

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:** This week we have been busy decorating our classroom for Christmas. We have begun making our Christmas cards and practising our nativity. In Maths we have been learning about addition.

**Hedgehogs:** This week in Hedgehog class we have been doing some maths and writing assessments. Next week our assessment focus will be spelling and reading and the Year 2s will be completing their Phonic Screening Check. We have also been preparing for Christmas; practising our Nativity play, putting the Christmas tree up and we have begun to make our Christmas decorations.

**Badgers:** Badgers are enjoying the run up to Christmas. They have begun to make decorations for the school tree with Miss Husbands and are looking forward to Christmas jumper day. I am sure they may have told you that the mummification of our tomatoes did not go to plan so we may well be repeating this exercise! We are working hard on times tables this week and continuing our newspaper reports in English.

**Foxes:** Foxes are continuing their work on fractions in maths, moving on to ordering, comparing, adding and subtracting fractions. The children very much enjoyed making periscopes in science and have written explanations about how their periscopes work. In DT they are moving on to the construction phase of their buzzer games.

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### Starting School

The Reception class admission round for September 2021 is for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 (aged 4+ on 1 September 2020). The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

### E-Safety tip



### Achievements



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

### Bunwell Birthdays



Happy birthday to Charlotte B who celebrated her birthday recently.

### School Uniform

Please make sure that your child's uniform (particularly jumpers) and coats are named. It is very difficult to reunite children with their lost uniform if it is not named.

### Before and After School Club

In September, we 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 92%. Taking into account isolation for COVID-19, attendance is 99% which is fantastic.

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
100%	92%	98%	99%

### 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

Christmas in primary schools is usually an exciting and memorable time for both children and staff. Slowly, but surely this year the festive cheer and excitement is beginning to settle in at school. The Christmas tree looks fantastic with the children's decorations adorning it, the children will bring these decorations home at the end of term. In classrooms the decorations are also going up.

We have worked hard to make sure that we can provide children with as much of the traditional festive celebrations as we can, given the current restrictions. Ladybirds and Hedgehogs are rehearsing their nativity; it is lovely hearing them singing the carols as they practise. We will be filming the nativity and distributing to parents at the end of term.

Our film night is looking popular with many children having already signed up. The children will be able to enjoy a film in their bubbles with hot chocolate and gingerbread men, thank you to Angel Cakes for providing the gingerbread men.

The other events we have planned will go ahead pretty much as normal with Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day planned for Wednesday and Friday respectively.

As a school, we are so pleased that we have managed to stay open every day of this term (so far) and hope that we are able to continue this until the end of term. However, in order to be able to do this we need your continued support and ask you to stick to the new tier two restrictions which came into force on Wednesday. We all look forward to the time when life can return to normal, but for the time being we must be careful and sensible in the run up to Christmas.

### Trust Update

'Tis the season to be jolly' so the famous song goes, but I have to confess that as we start advent this year with none of the usual Christmas plays and activities going on in school, plus with my diary emptier than it ever has been, I find myself struggling to get excited as I usually do, and I am a self-confessed nut when it comes to Christmas! Rather than just wishing we could see this year out as quickly as possible, when I start to look back at everything the staff, children and you have all achieved, both in and out of school this year, I have to say I am impressed. The Christmas cheer starts to appear and make me smile again. At this point, I really do want to thank our fantastic staff for keeping everything going this term, at times it has been quite a herculean task to keep school open, but I am so proud of how they have risen to the occasion.

Whilst the normal traditions are being tweaked a bit this year, the spirit and essence of the Christmas messages are still there. In our house, at least, costumes still need to be made, words for various Christmas carols need to be learnt by the small people and I cannot wait to see the ingenious way staff pull together all the Christmas songs and plays the children have been practising. I am extremely proud of the fact that we have not lost a single school day this term (and yes I do have my fingers crossed as I type this, hoping I have not tempted fate and we make it to the end of term in a couple of weeks)! Whilst it is tempting at this time of year, and with the vaccine hopefully just around the corner, to relax and think that in little old Norfolk we are safe and immune from Covid-19, please can I ask you all to keep being cautious and sensible when it comes to following the government's guidelines over Christmas, as you have done all term, so that we can be open and ready for the challenges that the spring term deliver without too many interruptions.

Take care and on behalf of all the Governors and Trustees, may I wish you and your families my compliments of the season and our sincere best wishes for a healthy and brighter 2021.

Merry Christmas.

Paul Bunn  
CEO

### Dates for your Diary



**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch – please order via Wisepay

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Film Night – 3:15pm to 5:30pm – please order via Wisepay

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – class Christmas parties

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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – children return to school

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**