



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.

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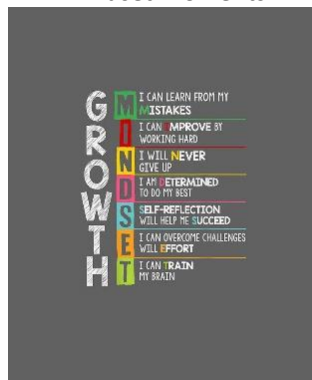
Welcome Back

Welcome back to another term at Bunwell. We are pleased to welcome two new families to school as well as seven three year olds joining us in Ladybirds. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and enjoyed spending it with family and friends.

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



Term dates

We are able to confirm that we will be following the Norfolk County Council term dates. Children will return to school on **Monday 7th September 2020**.

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E-Safety tip



Website

Over the last few months, we have been having some problems with the website. There were some links which weren't working and some of the pages weren't loading properly. We have made the decision to have the website rebuilt, it should be up and running by the end of the month. Thank you for your patience.

Uniform

We have been made aware that some of the logoed uniform from M&S is currently out of stock, however, I have been in touch with M&S who have been able to confirm that all out of stock items should be in stock by the end of the week and they will also be topping up all the stock so items should be consistently available.

Staffing

We have some changes to staffing at Bunwell this term. Miss Spalding will be joining the team in Ladybirds as an Early Year apprentice. Mrs Fisher has moved to work in Ladybirds, with Ms McCauley now in Hedgehogs. Just before the end of last term, we also welcomed Mrs East and Mrs Copeman to the team as midday supervisory assistants.

Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for 96% attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for **Autumn term**, the whole school attendance is 96%. **Well done Badgers and Foxes – Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
95%	95%	97%	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

As we move into 2020 the fight against single use plastics continues. Schools have been urged to eliminate single use plastics by 2022 by making small changes. It is important that we teach our children sustainable practices and try to start simple habits which allow us to reduce the waste we are producing. It is reported that the habit of 'lunch on the go' is generating nearly 11 billion items of packaging waste a year, much of which is not recycled. 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. Time is often tight when preparing packed lunches and it can be easier to put together a lunchbox with prepacked food and individually wrapped items and still ensuring that children get a nutritious lunch. However, studies have shown that making small changes such as buying in bulk and using reusable containers can save money and reduce waste.

There are many lunchboxes and tubs available now which have lots of little spaces for different items which eliminates the need for individual wrapping or packaging.

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.

Chair of Governors Update

A Happy new year to all, and not just a new year, but a new decade as we head into the 20s. This term begins a significant chapter in the history of Bunwell School as we welcome new children into the early-years from the age of 3, it will have a fresh feel and children will now be able to enjoy up to 8 years at Bunwell. We also welcome all the new parents and carers of those who have started at Bunwell this term. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved in the school, whether as a member of the PTA or a governor – an ideal time to start something new and make a valuable and rewarding contribution to the school. If you would like more details, please ask at the reception desk.

Dates for your Diary



w.b Monday 13th January – after school clubs start

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

Thursday 6th February – Hedgehogs class assembly

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

Friday 14th February – last day before half term & dress down day - £1 PTA donation

Wednesday 6th May – Class Photos

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands