



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: This week Ladybirds have been continuing to focus on their Superhero bodies. They have been learning all about their five senses and taking part in experiments to show how important they are and learning about how they are unique. In Maths they have been focussing on number recognition and one more and one less than a given number. In the afternoons they have been learning about VE Day, May Day, African World Heritage Day and learning new skills! Well done to all the parents and children, you are all still doing a fantastic job!

Badgers: Badgers have been working hard at home learning about fractions. They have also been doing lots of comprehension and learning about nouns. A new topic of our local area has started too with the children learning about OS maps and finding the symbols for important landmarks ready for mapping the village this week!

Hedgehogs: This week in Hedgehog's class we have read the story 'The Dragon Machine' and have been imagining how we would feel if we saw a dragon. In maths we have been carrying capacity activities. We are still looking after our plants. The competition is now on - whose plant will grow the tallest?



Foxes: It has been lovely to be back in school this week, spending time with some of our key workers' children. I have also really enjoyed speaking to children in my class and finding out how they are getting on and what they have been doing. Foxes Class have been continuing with their White Rose Maths - fractions for Y6 and multiplication, divisions on perimeter for Y5 and they are continuing to use BBC Bitesize to support their learning in English. In school we have enjoyed decorating bunting to commemorate the anniversary of VE Day and I know that some of you are doing the same at home.

Reopening Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the time to complete the questionnaire I shared on Dojo about reopening. It has been really helpful to find out the views of so many people.

I hope that the government will release more information soon about how they plan to begin to get children back to school while still being mindful of the risks that involves and making sure that we are all as safe as possible. We will continue to keep you informed at every step of the way and are here to answer any queries or worries you may have. We know that this is a worrying time for everyone and that every family's situation is different which may influence what you think about sending your child back to school.

Sponsored Read

You may remember the sponsored read which took place at school around World Book Day. It all seems a distant memory now, but I am pleased to announce that we raised over £400! Thank you to all the reading which took place and the sponsorship. This money will be used to spend on Usborne books and we will also receive a percentage worth of free books from Usborne. We look forward to sharing the new books when we return to school.

Reading Books

I hope that you have made a trip to school during your daily exercise if you have needed to change your child's reading books. The books, and any other resources needed, will continue to be put out on a daily basis so that you can come when it's convenient for you.

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

Tomorrow's bank holiday celebrates the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The day commemorates the end of the second World War in Europe when millions of people took to the streets to celebrate peace and look to the future.

On Friday 8th May, there were to be parties, parades and other celebrations to mark this momentous day across the country but all of these have had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus crisis. We had been planning to hold a VE Day street party at school today with the PTA organising the event. The plan was to hold a party in the playground complete with 1940s style clothes, traditional food and classic music. The children would have made bunting and we would have marked the day with the whole school community.

We have suggested making your own bunting and hanging it in your windows at home to mark the occasion. The staff in school this week have been making bunting with key workers' children. We hope that people will be able to see the bunting as they go on their daily exercise and that we are able to create a montage of the bunting from photos sent in.

Instead of street parties with our friends and neighbours, we will have to make do with family tea parties at home and turning to the array of video calling software if we want to share them more widely. In preparation for a family tea party, it could be a nice opportunity to find out more about the sort of food which people ate in 1945 and have a go at making some of these, with a different sort of struggle in finding ingredients. Seventy-five years ago, rationing was still in force, but today, under different restrictions, there are some goods which are still limited and others which are like gold dust, I can't remember the last time I saw a bag of plain flour on the supermarket shelves!

As we mark VE Day on Friday, we could never have imagined that we would be fighting a different battle and have changes imposed on our daily lives not seen since World War II. Similarly, we must celebrate what we have and be thankful for our health and the safety of those closest to us as well as looking to the future, just as people did in 1945, and overcome the challenges we face.

CEO Update

Dear All

David has kindly given up his space for me to write to you again this week and I am sorry it is not in happier times. I must confess that when I last wrote to you all in February, never did I expect to be writing this to you in such circumstances! As we approach another week of lockdown, it is clear from the news that the conversation has started to turn to when schools might open for more than just key worker children and what that might look like. I would like to assure you all that as an Academy Trust and a school we will act upon the national guidance and do all we can to keep school a safe and enjoyable place to be. Throughout the pandemic, the Heads and I have spoken regularly to share ideas about home schooling. We are now talking about what might need to be done to open for more children. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey Miss Husbands shared on Class Dojo. In these unprecedented times it is helpful to know what you feel comfortable with. Your responses have played a huge part in helping us to think about what the school day should look like over the coming weeks. Nothing has been decided yet, as we wait to see if and when things might change, but we are starting to prepare so that we can react quickly and safely when the news comes. I am sorry there isn't anything definite I can share with you, other than to say that when we do open for more children it will not be a return to the old normal for a while yet, things will be different, but we are working hard to preserve what the essence of school is.

Lastly, I know from personal experience how tiring it is juggling home schooling; work; and, family life amid all the anxieties in the press. I'm never good at jokes, so I thought I would misquote, paraphrase and share with you just a few lines from Kipling's Poem 'If' which helps to keep me going in my more difficult moments: "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs; If you can wait and not be tired by waiting; If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two impostors just the same; If you can fill the unforbearing minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run, yours is the Earth and everything that's in it ..."

Take care all
Paul Bunn
CEO

Lockdown Photos

Here is a selection of the photos we've received this week, please keep them coming.



Have a great weekend at home!

Miss E. Husbands