

# Bushey Heath Primary School

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A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential

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Dear Parent/Carer

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

What an exciting start to the new academic year. Our computing provision has improved significantly with the receipt of a set of class laptops and the development of our sporting provisions continues apace.

The school continues to ensure that all the children participate in regular fitness and sporting activities enabling the children to hit their steps target. As well as providing children with the opportunity to develop their individual fitness via skipping, running and dancing on a nearly daily basis the children are able to measure their achievements and performance using their pedometers and analyse their progress using data technology. We have launched an exciting new 'Walk to the Moon' challenge, which I will leave Mr Moody to explain in a little more detail below.

We are also developing our competitive sporting provision; our netball and football teams are up and running (all our junior children will be receiving specialist netball training) and we will be looking to start a cricket team in the New Year.

Visit the 'Health for Kids' website for activities, games and quizzes, this is a fun way for the children to learn about physical and mental health, wellbeing and how to take care of yourself.

We are continuing to develop our 'From Seed to Plate' project with the creation of a greenhouse in the old Sunshine Room. Thank you to the parents that have already donated equipment but a particular thank you to Mr Pabari and Mrs and Mrs Bateman for their help and contributions. I know little about gardening, but I do know a fully functioning greenhouse that teaches children how to grow vegetables/ fruits and flowers from seeds or cuttings that they will eventually eat or sell, will provide our children with a wonderful life skill (and I have a feeling our carnivorous plants will go down well).

The school continues to work closely with secondary providers Merchant Taylors and Haberdashers Schools. Our upper key stage children will be receiving philosophy lessons and science lessons accessing the fantastic resources thanks to the generosity of these schools.

Finally, I have introduced a new section to this form (following feedback from our 'Governors Visit Day') 'How you can help'. We often need your help to drive a project forward whether via specialist skills, general help or resources. Please have a look to see if you can help in anyway.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Do you have any garden equipment/ compost etc that you can donate to the greenhouse? If you do please bring the equipment into the Office. If you wish to help in any other way, please phone the Office and ask to speak to Ms Barefoot
- If you have any seeds that we can use in the greenhouse please consider donating them to the school.
- As this is being written the Friends of the School still need the following Committee members: 1 additional volunteer for Year 2A & 1 for Year 4.

## WALK TO THE MOON

This year, we have set the children a challenge to record enough steps to 'Walk to the Moon'! Each class has been busy building up and recording their step count each day using pedometers. At the end of each week, we will see how far we have walked together and see how far we need to go to reach our goal. I think you'll agree – it's out of this world!

You can track our progress on Twitter and on the Sports Blog – [www.bhpssports.wordpress.com](http://www.bhpssports.wordpress.com)

## FOCUS ON MATHS

Maths - Everyone should be up and running on IXL now. Remember to always use our unique web address which is <https://uk.ixl.com/signin/busheyheathjm> Parents, please add your email address to your child's account to be kept up to date with their progress.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to the new School Council members:

Yr 1 : Holly & Isaac

Yr 2: William, Olive, Daniel & Zara

Yr 3: Natasha & Ethan

Yr 4: Bobby & Hannah

Yr 5: Yug & Olivia

Yr 6: Rayya & Keshav

They are all looking forward to the fun year ahead.

### COMPUTING – E-SAFETY

Please may we remind you of the minimum age of social media platforms your child may be accessing at home:

Snap chat – 13 and over

Instagram – 13 and over

Facebook – 13 and over

Pinterest – 13 and over

Whats App – 16 and over

You Tube account – 18 and over (over 13 with parent permission)



You Tube



### NURSERY

We are very proud of the Nursery children for settling in so well over the last couple of weeks. All children are enjoying making new friends! We are delighted to have been able to introduce 30 hour sessions this year.

### RECEPTION

A **BIG** well done to all the Reception children for settling in so well to school life. The children have been enjoying getting to know the indoor and outdoor classroom and learning how to use all the equipment within the environment.

I will be running a **Phonics workshop** for Reception parents on Wednesday 4th October at 2.30pm. We hope you can join us!

### YEAR 1

Year 1 are settling in really well in KS1 and have enjoyed reading and learning about the story of the Little Red Hen. They have written letters to the Little Red Hen from her unhelpful friends. In maths, we have been practising lots of counting and have been adding by counting on!



### YEAR 2A & 2M

Year 2 have been learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood off by heart using Talk for Writing actions. They have also written a 'lost' poster on behalf of her Grandma who thinks she is lost in the woods!



### YEAR 3

Year 3 have settled incredibly well into life as juniors and are already used to the new routines. So far this term, we have enjoyed writing funny poems and have been enthusiastically bread tasting in DT.

As the ukuleles have now arrived, we are looking forward to starting our music lessons this week.



### YEAR 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year. We have been reading Voices in the park by Anthony Browne and writing from different characters' viewpoints. In Maths, we have been focussing on place value and we are creating Maths games using Scratch. We have also been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as a class and learning to scan the text for answers. In History, we have started learning about Romans and we're looking forward to our trip to St Albans.

### YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning how to write years using Roman Numerals. We've had a lot of fun using them in games of Snakes and Ladders and Match Attax. In writing, we have practised using different dialects from all over the UK and overseas. This has helped with our poetry writing which is inspired by the works of Benjamin Zephaniah.

Year 5 also enjoyed a visit to Merchant Taylors where they got to take part in activities such as:

Origami - Making 'Snytches'

A game of Quidditch

Wand making

Slime making

### YEAR 6

Year 6 created Dracula characters from different stimuli, in preparation for their Whitby Abby suspense stories. Keep your eyes peeled. Mwahahah!



### THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the parents for their contributions of all the resources which contributed to our mud kitchen. Also, a special thank you to Mr Sutherland for taking time out of his family holiday to help with the building of the mud kitchen – the children are thoroughly enjoying it as well as the new Music Wall and Writing Shed.

### WELL DONE

Alayna Year 5 for Vociferous, expressing or characterized by vehement opinions; loud and forceful "he was vociferous opponent of the takeover"

Jolie, Olivia & Charlotte Year 5 for floccinaucinihilipilification, the action or habit of estimating something as worthless.

Lewis, Rishaan, Morgan, Aadiyan & Casey Year 6 for Bioluminescence, is the production and emission of light by a living organism.

Daniella Year 5 for Taradiddle, A petty lie. A lie with less importance



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to ease congestion and to ensure children and adults can walk safely along the path – can we please request that Year 3 & Year 4 parents say goodbye to their children on the junior playground and children make their own way to the classroom.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

World's Biggest Coffee Morning **29 September! 9:00-10:00**

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MACMILLAN.  
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Please join us and sign up on the posters displayed around the School.

### OFFICE NOTICES

Please ensure your child does not play on the school's playground equipment at the beginning of the day. Children are only allowed on this equipment when supervised by a member of staff.

Please remember that all dinners, trips, music & uniform **MUST** be paid for in advance using the School Gateway. We no longer accept cash or cheque payments. Thank you.



### ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 2M for achieving the highest attendance last week. High attendance has an excellent impact in all aspects of children's enjoyment of school life.

Year 1	93.9%
Year 2A	93.4%
<b>Year 2M</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	85.2%
Year 6	90.7%



### THANK YOU

We would like to thank Wyvale Nursery and Carpenders Park Nursery for their generous donation of seeds for our Greenhouse.



Best wishes  
*Penny Barefoot*

## BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

### Autumn 2017

Date	Event
23 September	Bushey Meads technology aptitude test
28 September	Year 4 trip to St Albans Cathedral (Roman Event)
29 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:15 am
29 September	Year 6 Science Outreach at the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School 1.30 pm - 3
6 October	Year 6 Science Outreach at the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School 1.30 pm - 4
11 October	Harvest Assembly (Year 6 parents invited) 9.15 am
13 October	Year 6 Science Outreach at the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School 1.30 pm - 5
19 October	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00 pm
20 October	Flu Vaccinations (Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4)
20 October	Year 6 Science Outreach at the Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School 1.30 pm - 6

### 23 - 27 October Half Term

#### 30 October Occasional Day

#### 31 October Inset Day

1 November	Parent Consultations 4.30-7.00 pm
10 November	Year 2A trip to Bushey Library
13 November	Year 5 Winter performance to parents 2.30 pm
15 November	Year 6 trip to Royal Air Force Museum
16 November	Individual & Sibling Photographs 9.30 am
24 November	Year 2M trip to Bushey Library
5 December	Year 2 Nativity to parents 2.00 pm
7 December	Choir to sing at St Peter's Church
12 December	KS2 - Beauty & the Beast Pantomime at The Radlett Centre
12 December	Nursery Christmas songs to parents 11.00 am
15 December	Reception Nativity 2.00 pm
19 December	Autumn Term 2017 ends

### Spring 2018

#### Date Event

#### 3 January Inset Day

4 January	Spring Term 2018 begins
17 January	Year 2A & 2M visit to St Peter's Church

#### 12-16 February Half Term

23 February	Year 2A & 2M trip to Affinity Water Education Centre
29 March	Spring Term 2018 ends

### Summer 2018

#### Date Event

16 April	Inset Day
17 April	Summer Term 2018 begins
23 - 27 April	Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip 2018
8 May	Inset Day
14 - 18 May	SAT's Week
25 May	Inset Day (1)
28 May-1 June	Half Term
4 June	Occasional Day
6 - 8 June	Year 5 Hayling Island Trip 2018
25 July	Summer Term 2018 ends
26 July	Occasional day - school closed
27 July	Occasional day - school closed (1)

### Summer 2019

#### Date Event

13 - 17 May	SAT's Week
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# MY VIEW FORM

**Describe your idea or view:**

**What are the benefits:**

**Additional comments or concerns:**

Name (optional)	
Child's Name (optional)	
Class	
Date	