



# 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:** This week we have started reading our new text in literacy called 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary'. We have been using adjectives to describe Dougal and the underwater setting. We have also been learning to name and locate the world's 5 oceans.

**Hedgehogs:** This week we have read the story 'the Great Kapok Tree' and have created a story map to help us remember the story. In maths we have continued our work on shape, focusing this term on 3D shapes. In topic we have been creating a rainstorm through music.

**Badgers:** Badger class have begun our new topic Oceans. The children are excited to learn about the underwater world and have asked excellent learning questions this week. We have been looking at and researching different marine life and using these in our English work later in the term!

**Foxes:** Foxes class have started their new maths topic: fractions and have been working on various elements of spelling, punctuation and grammar in English. We have also started our new class book: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell and the children are really enjoying the story so far.

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### Welcome Back

Happy New Year. I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas break. We are looking forward to the new term with lots going on at Bunwell. The termly grids detailing what is going on in each class will be on the website from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January.

### Mindset Moments



### Parent Forum – 24<sup>th</sup> January

The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children
- share information, knowledge and skills
- meet in a mutually supportive environment
- further improve communications between parent/carers and staff/governors



### Achievements

Well done to all of the children who received a pupil of the week certificate! Keep up the good work.

## Lunchtime and Wellies

So that the children can enjoy all the space we have at Bunwell all year round, if your child brings wellies to school during the winter months they will be allowed to go on the field at lunchtime.

## Attendance

Attendance has improved greatly in the first term of 2018-19 compared to 2017/18. We expect children's attendance to be at 96% - in line with government and county expectations. Last year we were below this at 94%. This year we are above this at 97%. We thank you for your continued support and to the families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high. It is important to get these habits established early as it can make a difference to their futures. We do appreciate that you tackle the daily obstacles, what the weather throws at us and everything else to get to school on time so that children can begin their learning on time. I have spoken before about the link between attendance and achievement – an improvement in attendance will link to an improvement in achievement.

## 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 Miss McMeekin. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about a child outside school.

## Headteacher News

One of the memorable news stories from 2018 was that of plastics and anyone who saw Blue Planet will remember the episode which focused on how plastic affects sea creatures. David Attenborough has said he was astonished at the public response to the episode and never imagined there would be so many people who would be inspired to change as a result of watching it.

Plastics became part of the fabric of our daily lives decades ago to the extent that we hardly notice it around us, until now. They find their way into almost every part of our lives making up about 50% of our cars, as polyester in the clothes we wear and even as the adhesive which holds together tea bags. If Queen Victoria had used a plastic straw to drink from on her coronation, it would still be intact today.

Schools have been urged to eliminate single use plastics by 2022 by making small changes. At Bunwell, for example, the children's milk comes in recyclable bottles rather than individual cartons which are not recyclable.

Our hot school dinners are plastic free, arriving in metal trays which are washed and used daily. As are the plates and cutlery we use. I have noticed that some children who bring in packed lunches from home use paper bags to wrap their sandwiches or have lunchboxes with little compartments for the different things they have. It is small changes like these which combine to make a big difference.

Mrs Brookes' and Miss Johnson's class topic this term is 'Under the Sea' with Mr Tuckett's being 'Oceans' and they will be looking at the impact plastic, and other forms of pollution, is having on the oceans.

What small changes can you and your family make to try and eliminate single use plastics? Share your ideas and changes with us on Dojo.

## 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.

## Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Dance club (KS2) starts

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Hedgehogs class assembly – 9am – parents welcome

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Parent Forum – 9:15am at school – please join us

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – NSPCC 'Speak out, Stay safe' assemblies and workshops

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Y5 English transition event @ OBHS

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Y6 Languages Day @ LSHS

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Y6 MFL transition event @ OBHS

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Ladybirds class assembly

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - half term

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – back to school

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Y5 Cycling

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Y5 PE transition event @ OBHS

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1

*More dates to follow*

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**