



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 Nursery have been focussing on their initial sounds and phase 2 phonics. Reception have been using their new sounds learnt to write words and sentences independently. We have also all been working on our rhyming words. In maths we have been ordering and writing numbers.

Badgers: Thank you to those who have sent in pictures and work through Dojo. It has been lovely to see the work produced. I am looking forward to welcoming children back into the classroom next week! It will be different again to the last few months but I hope the children coming are excited to come back!

Hedgehogs: This week in English we have been focusing on story writing and using our imagination. In maths we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also spent lots of time at Forest School building dens and having chocolate smores. We are all looking forward to welcoming back some of the Year 2s next week.

Foxes: The last couple of weeks have been busy and exciting ones for our Year Six Leavers, with a water fight, a picnic, a film afternoon, memory books making, lots of competitive den building, a fish and chip lunch and leavers' assembly. I am so sad to say goodbye to these lovely children, who I have taught for two years and I wish them all the best at high school and in the future. I really hope that they will pop in now and again to say hello and let me know how they are getting on. **Mrs Simon.**

Water Fights

In the hot weather last week Y1 and Y6 made the most of cooling off!



Returning in September

The government have released more information this week regarding plans to get all children back to school in September. By September, there are some children who will have not been to school for six months. Parents have done a fantastic job of home schooling, but we must recognise that home learning cannot replicate what goes on in school and it is hugely important that children get back to school. Over the last five weeks, we have welcomed back a large percentage of the eligible year groups and seen the children flourish back in school. Children have benefitted from the social side of being back in school and seeing their friends as well as learning back in a classroom environment with their peers.

Schools won't look the same as they did for a little while yet, but we are confident and able to provide all children with a positive learning experience while still minimising the risks around the virus and ensuring the safety of children, families and staff.

We will share guidance and plans for September in due course, once the government guidance has been released and we have had the chance to put this into plans which work for our school. As always, we welcome your feedback and thoughts on our plans.

School will not be open over the summer holidays.

Packed Lunches

Eating a healthy and balanced lunch is really important to give children the nutrition and energy to get through the day. In their lunches children should have, a sandwich with wholemeal bread (or similar eg. a wrap, pitta bread), a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables (not a fruit winder or similar) as well as something else such as bread sticks, a child sized flapjack, a biscuit or a yoghurt. Children should have water to drink with their lunch.

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

Today we said goodbye to Year 6, not in the way we had envisaged back in September but then this year hasn't been anything like we expected! As children progress through school they achieve rites of passage which they look forward to and are aware of, whether it's being allowed to sit on benches in assembly, use a pen in class or any of the other milestones which children work towards through their primary school life. None are more established than the events we put on to celebrate Y6 leaving primary school. There are usually tears, staff and parents reminiscing about events of the seven previous years and children ready to move on to the next stage of their education. We hope that we have been able to give Y6 the send-off they deserve despite the current circumstances. Every year seems to go quickly, but this year we seem particularly cheated having missed having the children in school for such a large chunk of time. Schools are empty without the buzz of children and over the last five weeks Y6 (along with the other children) have brought that buzz back. I am so pleased that they have been able to come back to school and finish their primary school life with some semblance of normality. I am sure these five weeks will have been memorable for them; the water fight, spending lunchtimes building dens on the Forest School field, starting the day with Zumba on the field, scooters on the playground and having the classroom to themselves. I wish the children all the best as they move on and know that they are well prepared for their next step and hope they use the experiences of the last seven years to carve their own paths while continuing to be themselves. I hope that they remember the little things – be polite, treat others fairly and kindly, work hard and grab opportunities which come up.

Trust Update

As we reach the end of Year 6's time at primary school, there will be a lot of mixed emotions for children, parents and staff. Whilst it's a good time to look back on happy memories, experiences and friendships we're also acutely aware that this we have not been able to celebrate this milestone in the usual way. It's a credit to everyone in the school community and beyond that have come together to support each other and adapt to a new way of living. I want to take this opportunity to thank the fantastic staff, volunteers, PTA, parents/carers and everyone who has contributed to the wellbeing of the school throughout the year. I also want to wish the Year 6's every happiness and success in their new high schools!

As a Governor and Trustee team, it's also the time when we reflect on the past school year and what we have done to fulfil the responsibilities of governance. Normally, we would be waiting with eager anticipation for the SATS results however as we all know there has been nothing normal about this year! We are looking ahead at plans for the next academic year and one of our goals is to increase the size of the Local Governing Committee. It can be extremely rewarding to be part of a team committed to making a difference for the children at school and it's also an opportunity for personal development. We are looking for people with a range of skills and experiences, either a parent/carer or someone from within the community/local businesses who might not currently have a connection with the school. You can read more details on what the role involves on the school website here or you can contact me for an informal chat. Please do share this with anyone you think could be interested. Julie Fletcher, Chair of Trustees jfletcher@cee.coop

Useful Dates

Dates are subject to change



Tuesday 21st July – school closes for the summer, no more home learning after this date

Monday 7th September – children return to school (more details to follow)

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd September –Y5/6 Residential to Brancaster (TBC)

Monday 28th September – individual school photos

Wednesday 7th October – Y6 transition day at OBHS

Wednesday 21st October – last day before half term

Have a great weekend at home!

Miss E. Husbands