



# 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.

## What we have been learning



**Ladybirds:** In Ladybirds we have begun our topic 'Toys'. Each child brought in a picture of their favourite toys and talked about them to the class in circle time. We have also started teaching phonics. Nursery have been learning about phase 1 through songs and games and Reception starting their phase 2 sounds. We have been learning about sorting in maths and seeing how many ways we can sort objects (by colour, shape etc).

**Hedgehogs:** This week in Hedgehogs we have continued to work on sentence writing in English and in maths we have been looking at partitioning numbers into tens and ones. As part of our Wonderful Weather topic we have been finding out about the seasons and the type of weather we might expect to see in each season.

**Badgers:** Badgers have made an excellent start to the term. We have been sharing lots of laughs and the children are beginning to get back into a routine. We have started our Ancient Egypt topic which the children are very excited about! They cannot wait to learn about Mummification! Before that though we will be learning to read the Hieroglyphics that the Egyptians used.

**Foxes:** Foxes have been learning about negative numbers and Roman Numerals in maths and have been writing newspaper articles in English. They have started their new science topic about human life cycles.

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### Mindset Moments



### Wellbeing Moment



### E-Safety tip



Well done to all of the children who have extra specially hard this week! Keep up the good work.

### Bunwell Birthdays



Happy birthday to Xander, Eden, Kaelee, Ella, Lola and Ted who have all celebrated their birthdays since the beginning of term.

## Home Technology Access

Earlier this week we shared a survey on Dojo asking about the sort of access to technology you have at home. Thank you to everyone who has completed it so far, if you haven't had the opportunity to complete it yet, here is the link <https://forms.gle/3kM8qD24YvWNUY8>

## Before and After School Club

This term we have started to run a breakfast and after school club. Breakfast club starts at 7:45am and children are served toast, cereal or fruit. After school club runs until 5:30pm and there is a choice of sandwiches, fruit and vegetables for tea. Sessions cost £5 for breakfast club and £8 for after school club. Please book your sessions via Wisepay under the 'School Clubs' section.

## Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for 96% attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last two weeks, the whole school attendance is 98%. Fantastic attendance for the first two weeks of term, well done to everyone!

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
97%	97%	99%	98%

## 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

We are now approaching the 200<sup>th</sup> day of lockdown measures and our lives are still restricted and limited by COVID-19. Back in March when schools closed, I'm not sure that any of us envisaged that the virus would still be having such an impact on our lives. The news earlier this week about continued restrictions on social behaviour for the next six months has had an emotional impact. Recognising the emotional impact on ourselves and those around us is important and necessary for us to be able to look after ourselves.

At Bunwell, we have made plans and put measures in place to enable our children to come back to school safely and happily. Over the last three weeks these plans have been tested and have worked. The systems we have in place to manage 60 families dropping off and picking up mean that there aren't too many people in one place at either end of the day, staggered lunchtimes work better than they did before lockdown as the hall is quieter and less busy. The bubbles reduce contact across the school and ultimately reduce the risk of an outbreak.

All of this means that the children have been able to return to school in as normal a way as possible. They have been able to finally do the things which we couldn't recreate during lockdown; they have been able to interact face to face with their friends and teachers. Nothing can replace these interactions and looking out for each other.

I don't anticipate that the next six months will be easy or without challenges and obstacles but with the thorough plans we have in place both for day to day school and the 'what ifs' for another lockdown, closure of a bubble or anything else which is thrown at us. The last six months has shown us that we will face it head on and with the support of the whole school community, we will get there. In the meantime, we'll make the most of children being back in school and enjoying their learning.

### Trust Update

As we move into Autumn now following our last blast of summer, it is hard to believe the children have been back in school for 3 weeks already. I have been enormously impressed with how quickly they have all settled into new classes and new routines. It has been lovely to see the school bustling with excitement again and a big thanks to all the staff who have worked hard to make school such a welcoming place to return to.

As Governors, we are not visiting school in the way we would normally do, in order to keep the number of essential visitors to a minimum. However, we are currently preparing for our first virtual meeting of the term where we will focus on agreeing the school's priorities and how to address any learning gaps as well as planning how to review improvements throughout the year. Next week we are having safeguarding training as part of our responsibility to provide a safe environment for children, which will ensure we keep up to date on latest developments and understand the school's practices. Many thanks to Mr. Tuckett who will be leading this.

Being a school governor can be an extremely rewarding role; giving you a real insight into how the school is run, using your experience to make a real difference for the children and helping to give something back to your community. We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor as well as a Co-opted Governor, who can be from within the community and may not currently have a link with the school. You can read more details on what the role involves on the school website or you can contact me for an informal chat.

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### Dates for your Diary



**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – individual school photos

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – end of term

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – children return to school

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – end of term

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**