit for Sport have informed us they have appointed a new member of staff, John Abram, to work alongside Rob. John will begin on Monday.

Your child may have come home with a 'Good to be Green' sticker this afternoon. This is due to start officially next week, where children who have been on 'green' all week will be recognised for their achievement. We also will be introducing a gold star sticker, so the children will be able to share their accomplishment with you at home too. Please look out for these!

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/w9GrX4wW3vy7qfQC9> We will be running our Free Stay and Play session next Friday for all children not of schooling age invited. Please do join us!

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 Week!

- Antarctica Class (yr R)** **Fred** for having lots of thoughtful ideas at carpet time, always being a kind friend and a fantastic role model to others!
- Oceania Class (yr 1)** **Oscar D** for his incredible reading. He has wowed us all with his phonic knowledge - segmenting and blending!
- Africa Class (yr 2)** **Alfie** for being extremely helpful with his peers this week and having a positive attitude towards his learning.
- Europe Class (yr 3)** **Archie** for trying very hard in his lessons and trying his best to be kind and respectful to others.
- S. America Class (yr 4)** **Isaac** for his great improvement in focusing, listening, and completing all his work with effort.
- Asia Class (yr 5)** **Daisy** for always being kind and compassionate.
- N. America Class (yr 6)** **Todd** for having a great attitude to his learning.

WOW Moments!

Scarlett (yr 1) has worked really hard in her Krav Maga Club impressing her instructors with her improvement.

Harry (yr 3) was chosen to be a flag bearer for Beavers at Remembrance Sunday at Church

Austin (yr 3) was chosen to lay a wreath for Beavers at Remembrance Sunday at Church

Olivia (yr 4) received her Stage 4 (green hat) and 25m award in Swimming

Kai (yr 6) was chosen to be flag bearer for Shipdham Spitfires at Remembrance Sunday at Church

We are very proud of all our pupils and especially recently those who represented their clubs at the Remembrance Day Service commemorating the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.



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

The week's overall attendance - 97.2%



Asia Class (yr 5)

In History year 5 are learning about the Vikings. Here are some photos of them pretending to be Vikings invading with their swords and shields using their whiteboards and rulers!



South America Class (yr 4)

The class have been looking at the perimeter of shapes. Outside, they used playground chalk and metre sticks to measure accurately the perimeter of the shapes they were given. The children used their division skills to know what the measurement of lengths needed to be for the correct perimeter.

In Science, the class have been looking at states of matter. They have been changing states through the process of melting and looked at the speed of melting for different items and how viscosity affects this.



Antarctica Class (Yr R) & Nursery Stay and Play Session

The children enjoyed using tarps and ropes to build dens, talking about the different houses in the story 'The Gruffalo'. We tested out the dens to see if they would provide a good shelter.



CHILDREN IN NEED DAY



Total raised
£189.51



NOTICES

PE Change of days – next week only

Yr 1 – Tuesday

Yr 2 – Wednesday

Yr 3 – Wednesday

Yr 4 - Thursday

FOSS Non Uniform Day

We have been asked by the Friends of the Shipdham School to hold a non uniform day on Friday 3rd November in exchange for a donation of a raffle prize towards their Christmas Draw on 10th December. Boxes will be at the front of the school on the 3rd for donations to be dropped off.

Big Holiday Norfolk Fun

The Big Norfolk festive Holiday Fun activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 in Norfolk during the holiday period. There are a couple of locations in our area who are offering spaces. Please visit the website for further information.

<https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

There are free spaces reserved for children who are eligible for means-tested free school meals. A code is required by the provider before a booking can be made. Please contact the school office for the code if you are eligible and would like to book.

Admission to Reception Class September 2022

The admission round for entry to Reception Class for the school year 2022/23 is open and closes on 15th January. If you have not yet applied please visit the Norfolk County Council website: www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk. Please contact the School Office who will be happy to help if you require further assistance.

DIARY DATES

November

- 25th Antarctica Class (yr R) to Norwich Playhouse to see the Gruffalo
- 26th KS1 Gymnastics Festival
- 27th Village Christmas Street Market 11am-3pm
- 29th Year 1 London Transport Museum online workshop 'The Mystery Bus'

December

- 1st EYFS trip to Thetford Forest – Gruffalo Trail*
- 2nd Yr 3 Trip to Time & Tide Museum – Stone to Iron Activity*
- 3rd Non uniform day for FOSS – donation towards their Christmas Raffle*
- 13th Christmas Jumper Day*
- 13th Year 6 School Nursing Team – Height & Weight Measurements
- 13th & 14th Lunchtime FOSS Christmas Shop
- 15th Year 1 and 2 to Holkham Hall – Christmas Experience
- 16th Christmas Lunch and Carol Service
- 17th 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

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.**