

Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

26th November 2021



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

Continuing our focus of thankfulness this week our children have been considering how to show thanks to their families and community. This culminated in a Thanksgiving Day Assembly.

This weekend sees our community come together with two exciting events. On Saturday is the Village Christmas Street Market between 11am and 3pm. Mr Wade and I look forward to seeing you at the Church. On Sunday the Advent Service is at 4pm at All Saints Church.

Playground Leadership Training

At the beginning of the week Year 6 took part in Playground Leadership Training. The training was led by Ellise Owen from the West Norwich and Dereham School Sports Partnership.

The aim of this training is for us to achieve a more active playground and Year 6 will be leading Playground activities at lunch times. This is an excellent opportunity for Year 6 to show their leadership skills as they will be responsible for organising resources and running the games independently.

Following on from this, the next day Ellise returned to work with our Lunchtime Supervisors. She delivered training around supporting a safe and active playground. After the session the staff were presented with a certificate.

Shining Lights of the Week!

Antarctica Class (yr R)

Arlo for a wonderful attitude to learning; trying his best and being a kind friend to his peers. Arlo has contributed some excellent ideas this week and was superbly behaved for our school trip – what a brilliant role model!

Oceania Class (yr 1)

Isabelle for being an amazing mathematician.

Africa Class (yr 2)

Halli K for her perseverance and determination this week despite her broken arm she has come into school with a smile on her face and worked hard using her left hand to complete her work.

Europe Class (yr 3)

Harry-James for showing great resilience in his English work. He has produced some great English work this week by persevering and not giving up!

S. America Class (yr 4)

Dolcie - for her kindness and support towards peers, as well as working hard independently and persevering in all lessons.

Asia Class (yr 5)

Jenna for working hard and persevering in all lessons and even going home and doing extra work after school!

N. America Class (yr 6)

Finley for always applying himself and for producing some wonderful description this week.



WOW Moments!

Jaylen (yr 2) received a trophy at his football club for trainee of the day for training hard and playing well in the match.

Josh (yr 6) At the Norfolk & Suffolk Championship presentation evening for Moto X Josh came 2nd for the season

Please remember to continue to send in your **WOW** moments for achievements out of school <https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijCUMV7>

The week's overall attendance - 94%

North America Class (yr 6)

As part of our English lesson, the children went outside to appreciate the natural world. They also watched video clips from David Attenborough's documentaries and then used these to write about how amazing our planet is and how it makes us feel. They are beginning to think about climate change and the destruction of the planet.



Antarctica Class (yr R)

Antarctica Class had their first ever school trip this week as they visited Norwich Playhouse to watch the production of 'the Gruffalo'. The children arrived excitedly on the day of the trip and thoroughly enjoyed every part, particularly the singing and dancing along with the characters. Cleo thought the Fox and the Gruffalo "were the favourite because the Fox was so funny!" We were so impressed with how well they behaved as they represented our school with pride and consideration for others. We can't wait to find the Gruffalo again next week...watch this space to see if we can!



Years 1 and 2 Gymnastics Festival

Some of the children in years 1 and 2 took part in a gymnastics festival at Easton Gymnastics Club. The children used all apparatus including, the beams, rings, trampoline and even enjoyed leaping into the foam pit. Congratulations to Thomas Bullock KS1 Gymnasts for fantastic behaviour and one of our pupils Alfie, even won the self-belief award. Way to go! You have shown excellent courage, resilience, and perseverance.



NOTICES and REMINDERS

FOSS non uniform day

Friday 3rd December is a non uniform day in exchange for a raffle prize towards their Christmas Draw on 10th December. Please bring prizes in on the day.

Stay and Play

The Stay and Play sessions for the remainder of this term are on 3rd and 17th December from 9am to 10am for children of pre school age. No need to book.

Free School Meals Vouchers

Free school meal vouchers for the Christmas holiday period for pupils eligible for means tested free school meals will be issued. Please ensure the school has your up-to-date email details and if you feel your circumstances may have changed and you may now be eligible please let the office know or use the following link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/norfolk>

This Christmas will see an increase to £55 for the period. This is based on the usual £15 per child per week plus an additional £25 per child to help families free up household finances in advance of an anticipated rise in energy costs in January and to try and help children enjoy a better Christmas than they might otherwise have.

Norfolk Assistance Scheme

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) helps people who are in financial hardship and cannot pay their living costs. More information is available here [Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk County Council](#)

COVID

There seems to have been an increase in cases in the community and naturally we are being very cautious of any symptoms that present themselves. If your child has, or it has been reported that they have a persistent cough, a high temperature or a loss of taste or smell, we will be requesting that they go for a PCR test, based upon the NHS guidance that has been in place for some time now. They will need to isolate unless they get a negative result.

There will be times where, as staff, we have to use our judgement for what is deemed a symptom. Many symptoms present as a common cold and we will at times opt on the more cautious side.

LFTs are only for people who do not have coronavirus symptoms. However, we strongly encourage testing regularly with LFTs at home.

Teacher gifts

We have had a few enquiries if there are covid restrictions around giving gifts this year. There are no restrictions this year and any gifts for staff we are sure would gratefully be received.

Cleaner

A cleaner is required to start as soon as possible in January. Please contact the school office for more information.



School Meals

Christmas Lunch Day – 16th December

Please remember to return slips for Christmas Lunch by next Wednesday 1st December to avoid disappointment.

Christmas Buffet Lunch – 15th December

The school kitchen are providing a buffet style lunch on the last Wednesday of term.

*Christmas Dinner Sausage Roll or Vegan Sausage Roll
Cinnamon Popcorn or Rudolph's Crudites
Christmas Cookie
Apple*

This will replace the choice for that day and there is no need to order in advance.

New menu for the Spring Term

There will be a new menu starting in January which is attached to the email.

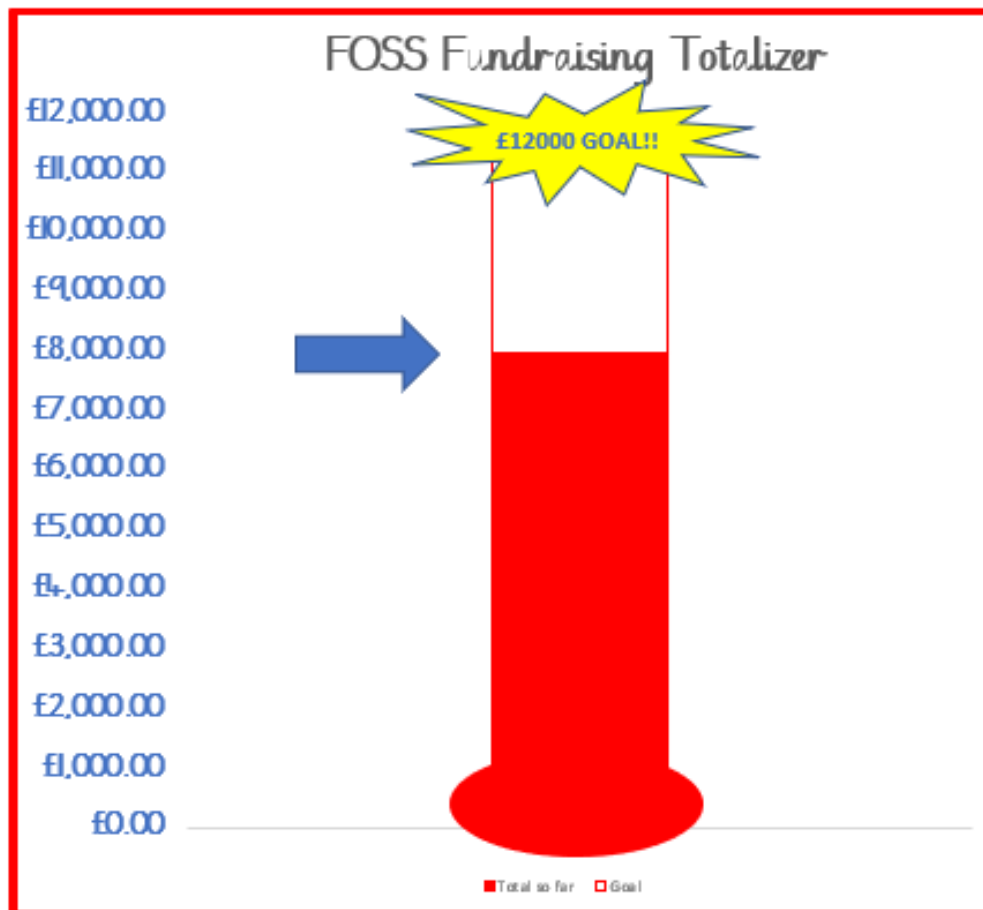
Menu Change First day back – 6th January

We return to school on Thursday 6th January. The choice of meal for this day only will be the Monday choice from week 1 of the new menu – Hot Dogs!



FRIENDS OF SHIPDHAM SCHOOL

The Friends of the School, supported by our families and community, work tirelessly to fundraise for extra equipment for the School. Their focus over the last year has been to raise enough to extend the outdoor KS2 play equipment. A target has been set and they are three quarters of the way to achieving their goal! Please keep an eye on the totalizer over the coming months as more funds are added!



DIARY DATES

November

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 Stay and Play 9am – 10am for non school age children (Nursery)*

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 KS2 Modern Foreign Language Day*

15th Year 1 and 2 to Holkham Hall – Christmas Experience

16th Christmas Lunch and Carol Service

17th Stay and Play 9am-10am for non school age children (Nursery)*

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.**