

Bunwell Primary Newsletter – 25th May

We have reached the end of another half term, which seems to have flown by. Can I start by thanking everyone involved in the school including the parents and pupils who have contributed to a successful six weeks. A special thank you to the dedicated staff who have worked so hard together to keep the school going forwards and me on the right track.

Looking back over the last few weeks there is much to celebrate including a smooth period of SATs, a very successful Bingo night organised by the PTA and some excellent hard work from the pupils. It has been a real pleasure to be able to meet with some of them to go through their work and see just how well they are doing.

Looking forward I have been very pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Husbands from September as well as completing plans for welcoming Thompson Primary to the Trust in July. There are exciting times ahead for the school and I am very much looking forward to the next half term.

I hope everyone has a restful break.

Mr Merrywest

Staff Appointments

I was very pleased to be able to announce that Miss Emily Husbands will be joining us as Head of School from September. Miss Husbands was an excellent candidate and is originally from Norfolk and has eight years' teaching experience in Hertfordshire and London schools. She is currently in a Senior Leadership position in a primary school in London and brings knowledge and experience which will benefit both the staff and pupils of Bunwell.

The Head of School role differs slightly from that of Head Teacher and Miss Husbands will be responsible for all aspects of the School on a day to day basis including working with the staff, pupils and parents. She will also have some teaching responsibility across both Key Stages. For continuity purposes I will retain the Executive Leadership responsibility during the next academic year on a part time basis.

The Academy Trust were also very pleased to appoint Mrs Clare McMeekin as a Trust Deputy Head Teacher from September. Mrs McMeekin will be working across all three of the schools in our Trust with a particular focus on Special Education Needs. She brings vast experience from a similar role for a federation of schools in Suffolk and was an exceptional candidate in a very strong field.

Both Miss Husbands and Mrs McMeekin are very exciting new appointments for the School and the Trust. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them both in September and we look forward to developing the school's future together.

Building Work

Plans are now nearing completion and work will be starting towards the end of next term. We will keep disruption to a minimum, but we may require a little flexibility for short periods whilst we move things around. As a brief outline below:

- The mobile classrooms will house KS2 classes with updated lighting and flooring alongside fresh paintwork.
- Reception and Year 1 will be in the room currently used by Class 3. A corridor will be created in the back of the room and a new doorway will be added to the front playground.
- The front playground will be resurfaced and a new fence erected. New play equipment will be added.
- The room currently used by Class 4 will be given generally superficial work, with the exception of a new wall between the room and the hall and new flooring.

These building changes are designed to create a fresh and updated feel to the school and a modern learning environment for our young people.

If anyone is willing or able to volunteer their time and help with this in the summer holidays, we need everyone from those able to clear out and move things around to skilled labourers and builders. Please do feel free to contact me.

School Open Morning

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the school open morning, particularly those who were able to help the young people in their outdoor learning. This was extremely successful and we would like to offer at least one more of these mornings in the next half term. Thank you for everyone who attended.

ClassDojo

I have mentioned previously that we are using a new team rewards system in school called ClassDojo and I am pleased to know that it is now working well enough to get parents involved. The easiest way to get to ClassDojo is via the app on smartphone or tablet, but it is also available on the web.

We have sent home via pupil post a code that you require to link to your child(ren)s account. We intend to use this as a key method of communication in the future, so I would encourage you all to get connected as soon as possible.

A reminder that important announcements are also on Twitter @Bunwell_Primary

Logo and Uniform

Work has been progressing well on the new logo and I hope to be able share something with you soon after half term. This is an important feature of our uniform for next year and so we will not be announcing uniform arrangements until later in June. We realise our current supplier has sent leaflets to parents regarding ordering early for the Summer, but details will be available soon. If there is an urgent requirement to purchase the current uniform, please use a plain coloured alternative available from most supermarkets. If you have any queries, please do ask me.

Dates for the diary

26th May – School closed for half term at 15:20 pm

5th June – School reopens at 08:45 am

22nd June – Open afternoon for new starters to Reception

27th June – Norwich Puppet Theatre Trip -Class 2

8th July - Bunfest @ Village Hall 2pm onwards

4th July - Whitlingham Trip – KS2

6th July – Parents evening

10th July – London Planetarium Trip

13th July - Sports Day

21st July – Leavers celebration assembly 2pm

21st July – School Disco – KS1 @ 4:30 – 5:45 KS2 @ 6:00 – 7:30