



Thomas Bullock Church of England Primary and Nursery Academy

"Let your light shine" Matthew 5:14-16

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock

Our children are looking forward to the long bank holiday weekend- which we hope you all enjoy! This week has been a full and busy week! At the beginning of the week Mr Wade and I were fortunate to welcome the new Shipdham Reverend, Laura Purnell as Team Vicar of Shipdham and Bradenham and Schools' Chaplain in the Dereham and District Team Ministry through attendance at her licensing at All Saints Church. It was a wonderful event and brought the entire community together. We are sure you will all join us in welcoming her and her husband Martin into our school community and look forward to the exciting school partnership ahead. Our first planned Church event, with her presiding, is the Jubilee service currently scheduled for Friday 27 May.

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors at the Thomas Bullock Trust, Year 5 were able to attend a full funded day-trip to Gressenhall Workhouse to experience a Victorian Day. Children most enjoyed the job of stone-picker in the fields. In Year 2 Mrs Crowdy attended the school to discuss 'Life in Africa' and share artefacts as part of their 'Africa Alive' topic. Please read on later about these experiences.

We also welcomed the arrival of 20 eggs on Monday! Mr Johnson informed our staff team that chirping at the eggs encourages healthy hatching! So, thanks to the kindness, love, coaxing and lots of chirping, by staff and children, all 20 eggs hatched and we now have 20 fluffy, happy chicks in school. This is part of our learning on life-cycles taking part in KS1 and KS2. We have also enjoyed our tadpoles in the Ark Nursery and Year 5 and will soon be welcoming our caterpillars in Reception.



Reminders ...

Uniform

Please be reminded of our school uniform and colours. Our uniform page on the website fully details expectations: <http://www.thomasbullock.dneat.org/parents-hub/uniform/> **Summer Uniform** Children may wear shorts or navy-blue gingham summer dress with knee or ankle white socks.

Warm Weather

Hopefully the warmer weather will soon be here. Please remember sun hats, sun cream and water bottles!



Shining Lights of the Week!

Antarctica Class (yr R)	Levi for showing great responsibility in taking care of our classroom and school environments.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Eli for his imaginative ideas when writing a postcard to the parents of Katie from our key text, 'Katie in London'.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Rocco for his responsibility to work hard and persevere during RWI sessions with Mrs Martin and making progress with his reading.
Europe Class (yr 3)	Millie for producing some excellent English work this week. Millie is fantastic at taking responsibility for her work,
S. America Class (yr 4)	Adelaide for persevering with her English work and writing a great introduction to her explanation text.
Asia Class (yr 5)	The whole class for 'letting their lights shine' during our trip on Wednesday! They were enthusiastic, polite and engaged throughout the day.
N. America Class (yr 6)	Toby has really taken responsibility for his learning producing the best written work we have seen all year!

WOW MOMENTS!

Tom (yr 3) Despite lacking a bit of confidence on his new bike, Tom completed an 8 mile bike ride around Alton Water, Suffolk over the Easter Holiday.

Reggie (yr R) and Daisy (yr 5) At Shipdham Spitfires Scout Group Reggie and Daisy both took part in a competition to design a logo for each of their sections. Both were voted winners with Daisy winning two for Wolf Cubs and Scouts.

Logan H (yr 4) has recently completed 2250m front crawl during his recent swim lesson. Which is approximately 1.4 miles!

Darcey (yr 3) has produced some lovely art work at home using paint and leaves which she shared in Celebration Assembly.

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

The week's overall attendance – 98%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Weekly Key Learning Question
1	What is the United Kingdom?
2	Where in the world is Kenya?
3	Does everywhere in the world have the same climate?
4	When and where did the Ancient Maya live?
5	What was the Industrial Revolution?

Asia Class (yr 5)

On Wednesday Year 5 went to Gressenhall Rural Life Museum to learn about Victorian life as well as helping to solve the mystery of the missing candlesticks – they were all very surprised at who the culprit turned out to be!

The day began with a session in the Victorian school room learning facts by rote and writing in copperplate handwriting on slates. They also found out about school room discipline including the dunce's hat, the cane and a special device used to stop fiddling! After this they learnt about life in the workhouse and the jobs inmates would have had to do.

After lunch they visited the farm and learnt about cooking and ingredients, getting to taste some delicious drop scones and washing with a dolly and mangle before going into the field to stone pick and meet a shire horse.

As you can see all the children (and adults) looked amazing dressed up in their Victorian clothes.



Africa Class (yr 2)

Mrs Crowdy came in to tell the children all about her time teaching in Kenya. She showed the class pictures of her time whilst she was out there and all of the artefacts that she brought back with her. They learnt about the Masai tribe and the traditional clothing they wear. Some children tried some of the clothes on. She also taught them some Swahili and they created some African masks. Thank you to Mrs Crowdy for taking time out of her afternoon to share her knowledge with Year 2!



South America Class (yr 4)

This week, the class started their topic about the Ancient Maya. Over the Easter holiday, the children were asked to find out some interesting facts about the Mayans and create some Mayan masks.



Thank you to Mr & Mrs Taylor, Harry, Arthur and George's parents for sparing some time to come along and put up our nesting boxes in the Forest Schools area this week.



Breckland Mobile Food Store

Our local Councillor Lynda Turner has informed us about a weekly mobile food store to help save money for local households. The mobile store will start visiting weekly from 11th May. If you live in Breckland you can join for a one-off fee of £3 per household. The bus will be at Bullock Park on Wednesdays from 9.30 – 10.30 and offers affordable food, healthy food options, help and support and how to reduce food waste. More information is on an attachment with this email, in the Shipdham News or call 01362 699923.

Friends of Shipdham School

Bag2School

Bags sent home this week to collect clothes for recycling. Please return your bags on 13th May by 9am. This is always a good fundraiser for FOSS so remember the more we collect the greater benefit for the school.

Jubilee Celebrations

FOSS will be having a stall at Bullock Park on Thursday 2nd June for the Jubilee Celebration. FOSS would welcome children's help during the afternoon on the stall no need to let us know, just turn up at the stall.

Uniform

Due to the inclusion of a Nursery class at the School, there has been a slight change to the wording on the school uniform logo. We have a small amount of stock with the old wording which we are selling at half price. First come, first served and below is a list:

Sweatshirts

Age 5/6 x 4, Age 9/10 x 2, Age 13 x 1

Cardigans

Age 5/6 x 3, Age 9.10 x 2, Age 11/12 x 2

Fleeces

Age 6/8 x 3, Age 7/8 x 1

Waterproof Reversible Jacket

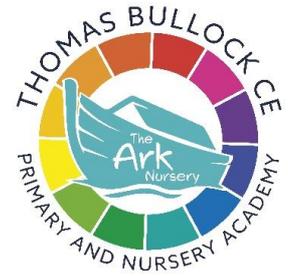
Age 5/6 x 1

Bookbags

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Please contact email the school office to enquire.

The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have been very excited to welcome chicks into our school this week! We were able to see the eggs beginning to crack, the chicks pecking inside in their eggs trying to get out, the newly hatched slimy chicks and now the lively, fluffy chicks! We've welcomed more new friends this week and enjoyed a fantastic music session with Norfolk Music Hub on our Wednesday 2-3pm Stay & Play session.

Our Stay & Play session theme next week is Creative Art and Design.



Next week

We will read the books 'Teeny Weeny Tadpole' and 'Tad', looking at the changes in our own tadpoles. In Maths, we will recap 'one more' before moving onto 'one less'. We will continue with our new sound each day in Read Write Inc Phonics. We will also learn more about all of the life cycles we are experiencing within school: plants, sunflowers, chicks and frogs!

Learning links at home

- Can you teach someone at home about the different life cycles we have been learning about in school? Try using these words: frogspawn, tadpole, froglet, frog. Maybe you could draw pictures of each step!
- Frogs are good at jumping! Show someone at home how good you are at jumping – remember to bend your knees!

DIARY DATES

May 2nd – School Closed – Bank Holiday

6th May School re-opens for Summer Term 2

9th – 12th Year 6 SATs week

13th Non uniform – wear something red for British Heart Foundation fundraiser*

16th – 25th Year 2 SATs

26th Year 2 Trip to Africa Alive*

27th Queen's Jubilee Celebration and Church

May half term – 30th May – 3rd June

June

9th School Nursing Team – Reception class -Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Screening
and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

11th FOSS Yard Sale 9am – 2pm

16th & 17th Lunchtime FOSS Fathers' Day Shop

29th June – 1st July – Year 6 Residential to Eaton Vale

30th Norfolk Show – Years 3, 4 and 5.

July

8th Sports Day

9th FOSS Summer Fete

13th Reserve Sports Day

15th FOSS End of Year Children's Disco

19th Race for Life

21st & 22nd Year 6 Transition days to High Schools

21st Move up Day

22nd FOSS Disco

22nd July – Last day of term.

***New addition to calendar**