

## Bures Primary CEVC School

### Update for the Parish Councils – May 2021

School did re-open as planned on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, celebrated World Book Week, raised £ 350 for Comic Relief and held a Quidditch Tournament!

#### **A Life Well Lived**

In common with most schools across the country, at Bures we have encouraged the children to spend some time reflecting on the death of Prince Philip. We talked about the fact that lots of people might consider that the Duke could be described as having ‘a life well lived’. The children had some lovely ideas about what made ‘a life well lived’ - they talked about being kind to others, about being part of a loving family, about excelling in something like sport or music and about just being happy. Everyone enjoyed looking at lots of photos from different times in his life. Our theme for this term is compassion, so we talked about feeling compassion for the Queen and the Royal Family at this difficult time, but we also extended this to thinking about those who have lost loved ones for other reasons, including the pandemic.

#### **Easter**

Easter was celebrated with a special pilgrimage. The children were given the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage around fifteen ‘Stations of the Cross’ displays which Mrs Bacon had created. Each station told a small piece of the Easter story with questions and activities provided to help the children reflect on what was happening and think about their own beliefs and values. It was lovely to see the children calmly and sensibly following the journey on two sunny spring days— they shared some interesting thoughts and views. Many thanks to Mrs Bacon for her hard work in finding a way for the School to celebrate this important Christian festival in a Covid-friendly manner.

#### **Environmental Action!**

We had a lovely morning planting trees on our school field with lots of help from parents and the community. We are very grateful to Ken Jackson who secured the trees for us and to Mr Probert for allowing us to plant the trees on our field. Our thanks must also go to Edward Van Ek at The Woodland Trust who supplied us with the trees at no cost. Here is a bit more information from Daniel in Year 6 who is passionate about environmental issues.

“Today we planted 40 trees at the field. Lots of children helped to plant the trees for shade during summer. Every person needs seven to eight trees for oxygen. It would help if you could also plant trees and encourage others to plant them; helping us would be perfect - by growing more we could help many animals and each other. The importance of trees is vital and the exceptionally wonderful home it can be for many species of animals of different kinds. We here at Bures Primary School are delighted to help plant trees.”

### **An Exciting Summer Term**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed beginning to explore their new topics for this term.

Here is a list of the topics:

#### Reception Fun in the Sun

With a first half term looking at ‘Plants, Pests, People and Pets’ and the second half term looking at ‘Sun, Sea and Sand’.

#### Year 1 Around the World

Join us on an adventure to learn more about our world as we sail the seas and dock not just in England but in foreign lands too!

#### Year 2 Sunshine and Showers

We will be looking weather patterns in this country and how weather varies around the world. A closer look at Ghana will extend our knowledge of other countries along with letters from Banjo the cat!

#### Year 3 The Romans

We will be finding out all about the Roman Empire and answering the questions—What did the Romans ever do for us?

#### Year 4 Raiders and Traders

The period from 410AD to 1066AD is often referred to as the Dark Ages but we will be hoping to shed a little light on this era – more interesting and influential on our modern lives than many realise.

Year 5 Traders and Raiders

We will be delving into the Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle to reign supreme over the Kingdom of England.

Year 6 Crime and Punishment

We will be discovering the range of heinous crimes committed and terrifying punishments meted out through the ages in this gory history theme.

Thank you for taking an interest in the School.

Kind regards,

Tim Fairbairn  
Chair of Governors  
7 May 2021