



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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Ladybirds: Hello Everyone! It has been so lovely to see posts about what the children have been up to at home. It is so great to see them all and I even got a video too which was just so lovely. If you have not yet sent anything through Tapestry for this week, please do :) I am well and getting into the new routine better now as I have heard you are too. I will be in school all week next week if there is anything you need (a better pencil, pencil grip, paper or anything else you may need) please get in touch as I will have it ready for you. I have been so impressed with the independent writing I have seen this week in phonics and in our Superhero Body work. The children are using their sounds really well to write and handwriting is getting better. There have been some fantastic practical activities happening in maths, even some which involved mud (very brave parents!). Thank you for all that you are doing at home, you are doing great. Miss Johnson

Badgers: Badgers! I have been really impressed with the work that you have been doing! All the photos of projects and work coming through show that you are putting in lots of effort and getting stuck in! Hopefully we will be able to share this work at school before the end of the year! I know it is hard to be stuck at home and not allowed to do all the things you want to or see friends and family but you are doing such a good job! We will get through this! Keep working hard and enjoy the sunshine!

Hedgehogs: This week in English and topic we have been drawing story maps and retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have also made wanted posters, puppets and a Jack and the Beanstalk obstacle course. In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have been going on shape hunts, making 2D shapes and finding out about their properties. It has been lovely seeing photographs of all your hard work, please keep them coming.

Foxes: In maths this week, Year Five have been adding and subtracting decimals and Year Six have been looking at angles in triangles and vertically opposite angles. They have been using the White Rose Home Learning resources and we have had great feedback - I am glad you are enjoying your maths, Foxes Class. In English, Year Five and Six have mostly been brushing up their SPAG skills. Keep the photos and feedback coming, Foxes Class - I enjoy receiving them very much, although they are, of course, a poor substitute for actually seeing you. Mrs. Simon

Sharing our Lockdown

One of the highlights since the closure has been the lovely messages and comments received on Dojo as well as via email and through telephone conversations. Every single one of those messages and comments has thanked the Bunwell team for their hard work and support during these uncertain times. I would like to say a big thank you to you all for taking the time to send these messages; it just goes to prove what a great community we have at Bunwell! We will continue to work hard to ensure that the support continues for all our community.

Reading Books

This week we have wheeled out the trolley of EYFS and KS1 reading books so that parents can change their child's reading books. From next week, we will also be wheeling out a selection of books for KS2 readers. The books will be outside daily so that you are able to change books when you need to.

Reports

I hope you have had the opportunity to read your child's report which was sent via Dojo on Wednesday. If you would like a paper copy of the report, please let us know and we will provide one once school opens. I always enjoy reading the reports and hope that parents will find the 'areas for development' useful and are able to spend some time working on these, where possible.

Safeguarding at Bunwell

During the lockdown, unfortunately there will be some children who are a greater risk of being unsafe. This campaign calls on communities to look out for children and young people during the current coronavirus lockdown. Entitled See Something, Hear Something, Say Something, the campaign focuses on keeping children safe, as families face the pressure of staying at home for this prolonged period. You can ring 0344 800 8020. We all have the responsibility to keep our children safe. You can also contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mr Tuckett, Miss Husbands or Mrs Brookes, for advice and support. 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

Our lives have changed beyond all belief over the last five weeks. We have had to adjust to a different rhythm; I know people who have put away calendars so they don't have to see all the events they had planned coming and going without happening or others who have been through their electronic calendars and deleted events rather than see reminders pop up. Looking at the empty pages can be unnerving, I enjoy having things planned to look forward to, whether it's social engagements or the familiarity of football fixtures or holidays.

As the weeks have still passed with relative speed and we can reflect on our experiences so far. There are many ways in which we are fortunate; I am not separated from those I am closest to and the ones who are physically far away are only at the end of a phone or behind a screen. We are lucky to live in beautiful countryside and in this perfect Spring weather, I am grateful for my garden. The reason for all of this change is to keep us well and to try and limit the spread of the virus and we are fortunate to be healthy, well and safe.

We have all adapted to these huge changes with relative speed, so much changed so quickly. There are all kinds of challenges, some new and some old, as well as worries about an uncertain future. We have to navigate these on a daily basis; some days are easier than others.

Social media has been a lifeline for many in the current circumstances, enabling us to stay in touch with friends and family, but it can also be a curse. Social media often presents the best parts of life and we share what we want people to see, the successes we have had. Just as in school, we teach children that mistakes help you learn, as well as sharing what's worked at home, let's share our home schooling disasters because we can learn a lot from the things which haven't gone to plan and there will be others who have experienced the same.

As teachers, we all have lessons which we have planned and resourced carefully only for them to go completely wrong when we come to teach them. It's these lessons which are talked and laughed about cathartically in the staffroom and remembered for years to come!

Chair of Governors Update

I trust everyone was able to enjoy Easter, and whilst surreal in the current situation, have a good break? We have certainly enjoyed fantastic weather and it is pleasing that the Easter Bunny thankfully was deemed an essential worker, as is the tooth fairy who still only accepts cash and I have doubts, does not maintain correct social distancing!

Welcome to the new term and continuing with the new routine of remote-learning. I think we can all accept that the school closure before the Easter break was met by all with a combination of confusion, dismay, uncertainty and an element of an extended holiday. This week we started with fresh purpose of dealing with the new normal, and from feedback that I have received, the children and parents & carers appear to be coping admirably. The invaluable daily resources via Dojo and the learning packs prepared for the children give a broad, structured approach to the children's learning. We have particularly enjoyed analysing Jack and the Beanstalk and 2D shapes this week. Communication and additional support remain excellent. A huge debt of thanks is owed to Miss Husbands, all the staff and those who persevere in continuing their new routine whilst many of us remain at home. Thank you too to parents and carers for the sacrifices you are making in continuing the education of your children. We, like many, have looked forward each week to joining the nation in applauding the key workers, and I hope and encourage you to include our dedicated school community in your thoughts at this time.

As we head into May, there are glimmers of hope and talk of easing restrictions, albeit very gradual and with a risk-based approach. Only time will tell when the children can return to the classrooms. In the meantime, enjoy and relish the opportunity of being an important part of your child's education, a time that we will all remember.

Stay safe and well, and I'll leave you with the words of the nation's new hero, Captain Tom Moore: 'For all those finding it difficult: the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away'

Lockdown Photos

Thank you for all the photos you've shared, here are a few.



The Fletcher girls helped out with some bulk cooking – look out for the family cookbook coming soon!



Molly made a new friend with an angle shades moth.



Lola made a memory picture.



Laila has been keeping up with her Spanish.

Have a great weekend at home!

Miss E. Husbands