

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 continuing to make new friends and play nicely. We have been reading lots of stories and answering questions based on these. We have been enjoying lots of time outside and we all LOVE exploring in the water!

Hedgehogs: This week in English we have been trying to persuade two very mean dragon catchers to come and help our village catch the snow dragons that are in the nearby woods. In maths, Year 1 have continued their work on equal groups and have been learning how to use the colons and rows in arrays to find totals. Year 2 have continued their work on fractions. In history we have found out about the different ways to attack a castle and have been discussing which way we think would be the most effective.

Badgers: Badger class have made an excellent start to the year and have enjoyed the work we have been doing so far. We have been learning about place value in maths and descriptive writing in English. Our new topic 'Around the world' has been exciting and we are all looking forward to learning more about the different environments and cultures around our planet.

Foxes: The new Y5 children have settled in well to their new class and all the children have been working hard. They have started their class novel 'Anglo-Saxon Boy,' and are working on place value in maths. In science, the children have been studying the skeleton and they have started their new history topic, 'Anglo-Saxons versus Vikings.'

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School Photos

Individual and school age sibling photos will take place on Thursday 14th October. We have been in contact with our photographer to discuss the measures she has in place this year in order to take photos safely while being mindful of the COVID requirements.

E-Safety tip

How to make a stand against

CYBERBULLYING

- STOP** LOG OFF the site where the bullying is happening
- BLOCK** BLOCK emails or messages, do not respond to them
- RECORD** SAVE the messages, images or emails to show to an adult!
- TALK IT OUT** TELL someone you trust, who can help you

★ Achievements ★

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 Xander, Eden, Kaelee, Lola, Louie and Zach who have all celebrated their birthdays since the beginning of term.

Parking

We know that the beginning and the end of the day can be a rush and that parking near school isn't always easy, however please be considerate and safe. This is also a good opportunity to teach your children some road safety around looking both ways and being careful when stepping out from parked cars.

Before 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 **98%** attendance. Well done to the whole school with more than 98% attendance! We have been so pleased to welcome everyone back to school following the summer holidays as well as lots of new starters throughout the school.

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
97%	99%	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

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been really lovely to see all our children and families after the summer holiday, as well as welcoming new starters throughout the school. I have been so pleased to see these children settle into their new school quickly and happily.

We have returned to more routines and timetables and children do not have to stick to their bubbles. The staff have been pleased to all be able to share one staff room again! We do still have safety measures in place including regular hand washing, increased ventilation and enhanced cleaning to help minimise the risks of Covid transmission. We do ask that if parents or visitors are coming into the school building that you still wear a mask to help us reduce the risk further.

The children have a very exciting curriculum at Bunwell with lots of opportunities for hands on learning, being outside, going on trips etc. We hope to be able to take the children on as many trips as possible after nearly two years with COVID restrictions preventing us from doing so. We will share more information about what we have planned in due course.

Please have a look at the curriculum letter that I shared on Dojo last week to see what your children will be learning about this term. This also has important information such as when PE lessons are and what you can do at home to support your child's learning.

Children should now come to school with a book bag every day and they will be given a reading record and reading books that they will bring home. All children are expected to read for 20 minutes every day at home. Please sign their reading record to show they have done their reading each day. The class teacher or TA will check this and get in touch with any parent if their child is not reading regularly. Supporting your child with their reading at home not only helps them make progress but also encourages reading for pleasure which is one of the most important things that can improve children's attainment at school in all subjects. Parents in Ladybirds and Hedgehogs will be invited to a reading meeting next week to discuss early reading and how we teach this at school; we hope you can attend.

Hello and welcome back everyone! It is so nice to see all the children back in school and the warm weather has returned too to help us ease into the new school year! Thank you to everyone who has continued to follow the guidelines in place. We hope a cautious approach will help us ease into the next phase of dealing with life living with Covid and keep any disruptions to a minimum. Please remember that if any children need to isolate, the school does have a contingency plan (a copy is on the school website) so that children can (if they are well enough) access work whilst they are off, whether that is waiting for a test result, or because they have Covid-19.

In other non-covid news, the staff and children from across the Trust (all three schools) have started on an exciting new method of learning this year, which is very much aligned to our co-operative values. The new approach, which is called *catch1 partner*, goes back to basics in some ways. In a short burst it gets the children moving around their class, engaging with their peers, both asking and answering questions. This new approach will cement children's learning, improve recall and long-term memory, but most importantly it builds confidence and gets children used to interacting with their peers again. It is a ten minute routine which can be used across all subjects and classes. It will happen almost every day. Everyone has embraced it enthusiastically so far – hopefully some children have come home and been talking about it with you over dinner/tea – if not, do ask them about it. It is not a substitute for all the usual work in school, but something extra. We will monitor this closely and report back later in the year how it is embedding in.

Paul Bunn, CEO

Early Years – First Days of School



It has been a pleasure to welcome our youngest children to Bunwell. The children have enjoyed exploring the classroom and making new friends with our new starters.

The children

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 29th September – KS2 road

safety sessions

Thursday 30th September – Foxes and Hedgehogs trip to Norwich Cathedral

Thursday 14th October – school photos

Friday 22nd October – last day before half term

Monday 1st November – Children return to school

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands