



Bunwell in Brief

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Together, we will strive to ensure that we C.A.R.E and our children are: **confident, able learners, responsible members of the community and effective learners.**

What we have been learning



Ladybirds: In Ladybirds class we have had our last performances of the Nativity which were amazing! We are all so proud of the children. We have also been enjoying the last full week before Christmas by completing activities linked to 'The Night before Christmas' and completing lots of Christmas Crafts.

Hedgehogs: In Hedgehog class we have continued our work on the Rainforest. This week we have made cookies using ingredients found in the rainforest and have been finding out about deforestation. In English we have been practising our debating skills and in maths we have been focusing on properties of 2D shapes.

Badgers: Badgers class are still going strong before the Christmas break. We are finishing our Egyptian art work on papyrus made by the children as well as writing letters in English. The children wrote some excellent newspaper reports and are rightly proud of their work. Thank you for all the homework sent in this week! The children thoroughly enjoyed presenting their work!

Foxes: Foxes have finished writing their own Greek myth and are currently editing and publishing them. In maths they have been learning about circles and polygons. I have been very impressed with all the wonderful things the children have made, painted and written for this term's homework and the children have enjoyed the opportunity to share their work with their classmates. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have helped the children with these projects. **Mrs. Simon**

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Winter weather

Please ensure that children have warm coats and clothes as the weather gets colder – as long as the weather is fine we will continue to go outdoors including for PE lessons.

Mindset Moments



Staffing

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Bould at Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work at Bunwell and wish her all the best in her new job.



Achievements

Well done to the children who have received certificates and awards for going to extra mile around school.

Christmas at Bunwell

With only two days left until the end of term we still have some Christmas celebrations to look forward to. Each class will be having a Christmas party on **Monday** afternoon. Your child's class teacher will have sent a Dojo message with more information.

On **Tuesday** we will be holding our carol service in the church at 1:30pm. Please come and join us. After the service you are able to take your children to start the Christmas holidays.

Starting School

The Reception class admission round for September 2019 is for children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 (aged 4+ on 1 September 2018). The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**.

Yellow Lines

We politely ask that all parents are considerate when dropping off their children and do not park on the yellow lines. This is for the safety of all our children, families and staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

Austhorpe House

Last week Y6 went to sing carols for the residents of Austhorpe House – thank you to Mrs Simon for organising it and to Mrs Kerridge who helped with transport. The children enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school.

Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for **96%** attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for last two weeks. The whole school attendance for this half term looks very positive at 97%.

Another great fortnight – well done!

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
94%	98%	99%	98%

Safeguarding at Bunwell

At Bunwell all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Tuckett, Miss Husbands or Mrs Brookes. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about a child outside school.

Headteacher News

When it comes to technology and children we all wonder how much screen time is ok for my child? The American Academy of Paediatrics have released some guidelines about the amount of time advisable for children and screens, it takes into account modern family life, the different types of technology children use and also the positive impact technology can have on children's lives.

The report does not suggest trying to count screen hours or keep track of the amount of time spent on screen but instead, suggest forming a family media plan which takes into account the needs of each child in the house as well as the whole family.

Here are some tips to get started from Childnet:

1. Use digital devices together – get involved with your child's online activities. Have fun, play games and learn together, just as you would in the offline work. This will also help teach your child to stay safe online.
2. Set clear expectations – having rules as a family can help your child enjoy their digital life and get the most out of being online. Work together as a family to set your online rules.
3. Act responsibly – as a parent you can set the parental controls and choose the content which is suitable for your child.
4. Establish good habits – everyone enjoys sharing moments with family and friends through a variety of online platforms. Modelling good habits to your children early on is a great way to help children to stay safe online.

Technology is an integral part of modern day life and something which our children are often more adept with than us. Working together to teach children good habits and understand when to switch off will have benefits for all.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 18th December – Christmas service in church at 1:30pm – all welcome

Monday 24th December – Christingle service at Bunwell church

Thursday 3rd January – children return to school

Thursday 24th January – Hedgehogs class assembly – 9am – parents welcome

Thursday 24th January – Parent Forum – 9:15am at school – please join us

Monday 28th January – NSPCC 'Speak out, Stay safe' assemblies and workshops

Tuesday 29th January – Y5 English transition event @ OBHS

Monday 4th February - Y6 Languages Day @ LSHS

Tuesday 5th February – Y6 MFL transition event @ OBHS

Thursday 14th February – Ladybirds class assembly

Monday 18th February - half term

More dates to follow

Bunwell PTA

The PTA are always looking for new members. The children would miss out on many fantastic opportunities were it not for the tireless work of our fabulous PTA.

If you wish to get involved, please contact one of the PTA members or give your details to Mrs Davis in the school office and we will let you have more detail.

A huge thank you to the PTA who organised such a successful St Nick's night on Friday 7th. We raised over £600 which will go towards trips and experiences for the children in the new year.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Miss E. Husbands