



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 completing lots of Christmas activities including Christmas cards and tree decorations. We are looking forward to our party next week. Merry Christmas!

Hedgehogs: This week Hedgehogs have designed and begun to make their scarecrows. They have chosen their material, used a saw and have used a special lashing knot to tie two pieces of wood together.

Badgers: Badgers this week have been writing poetry and thinking about Christmas! They have also been learning the script for the Carol concert next week in the church. They are all very excited about Christmas and spent some time making Christmas cards this week.

Foxes: Foxes have been continuing to learn about fractions in maths and in English they have been learning about prepositions and revisiting work on word classes. Their DT project has come to an end, with the children evaluating their finished tents and considering how they could be improved upon. They have very much enjoyed making Christmas cookies – the end results look great!

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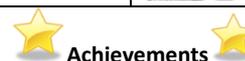
Starting School

The Reception class admission round for September 2020 is for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 (aged 4+ on 1 September 2020). The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**.

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.

Staffing

After Christmas there will be some changes to staffing due to the new three year olds starting. Mrs Fisher will be moving into Ladybirds with Ms McCauley going into Hedgehogs. We will also be welcoming Miss Spalding into Ladybirds as an Early Years Educator Apprentice.

Nativity

Thank you to all the parents and families who came to see our nativity 'It's a Party' on Monday. The children were fantastic!



Christmas at Bunwell

With only three 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 **Tuesday** afternoon. Your child's class teacher will have sent a Dojo message with more information. On **Wednesday** we will be holding our carol service in the church at 2pm. Please come and join us. After the service you are able to take your children to start the Christmas holidays.

The PTA would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for all your support in fundraising this year.

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 93%. **Well done Badgers and Foxes – Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
90%	94%	98%	96%

Safeguarding at Bunwell

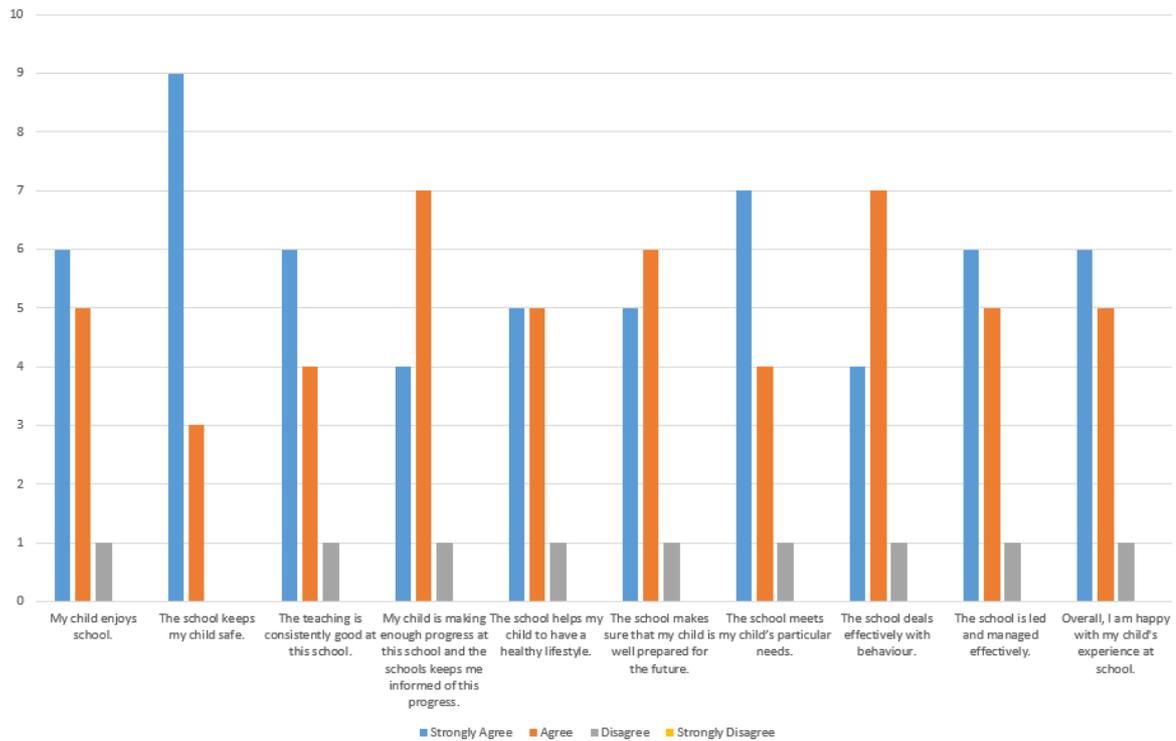
At Bunwell all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Tuckett, Miss Husbands or Mrs Brookes. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about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

Bunwell Primary School is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred.

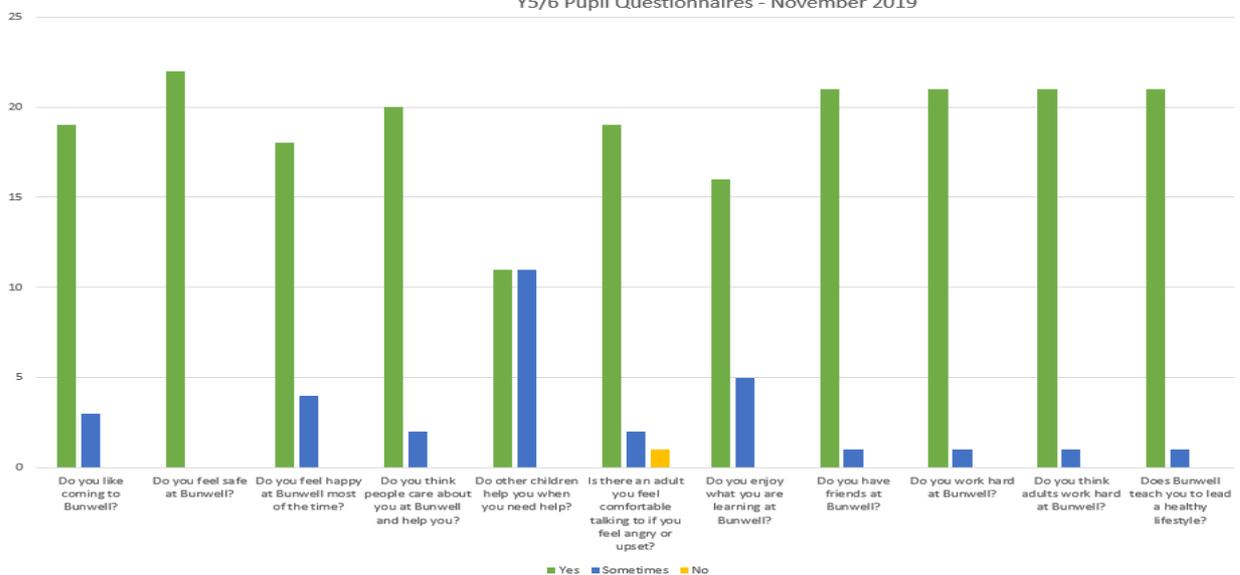
Headteacher News

Once a term we conduct parent and pupil questionnaires. A number of parents completed the parent questionnaires at parent's evening and I would like to take this opportunity to share the results of both the parent and pupil questionnaires.

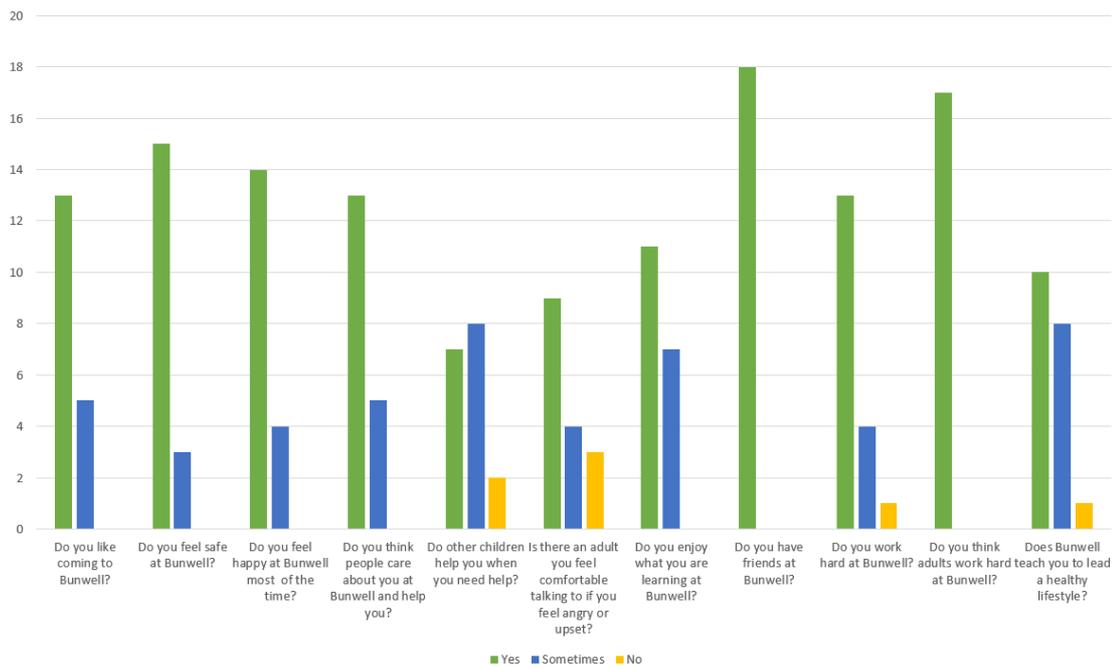
Parent Questionnaire - November 2019



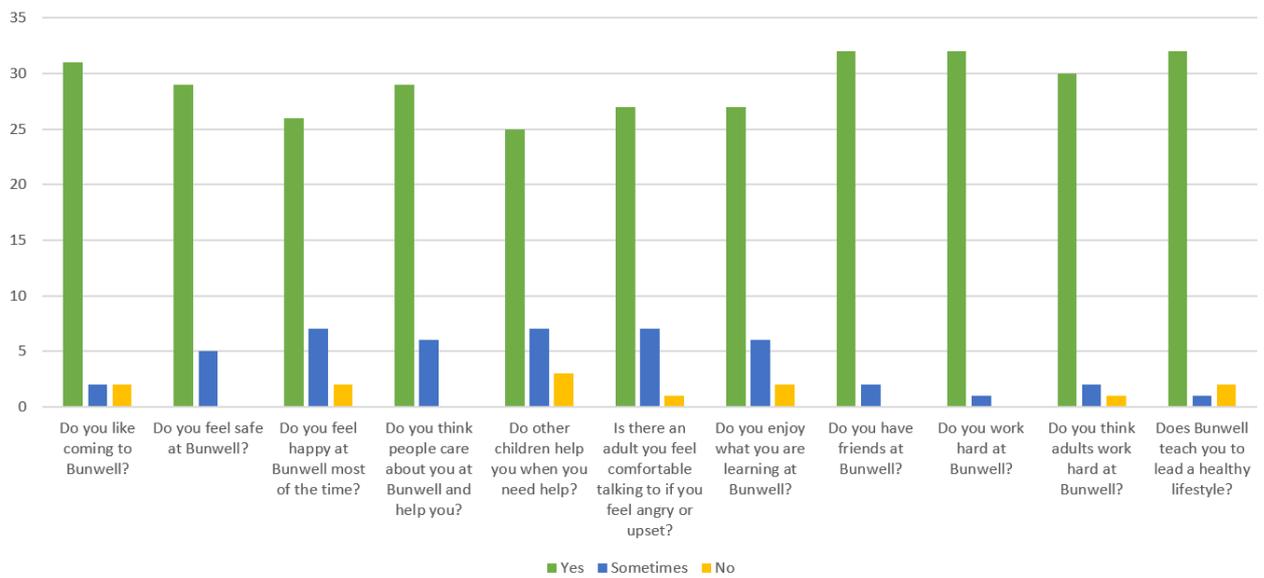
Y5/6 Pupil Questionnaires - November 2019



Y3/4 Pupil Questionnaire - November 2019



EYFS & KS1 Pupil Questionnaires - November 2019



The questionnaires reflect what we see day in day out at Bunwell; happy, safe children who are enjoying what they're learning and supporting each other. The teachers have spoken to the children who ticked the no box and found out the reasons why these were ticked and they have resolved the issues. Sometimes this was a case of not understanding the question eg. is there an adult you can talk to? Some children ticked no as they say they don't ever need to talk to an adult in this situation. We have also taken on board the children's wonderful suggestions! Thank you to the parents who responded to the parent questionnaire at parents' evening. I have followed up on some of the comments shared where parents gave their names.

Chair of Governors Update

This newsletter brings to an end a busy and ultimately, very positive term. The recent OFSTED report confirmed that the school remains 'Good' together with some comments about how we can continue to improve. Thank you to all those who gave feedback to the report and made the effort to come to the school review meetings. Many of us enjoyed the fabulous performances of the annual nativity play, and we also look forward to one of the now regular events – the Rocksteady end-of-term gig. We also had the wonderful news of a financial legacy to the school from a former pupil, which will be used for the children to support extra-curricular activities and further enhance their journey at Bunwell.

An issue that we would like to point out as mentioned to me by many parents, particularly as the weather becomes more inclement, is that authorised vehicles that park closer to the school continue to be courteous and aware of the many children and adults on foot. Also, despite the weather, all please avoid parking on the yellow zigzag lines and leave plenty of time to get to school – there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing, so please be prepared and keep the area immediately around the entrance to school as clear as possible to avoid potential risk.

*All that it remains for me to say is to enjoy the break and a merry Christmas and a happy new year to all.
David Clover*

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 18th December – RockSteady concert 9am – all welcome & Carol Service in church 2pm – all welcome

Wednesday 18th December – last day of term

Tuesday 7th January – children return to school

Wednesday 15th January – OBHS Y6 Geography & History transition morning

Friday 17th January – dress down day – please bring in donations for Mother's Day sale (eg. unwanted Christmas presents)

Tuesday 28th January – OBHS Y5 English transition morning

Monday 3rd February - LSHS Y6 Languages day

Tuesday 4th February – OBHS Y6 Languages morning

Tuesday 4th February – Planetarium visit (TBC)

w.b Monday 10th February – Ladybirds stay and play – day and time to be confirmed

Friday 14th February – last day before half term

Have a great Christmas holiday!

Miss E. Husbands