



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: This week we have really settled back into class. We have enjoyed playing with our friends and have been getting busy outside and inside. In maths we have been practicing our number recognition and number bonds to 10. In literacy we have been continuing to learn our phonics sounds, writing words and sentences with these and playing phonics games. We have also very much enjoyed using our new interactive whiteboard.

Hedgehogs: This week in Hedgehog class we have been working very hard on our information reports about animals found in the Arctic. We have used the Chrome books and have learnt how to insert photographs, change the font and colour on Google Docs. In maths Year 2 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and in Year 1 we have been focusing on place value.

Badgers: Badgers have made an excellent start to their return to school. We have been working on handwriting and pencil grip as well as getting back into a routine of reading each day. In maths we have recapped some of the work we did during lockdown and are now improving our times tables and basic skills. We are continuing our topic this week by making mosaics and learning about the decoration the Roman's used in their Villas.

Foxes: Foxes have been enjoying doing some practical experiments in science and spending plenty of time outside. In maths, we have been looking at coordinates, reflections and translations and we have been writing part of a story in English.

Book Day Celebration



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. Since we returned after lockdown, the whole school attendance is 98%. Well done Badgers with 100% attendance! It has been lovely to see all the children back at school and enjoying school life again.

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
99%	96%	100%	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.

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Staffing

After Easter, we will be welcoming a new midday supervisory assistant to our team. We appointed Mrs Hall last week and she will be popping in next week to meet the children and staff. We look forward to her joining the team.

E-Safety tip

8 tips to stay safe online

1. Be nice to people online.
2. Talk to us with what you share online.
3. Never personal information on private.
4. Check your privacy settings.
5. Know how to report people.
6. Keep your passwords safe.
7. Never meet anyone in person you do not know online.
8. If you see anything online that you don't like or you're not posting, do someone you trust.



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

Bunwell Birthdays



Happy birthday to Courtney J and Dylan D who have both celebrated their birthdays recently.

Headteacher News

Today marks one year since schools closed at the beginning of the first lockdown. The thought of schools closing was unprecedented (a word we have all used more in the last year than at any time beforehand), but the thought that a year on we would have been through a further two lockdowns is barely comprehensible.

I am enormously proud of what we have achieved as a school community over the last year. We have adapted to deliver the majority of our curriculum remotely, supported families' wellbeing and maintained communication with all stakeholders. Alongside all of this, school has remained open for key worker and vulnerable children.

Over the last year, we have learnt a huge amount about each other, the way we can work remotely and flexibly, what works in remote teaching and what doesn't!

Last Spring, we embraced home schooling with a sense of novelty and optimism that it would all be over by the summer. None of us dreamed that we would still be living with restrictions a year on. The latest (and hopefully last) lockdown was definitely more challenging. The expectations of home schooling and remote learning increased and the time of year added additional challenges.

It has been interesting to talk to the children about their experiences of home schooling and what they'll miss about it. Many children spoke of the enjoyment of spending more time with their families, becoming more proficient with technology and having more time to complete their work. Regular snack times also featured on the list! As they've returned to school they've spoken of the joy of spending time with their friends, having less distractions around them (apparently the temptation of Playstations/X-boxes etc was just too much at home!) and being taught by their teachers again.

Such dramatic change gives us all the opportunity to reflect and there will be aspects of the last year which we may introduce long term, video calls for example have become the norm and can make things more efficient. What hasn't changed though, is the fact that the children are our priority and making sure that they are happy and safe in school continues to be at the centre of what we do. Some will be finding the transition back to school more difficult than others and all will have had different experiences of lockdown. We will be living with the impact of COVID for a long time, but we hope that by providing the children with the familiar routine and structure of school that they will experience aspects of life which have been missing for the last year.

Trust Update

Welcome back everyone. Well done for surviving yet another lockdown. Let's hope it is the last! As we welcome everyone back I thought I would highlight some of the things we want to focus on with the children for the rest of this year. As a Trust we are tired of hearing that these children are 'the lost generation' or 'behind' etc etc. They are where they are. Yes, they have had a difficult time but then so have previous generations like the evacuees in World War Two or children of the 70's who experienced 3 day weeks. Those generations have done okay for themselves and so will this one. I mention this as schools have a long tradition of making sure children reach their full potential and we will make sure these children do too.

Our focus for at least the rest of this year is on maximising opportunity and experience more than ever. Children have been able to learn during lockdown but what we have realised is they have lost out on playing with friends, interacting, and socialising, so there will be a strong focus on PHSE and sports this term. As well as trips and visits just as soon as we are allowed to. Staff are also busy assessing where the children are and what we need to do to strengthen their education and reinforce good learning behaviour. I hope that gives you a flavour of what's to come. For now, well done all on sticking with home schooling. It is a pleasure to have everyone back and the buzz in school again. I can't wait to see what everyone achieves over the rest of this year.

Best wishes
Paul Bunn
CEO

Dates for your Diary



Friday 26th March – last day of term
Monday 12th April – Summer term begins
Wednesday 14th April – Rocksteady starts
Monday 3rd May - Spring bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 12th May – whole school photos
w/b Monday 31st May – half term

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands