



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

Thank you all so much for joining our Parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. We trialed an earlier and later evening opportunity and this seems to have worked well. But we are happy to hear any feedback. It was also a lovely addition to Wednesday evening to have Aspens offering a Menu Tasting experience. If you did not make your appointment time or manage to book one, please do let us know and we will try and accommodate an appointment for you.



Parent Voice Survey

Following on from the Parents' Evenings, please could you spend a few minutes to complete our parent voice survey for the Spring term. <https://forms.gle/2DX1ggNCm9XAczAx5>

Nursery Fee Reduction

Last week, we mentioned that we were looking to decrease our Nursery fees for our excellent teacher-led provision due to the current financial climate. From the Summer term, we will only charge £4 a session, reducing the fee by 95p per session. Our sessions always include lunchtime- we do not charge for this half-hour for any child.

We are still taking enrolment for the Summer term and from September. We also intake from the Age of 2 and accept 15 and 30 hour funding.



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Shining Lights of the Week!

- Ark Nursery **Esther** is our shining light of the week for a super week in Nursery! She has persevered and is settling in well.
- Antarctica (yr R) **Eva** for persevering with her learning and making wonderful progress in her phonics and sound blending.
- Oceania Class (yr 1) **Corey** for fantastic efforts and perseverance with all of his learning this week, particularly his writing and Maths.
- Africa Class (yr 2) **Mason** for persevering with his spellings. Mason has been working really hard on his spellings at home and in school. It is super to see Mason's confidence shine!
- Europe Class (yr 3) **Freddie B** for persevering in all lessons this week and having a can-do attitude. He has completed all of his work and proven to himself and others that he can achieve anything if he puts his mind to it.
- S America Class (yr 4) **Mason** for perseverance with his maths work this week. It has been wonderful to see that light bulb moment with his understanding of tenths this week.
- Asia Class (yr 5) **The whole class** for their amazing behaviour, courage and positive attitude during the trip to The Horstead Centre.
- N America Class (yr 6) **Jack** has really persevered with his learning, showing great progress in his recent tests - well done, you should be really proud.

WOW MOMENTS!

James (yr 4) got Judoka of the week this week along with passing his grading which means he is now a red belt 3rd Dan.

Grace (yr 6) plays for Dereham Saint's under 12s Gold, they have won their league this season with 2 games still to play, 16 played, 15 wins, 1 draw, 76 goals scored and only 3 conceded. Well done Saint's!



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

<https://forms.gle/DV4RoVbQGpijcUMV7>

This week's overall attendance – 96% Africa Class (Yr 3) – 98%

FOSS DISCO – reminder!

Next Thursday 30th March is the FOSS Disco:

Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Tickets £3.50 which includes a choice or snack plus unlimited squash/water

No money needed on the night.



EASTER SERVICE

We will be holding our Easter Service in Church on the last day of term, Friday 31st March at 9.30am
Parents are welcome to come along and join in.
Reception class will also be doing an Easter Bonnet Parade as part of the service.

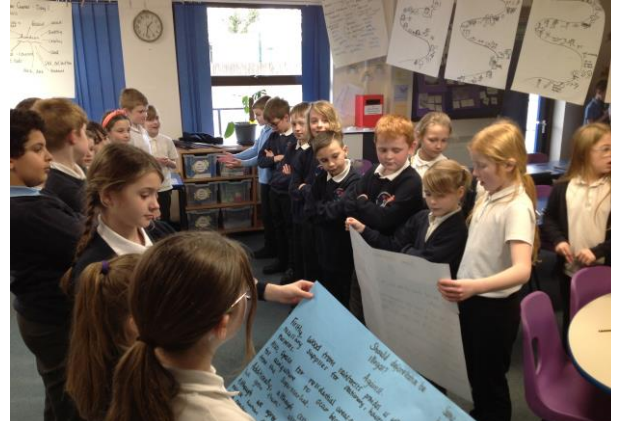
Oceania Class (Yr 1)

This week in Science Year One have been learning about the human body. We drew around one another and labelled the main body parts. We even knew the names of some of the organs inside us! We finished the lesson off by learning a song called, 'The Skeleton Dance'.



South America Class (Yr 4)

In Year 4 this week we had a live debate to kick off our new English topic of balanced arguments. Our topic is whether deforestation should be illegal. The children worked hard in groups to build on their points and listened to other points of view before coming back with well thought out answers.



North America (Yr 6)

Here are some photos of year 6's model air-raid shelters they made for homework. Mrs Fowler was so impressed by their effort. There was a model made from cake, a model which included a washing line, a garden well and pigs and even a model which had lights inside!



Asia Class (yr 5)

Year 5 enjoyed their Asian Food Workshop this afternoon with Aspens. Steve shared a huge amount of knowledge surrounding Asian cuisine with the children. We watched him make a stir fry and were excited to try this and the Asian dessert of sweet rice with mango. Lots of children were surprised to enjoy the food and talked about wanting to have a go at chopping up vegetables and making stir fry at home! One child said "I don't normally like vegetables but these vegetables are nice". We then completed a quiz, again learning more about Asian foods, and one of us was lucky enough to win a prize! Thank you Aspens, we had so much fun.



Europe Class (yr 3)

Year 3 had an Italian food tasting morning to support them to write a restaurant review in the form of a persuasive text. They enjoyed a 3 course menu and writing up descriptive language for their working wall.



Wellbeing Walk

Today we had a whole School well-being session out on the field - led by the forest school teacher Mrs Garrod. The staff and children took part in a "fruit" game to raise a smile and let all the children join up for time together followed by a walk. Lots of smiles and giggles in the sunshine for 15 minutes!



The Ark Nursery Newsletter

This week



We have learnt sounds 'f' and 'e' this week. We've been introduced to the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and lots of us can already re-tell the story! Amazing work! We went on our own bear hunt around the school grounds and found lots of elements from the book on our travels. We recapped capacity and talked about 'more' and 'less' in terms of water. We've learnt some brilliant vocabulary for capacity and we even had visitors who were impressed and commented on this too!



Next week

Next week, we will learn sounds 'l' and 'h'. We will continue our learning based around the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', but will also be introduced to the story 'We're Going on an Egg Hunt' too! During our maths sessions, we will consolidate our learning from this half term. We will learn the differences in our families and our own appearances. We will also have lots of Easter themed activities, as well as our Easter service at the church on Friday morning.

We will host an Easter themed stay & play on Wednesday 2-3pm.

Learning links at home

- Go for a walk or visit a farm or park. What animals did you see? Can you see any flowers growing? You could take some photos or draw a picture of something.
- Which animals come from eggs? Talk about baby animals and how to care for them.
- We have introduced the touch screen chromebooks to the children this week. We've practised navigating them, as well as playing some counting games. A particular favourite of ours was the ladybird spot counting game: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>. Have a practise at home!



DIARY DATES

March

- 27th Year 2 Parents SAT Presentation in School 5.30pm
- 29th Yr 6 VE Day to end WW2 Project
- 30th KS1 Cross Country Event at Taveham
- 30th School Disco
- 31st Easter Service at Church 9.30am – parents invited*
- 31st Last day of term

April

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

- 17th INSET Day
- 18th School reopens
- 26th Nursery Open Afternoon from 1.30pm

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