



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 we have been learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past in Maths. In phonics we have been learning lots of new sounds, using these to write words or sentences. We are still getting used to being back in school and are focussing on sharing and playing kindly with our friends.

Badgers: Badgers have been doing lots of poetry this week and having a focus on science in the afternoons. It has been nice to hear from parents over dojo over the weeks in lockdown. Please do continue to send in questions or photos of work you have completed! It is always nice to see the children working and hear from you all.

Hedgehogs: This week in English we have been following and writing instructions to make a 'Seagull Scaring Sandwich'. In maths we have continued to work on our White Rose Hub home learning. In topic we found out about lighthouses in Norfolk and then designed and made our own lighthouses. We have also learnt about electrical circuits and have made one to light up our lighthouses.

Foxes: Year Six are very much enjoying being back at school. They have been working hard in their maths and English lessons in the mornings and have, this week, moved on from algebra to metric and imperial measures in maths. In English they are continuing to study 'Wild Boy'. Last weeks' science challenge was boat building and Ralfie was our winner, beating off stiff competition from Finley with his boat, which held an impressive 240g. William was our winner this week with his fabulous marble run.

Y6 Science



Challenges



Y1 Lighthouses



Welcoming back Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5

We are really pleased to be able to offer two weeks (and two days) in school to these year groups and are looking forward to welcoming back these children. If you have any questions or anxieties, please get in touch and we will do our best to answers your queries.

September/Summer Schools

At the moment, we do not have any information about what school will look like for children in September. It is likely that this information will be finalised over the summer period. We will keep in touch with families via Class Dojo to share plans and announcements.

The government have said that they plan to organise some sort of summer school provision, but again we do not know what this will look like. When we have more information, we will sign post families to this over the coming weeks.

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

As we continue with home learning for many children, I know how difficult it can be to access home learning, keep children calm, happy, fed and exercised as well as managing your own workload and wellbeing. We know that levels of enthusiasm and motivation are waning after twelve long weeks of no school and, for the most part, being confined to our own homes.

Many children will not return to school until September at the earliest and I know that many parents are concerned about their children 'falling behind' in their education. Teachers have provided work for the children since schools closed for most and this work will have followed the sequence of learning which would have gone on in the classroom as well as consolidating children's knowledge and skills. We know that every child will have had different experiences of home learning and we will work to catch up where necessary when children return to school. While children are still at home, it is really important that they do some school work every day. Keeping on top of basic skills such as reading, key words, phonics, times tables and number bonds will help children when they do come back to school. If you have run out of reading books, there are trollies of books for KS1 and KS2 in the school foyer, so please come and change them.

The impact on children's (and adult's) mental health is becoming clearer as the lockdown measures and uncertainty continue. Many children are finding it harder and harder to cope with being at home and not seeing their friends as well as the lack of structure which school can usually provide. We need to remember that we are not in this alone and if you are having a difficult day, we are only at the end of the phone, either call us at school or send me a Dojo and I will call you. Talking alone can help, but we also have ideas and strategies which can support the whole family.

Chair of Governors Update

I hope you are well and trust that you and your family are finding some comfort in the very gradual easing of restrictions. I hope that you and those that you love have not been personally affected, and extend sympathy to any family which has had personal experience of it.

As we draw slowly to the end of another school year, I will be coming to the end of my sixth year as a School Governor at Bunwell Primary School. In July our youngest daughter will sadly be leaving the school, ending an eight-year association with the school. I have used this transition event to make the difficult, but fitting, decision to step down as a Governor. During my time as a governor amongst many memorable moments, the school has become part of a Multi-Academy Trust, welcomed a new Headteacher, endured an OFSTED inspection and continues to be involved in the biggest disruption to children's education and the country as a whole in a century.

It has been incredibly rewarding and a privilege to be involved in the governance of Bunwell School, and whilst rural primary schools will always be faced with specific challenges, the school today in spite of the current Covid-related issues is in very fine shape.

*David Clover,
Chair of Governors*

We owe David a huge debt of gratitude for his support, commitment and belief in the school during his time as governor.

Useful links

Oxford Owl – lots of free reading books - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Top Marks – lots of maths games - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2>

Mental Health support for children and families - <https://www.annafreud.org/>

Mental Health support - <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

Home learning resource list for families - <https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

Have a great weekend at home!

Miss E. Husbands