



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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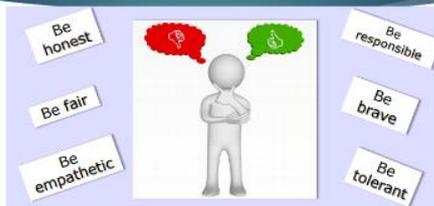
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Thomas Bullock,

We are amazingly proud of Jo Brown and Kaz Mason from The Friends of Shipdham School who were runners-up at The Education Today Awards Ceremony in the Community Award category. They had a wonderful evening which was very well deserved. They told us: *"It really was a once in a lifetime experience and one we won't forget. We received a warm welcome, the atmosphere was amazing and we met some wonderful people. Being nominated for this award was a massive honour"*



Reverend Laura's collective worship assembly on Tuesday was a wonderful welcome to Advent and our responsibilities at Christmas time. The message really had every adult and every child in our school thinking! I thought I would share two of the slides and a link to a 2 minute YouTube video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCOFGQLBp7w> It is a wonderful reminder to be present in the moment and to enjoy the time of Advent.

Reflection on Our Behaviour



Our School Values help us to make the right choices

Reflection on Our Behaviour

Being responsible makes Your Life Better.

Our behaviour affects every area of our life.

Do we have a responsibility to behave well at Christmas?

Isn't it a time to have fun and not worry?

Daily Advent Stories

Please look at our social media sites for our daily advent stories read by members of staff.

Carol Service

Confirmation that our Carol Service is on the last day of term 16th December at 2pm. Parents welcome to attend and collect their children at the end of the service please complete the google form so we are informed if you wish to do this. <https://forms.gle/9BBmevyTPgSEtDB36>

Community Pictures

Reminder, please continue to send your drawings in showing what it is like to live in our community. All drawings by Monday please.



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Shining Lights of the Week!

Ark Nursery	Matilda for taking responsibility and following our Nursery classroom rules. Matilda has shown brilliant listening ears and is quick to react when we play our tidy up song!
Antarctica Class (yr R)	Christopher is our Shining Light of the Week for confidently sharing some fantastic ideas during our whole class inputs.
Oceania Class (yr 1)	Amelia for her hard work in English. She has used her phonics to sound out new words. Amelia hasn't been satisfied to write one or two sentences, but has strived to write a whole page.
Africa Class (yr 2)	Evie-Mae for taking responsibility of her learning. She always puts in maximum effort which shows in her wonderful work.
Europe Class (yr 3)	Harry for showing responsibility in his learning and his learning behaviours by being a fantastic role model to others and completing his work to a great standard.
S. America Class (yr 4)	Hana for always setting a wonderful example to others on how to be responsible, she always helps to keep our classroom clean and tidy and is respectful to all of her peers.
Asia Class (yr 5)	Khloe for working hard in maths - she has grown in confidence and is volunteering answers and ideas. Well done!
N. America Class (yr 6)	Ryley H has had a great week, contributing lots of thoughtful ideas and taking responsibility for his learning by completing some high quality pieces of work

WOW MOMENTS!

Sophia (yr 4) participated in a Gymnastics competition in Wiltshire over the weekend and overall received a bronze medal with a gold for floor and silver on the vault

Esme (yr 6) helped Ashton Fox turn on the Dereham Christmas lights on Sunday

Reuben (yr 2) won Player of the Month for November for his football team (Under 7s Wasps at Shipdham United). He won this award for putting in 110%, and showing passion, perseverance and dedication to improve his football skills.



*Please remember to continue to send in you **WOW** moments for achievements out of school:*

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The week's overall attendance – 94.8%
Europe Class (yr 3) – 99%

OUR KEY LEARNING QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Year Group	Key Learning Question of the Week
1	Can we put toys in chronological order?
2	What damage did The Great Fire of London cause?
3	What does Stonehenge tell us about prehistoric Britain?
4	What influence did the Romans have on our words and numbers?
5	How did England become a unified country?
6	Climate Change: how does this challenge effect the globe?

Help with Living Costs

Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help families get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water and other household essentials including white goods. More information is attached to the Newsletter as a separate attachment.

The Friends of Shipdham School

The Friends will be selling Reindeer Food for 50p and Hot Chocolate Crackers for £1.50 outside, after school today and every day next week except Wednesday.

E-Safety

We have attached separately some information from Mrs Carter our SENCo around online safety this week. Her Newsletter gives a link to the NSPCC who have produced several safety tips, advice and activities for children with SEND and they families. Also attached is a visual guide for parents on how to support children with potential cyberbullying in gaming.

KS1 Gymnastics Festival

This week children from years 1 and 2 took part in a Gymnastics Festival at Easton Gymnastics Club. They had a fantastic morning and the children had the chance to try out floor, vault, bars and beam. Everyone really enjoyed jumping into the foam pit and having a go on the trampoline and bars. The festival value was determination and this was awarded to Kelsey in year 1 for her enthusiasm in all disciplines.



Africa Class (yr 2)

We have been busy finishing off our 'Great Fire of London' final pieces in Art. We have been mixing primary colours to create a fire for our landscape painting.

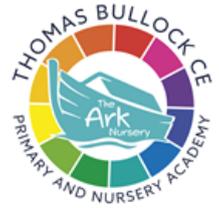


South America Class (yr 4)

Year 4 had a great time on their trip this week going back in time to visit Roman centurions and members of the Iceni tribe. The children developed their previous learning of the Romans and their invasions by learning shield formations and practicing marching using the Latin version of left and right. The children got to make potions with an Iceni druid to look into the future and learnt about wealthy Romans and the jobs of slaves.



The Ark Nursery Newsletter



This week

We have had a busy week of learning, alongside beginning our festive fun! In Literacy, we have been introduced to 'The Christmas Story' and we have discussed each of the characters. In Maths, we created AB pattern fruit kebabs – this went down a treat with the children. We were also briefly introduced to ABC patterns. We mixed together ingredients, rolled out the salt dough and pressed festive shapes into the dough to create Christmas decorations. They are currently drying out before we decorate them in the final weeks before Christmas! We were very excited to come into class on Thursday to find a huge Christmas tree with twinkly lights. We noticed an elf sitting at the top of the tree and read a letter from him together.



Next week

Alongside lots of fun Christmas activities, we will continue practising our songs and actions for our Christmas performance. We are super excited for the James and the Giant Peach show in our school hall on Monday afternoon! We also have Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday where we will wear our usual clothing with a Christmas jumper over the top and our Christmas party afternoon on Friday! In amongst all the excitement, we will continue looking at AB and ABC patterns, before we move onto consolidating our maths learning. We will also continue looking at The Christmas Story and begin story mapping the story together.

Learning links at home

- Christmas time is a time to think about ways we can be kind and helpful to others. Find a way to help someone in your family.
- Draw or paint a Christmas picture.
- Design some Christmas wrapping paper – can you use a repeating ABAB pattern in your design? You might have: green bauble, red bauble, green bauble, red bauble.

DIARY DATES

December

- 5th James and the Giant Peach – theatre visit to whole school
- 8th Christmas Jumper Day (with uniform)
- 9th FOSS Christmas Party/Disco afternoon (wear party clothes)
- 12th 9.30am Nativity performance to parents
- 12th 2pm Nativity performance to parents
- 13th Yr 1 Trip to Holkham Hall Christmas Event
- 14th Christmas Lunch (wear your Christmas Jumper with uniform)
- 14th Christingle Service All Saints Church
- 15th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop
- 16th FOSS Christmas Lunchtime Shop
- 16th Carol Service 2.00pm at All Saints Church (parents welcome)
- 16th Last day of term

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December – Tuesday 3rd January

January

- 3rd INSET Day
- 4th School reopens

Half term week Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

March

- 16th & 17th Year 5 one night residential to The Horstead Centre
- 20th School Photographer – whole class photos
- 31st Last day of term

April

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

- 17th INSET Day
- 18th School reopens

May

- 1st Bank Holiday
- 8th Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
- 8th – 12th Year 6 SATS week
- 15th – 19th – Year 2 SATS week

Half term Monday 29th May – Friday June 2nd

- 5th INSET Day
- 6th School reopens

July

- 5th – 7th Year 6 residential to Eaton Vale
- 21st Last day of term

* New addition