



# 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:** Ladybirds have been continuing their topic 'Houses and Homes'. They have been talking about different kinds of houses and making them with construction materials and on the art table. They have been working extra hard on phonics and have begun to read and write some simple words.

**Hedgehogs:** Hedgehogs have been working really hard this week writing and illustrating their own stories based on the book 'What the Ladybird Head'. In maths we have continued to work on place value and have been comparing and ordering numbers. In science we have been looking at microhabitats and the types of minibeasts you might find there.

**Badgers:** Badgers have been working hard on their times tables this year and we are seeing great results. The children are proud of their progress and want to get better and better, please continue practising at home. In topic we are starting to look at art around the world and will be making totem poles in the coming weeks.

**Foxes:** Foxes class have been continuing to develop their understanding of the four operations in maths. In English, they have finished their non-chronological reports on an Antarctic animal of their choice and are beginning to learn about explanation texts.

## Newsletter No.3: 11<sup>th</sup> October

### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all the parents and families who supported our Bunwell Bake Off and MacMillan Coffee Morning, we raised £118.

### Mindset Moments



### E-Safety tip



### Achievements



Well done to all of the children who received a pupil of the week certificate! Keep up the good work. It has been lovely to share so many out of school achievements in assembly recently – well done!

## Term Dates 2020/21

We have been looking ahead to the next academic year and are able to confirm that we will be following the Norfolk County Council term dates. Children will return to school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

## Secondary School

Year 6 parents should have received their secondary transfer information by now, please let us know if you need any support with this process. Applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Many secondary schools have open evenings in the Autumn term for Year 5 and Year 6 parents.

## Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for **96%** attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last two weeks, the whole school attendance is **97%**. **Well done – Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
98%	96%	98%	96%

## 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

Just before the end of term in the summer the DfE approved our application to lower the age range of Bunwell Primary School to three years old. In January, we will begin to welcome younger children to our school. We understand that there are lots of different options when considering 'nursery' settings for your child and here in Bunwell we are lucky to have many options on our doorstep, our three-year-old provision will give parents another choice beyond playgroup, childminders and a Montessori. Regardless of where you decide to send them, there are many positive benefits which will have a direct impact on your child's immediate development and as they progress to school.

The three year olds we welcome to Bunwell will join Ladybirds class and our Early Years Foundation Stage classroom. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum which provides standards and a structure of learning for children from birth to five years old. It is during this time that the attitudes to learning are formed and social skills are developed which lay the foundations for future education. Play underpins the teaching and delivery of the EYFS. Young children, in whatever setting, learn most effectively through play.

We hope that by welcoming three year olds, we will enable even more children to experience the best possible start to their education with secure foundations for future learning. They will have the opportunity to learn and play in a stimulating and engaging environment which encourages the children to feel confident enough to take risks, try new experiences and become independent learners.

## Chair of Governors Update

*Another busy half-term draws to a close. Many people enjoyed a wonderful open morning where the school looked a vibrant, colourful and energetic place to learn with some wonderful examples of the children's work on display. There were some excellent efforts in the Bunwell Bake Off, congratulations to the winners, which together with tea and coffee raised £118 for MacMillan. A huge thank you to all involved and credit to the pupils who acted as tour guides and provided the silver-service at the tables, great ambassadors for the school.*

*As the end of autumn and winter approaches, we all need to be mindful of darker mornings and evenings and inclement weather. We remind everyone of the need to make more time for your journeys, wrap up warm and to be mindful of the busy school entrance and be courteous and patient, particularly keeping the yellow zig-zags and the gravel area clear for blue-badge holders and the children, parents, carers and staff.*

*Have a great half-term!*

## PTA

The PTA are enjoying a revival in members, we held a Special AGM on Wednesday to vote in new officers and are pleased that the full committee now extends to twelve people.

I would like to thank Mrs Drew for all her work as Chair over the last year, she has worked hard to keep the PTA afloat and will be taking on the role of Treasurer this year, along with Mrs Mills. Mrs Bond will be the new Chair and Mrs Bunn returns as Secretary. Thank you as well to Mrs Kerridge who remains as Vice Chair.

St Nicks will be held on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** from 5 – 6:30pm this year. Please save the date!

## Dates for your Diary



**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Nursery open morning for prospective families – 9 – 10am

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA dress down day – bring a bottle for bottle raffle@ St Nicks

**w/b Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – half term – school closed

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** – children return to school

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception trip to TotsTown

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – deadline for secondary school applications

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Nursery open afternoon for prospective families – 2 – 3pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Remembrance Service in church – 11am start – all welcome

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – opening morning for prospective 2020 Reception parents – 9 – 10:30am

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – St Nicks – 5 – 6:30pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics event – letter to follow nearer the time

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – RockSteady concert – 9am – all welcome

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Service in church – 2pm – all welcome

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**