

Bushey Heath Primary School

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A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear parents/carers

Congratulations to all the children of year 6 for their stunning SATs results.

These results, in addition to the Yr2 SATs, Yr1 phonics and Early Years end of year results are ALL significantly above national and local authority averages and are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our children and the dedication and skill of our teaching staff and the support of our parents/carers.

End of KS2 results 2018

Children achieving age-related results in maths 97%
Children achieving age-related results in reading 97%
Children achieving age-related results in grammar 100%
Children achieving age-related results in writing 97%
Children achieving greater depth in maths 48%
Children achieving greater depth in reading 45%
Children achieving greater depth in grammar 57%
Children achieving greater depth in writing 45%

End of KS1 results 2018

Children achieving age-related results in maths 88%
Children achieving age-related results in reading 90%
Children achieving age-related results in writing 88%
Children achieving great depth in maths 35%
Children achieving greater depth in reading 43%
Children achieving greater depth in writing 37%

Children achieving age-related in phonics 100%
Children achieving good level of development in Early Years 80%

Bushey Heath has managed to maintain outstanding academic results whilst ensuring we continue to develop excellent provision in other areas of learning. Examples of our continued success, outside of the academic sphere, include the strong performance of our football team, our running club, our cricket classes and our recent netball team - including a win against Hartsbourne (congratulations to the boys and girls who played). It has been interesting to watch the development of cricket at school and we would like to thank Merchant Taylors' School for lending us their cricket coach Sean O'Brien. We look forward to continuing our sporting successes when our new Sports Apprentice joins the school in September.

It has been lovely watching the children practise Maypole dancing (an activity I am guessing they will not do too much of in secondary school) and I would like to thank Mrs Small and Miss Rosenthal for becoming the school Maypole experts.

Well done to our Yr1 for producing such a fabulous sharing assembly, I particularly enjoyed the story about the Billy Goats and I thought that you were very clever to rewrite it in the form of a football story. As I am writing this, the Yr6s are busy performing their play and I look forward to seeing it later this week.

Thank you to all those parents who provided such positive feedback on our recent sports days. In particular I would like to thank Miss Durcan who has been the driving force behind the wonderful new style KS2 sports day. The children conducted themselves with such great sportsmanship (despite the heat) and the parents' race added another interesting element to the day. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Cuthbert for being the fastest parents in the school.

Thank you also to those parents that provided positive feedback in relation to our open day. We tried a slightly different format this year and we were very pleased that the clubs, teas and coffees were well received. I hope you would agree, the classrooms were a testament to the progress and achievement that your child has made at this school.

There are always parents that go above and beyond to support the school, for example: The Friends of the School, the Class Reps, those that support our clubs (Mrs Smith) and the school governors. To those parents I would like to say how grateful we are because your hard work behind the scenes ensures that our children's experience of the school is greatly enriched.

We recently relaunched the school website, with a bold new design which is more colourful and vibrant. The new site should also be much easier to read and navigate on mobile phones and tablets. Over time we will be improving the site with more information for parents as well as content, photos and videos from the children's classes. Mr Choudhury generously gave his time to redevelop the site for the school.

The School has received the highest grade possible during our recent School Financial Value audit (in a large part thanks to the input from Mrs James & Mr Hughes).

I would like to say a personal thank you to our chair of governors Mr Hughes for his unrelenting challenge, support and encouragement throughout the year.

Finally we have had a busy year this year and as it reaches the end we say goodbye to Ms Green and Mrs Wilson. Their contribution to school life cannot be underestimated and I wish them both success, luck and happiness in their new roles.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Thank you as always.

Penny Barefoot

GOVERNORS - OUR NEW HISTORY CURRICULUM

A few years ago, the Department of Education redrafted the national curriculum for history. This was in part a response to concerns raised by Ofsted and a growing numbers of teachers, that history as a subject had become stale and episodic. Whilst students possessed detailed knowledge of specific periods in time; they lacked a wider understanding of chronology and how the past linked together, defining and influencing our lives today.

This curriculum redraft has presented staff and students with an opportunity to try something new. Not simply to dust off old history textbooks but to fundamentally redesign how the subject is taught and experienced within schools. Of course change is never easy. In reality it involves a tremendous amount of effort and commitment from a subject leader who's brave (or daft) enough to take on such a challenge.

As a recently appointed Governor with an academic background in the subject, I was pulled in to consult on the history curriculum redesign. I can honestly say I've been blown away by the passion of Mrs Griffiths (Yr 3 teacher and history subject lead) and the vision of Ms Barefoot. It's not as if they don't have enough on their plates already. Yet despite their saturating workloads, we've pieced together a creative, exciting and innovative new curriculum map that will ensure all children at Bushey Heath:

- *Leave school with an in-depth knowledge of local history.*
- *Return to historical topics as they progress through the key stages, developing and deepening their understanding of historical content.*
- *Become more competent historical thinkers.*
- *Leave BHPS as historically literate citizens.*

As parents we can feel proud and encouraged by the culture of teaching and learning in our children's school. Rather than hiding behind safe subject knowledge and familiar teaching habits; staff are preparing to expand their pedagogy. Come the new academic year, with the right amount of support both in and out of the class room, we'll be inspiring our children to become little historians – the tweed jackets and elbow patches are optional!

A McMahon
Co-opted governor, BHPS

NURSERY

The Nursery children were really proud of all their lovely work for Open Day which they shared with their family and friends. We have had an amazing time in the Nursery and are looking forward to moving to our new Reception classes.

RECEPTION

Well done Reception for a wonderful first year to school life! You have all worked so hard and we are very proud of your efforts! Thank you for always bringing such happiness and excitement to the learning. Myself, Mrs Dowden and Mrs Walker wish you the very best in Year 1!

YEAR 1

In English, Year 1 have really enjoyed writing their own take on the traditional tale, 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have been carefully measuring the weight of a variety of objects using standard and non-standard units. In particular, we have had a very keen interest in the Victorian times and are curiously investigating the differences between Victorian and modern houses. We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Paradise Wildlife Park and had many interesting questions to ask the Rabbi when we visited Bushey Synagogue.

YEAR 2A

Year 2A have had great SATs results and have worked really hard! We have had lots of fun too, visiting Reveley Lodge and Paradise Park. Good Luck in Year 3!
Mrs Andrews & Mrs Rattley

YEAR 2M

Well done 2M for a fantastic year and brilliant SATs results! You've all worked extremely hard and should be very proud of what you have achieved. I'll miss teaching you next year but know you'll all be fantastic in Year 3.
Mr Moody & Mrs Maney

YEAR 3

Year 3 are finishing off what has been a truly wonderful year by writing action packed adventure stories in English and applying a range of skills to solve problems in maths. The glorious weather has helped us out in science as we have been learning all about light and shadows.
Wishing all of Year 3 the best of luck as they take the next step to Year 4. Thank you for all your support over the year and have a wonderful summer break.

YEAR 4

Well done to all the Year 4 children who have worked really hard throughout the year. The children showed off their French skills at our recent French breakfast and loved sharing their learning with their families. This week they have been using their computing skills to create an interactive Viking quiz.

YEAR 5

Did you know that the further a planet is from the sun, the longer each day is? Year 5 have been learning about the Solar System and enjoyed a highly educational trip to Haberdashers' Askes School for Girls. Once we were inside the Astrodome, we were transported to another world amongst the stars. Well done to all of the children for raising such wonderful questions.

YEAR 6

Year 6's hard work, enthusiasm and effort has paid off, their SATs results are FANTASTIC. Every single one of them should feel proud of their brilliant achievements, they have made themselves and the school proud. They are nearly at the end of their time here at BHPS so we want to go out with a BANG! Our play 'Robin Hood & the Sherwood Hoodies' is coming along nicely- tights, lights and terrible jokes, prepared to be entertained!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Year 2A and Year 6** 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	96.9%
Year 2A	99.0%
Year 2M	95.0%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	92.0%
Year 5	97.6%
Year 6	99.0%



WELL DONE

A team of 10 children from our Y6 class took part in a French Mini-Olympics competition at Bushey Meads School this week. They worked together to complete different French vocabulary challenges such as Body Relay and Balloon Tower. We came first and brought home the trophy which we will keep for a year. Well done Year 6, great teamwork. C'est fantastique!

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of unnamed uniform in lost property, if you are missing any items including jumpers, trousers, hats, coats, lunchboxes, water bottles - please come in and have a look.

Please can we remind you that all uniform should be named and any uncollected items will be donated to the charity shop at the end of term.



BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

Summer 2018

Date	Event
17 July	Year 4 Swimming
17 July 13:45	Year 6 Play to parents
18 July 14:00	Orchestra and choir concert to parents
18 July 14:00	New Nursery Intake into Class
18 July 18:00	Year 6 Play to Parents
19 July 09:15	Year 3 ukulele concert to parents / carers
19 July	Year 4 trip to Bhaktivedanta Manor
19 July 19:00	Governors Meeting
23 July 18:00	Year 6 Leavers Disco (18.00-20.00)
24 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
25 July	Summer Term 2018 ends
26 July	Occasional day - school closed
27 July	Occasional day - school closed

Autumn 2018

Date	Event
3 September	Inset Day
4 September	Inset Day (1)
5 September	Autumn 2018 Term begins
6 Sept 08:45	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
6 Sept 14:45	Year 1 Meet the Teacher
7 Sept 08:45	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
7 Sept 14:45	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
8 Sept	South West Herts Admissions Consortium Academic Test
10 Sept 08:45	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
10 Sept 14:45	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
13 September	South West Herts Admissions Consortium Music Aptitude Test
14 September	South West Herts Admissions Consortium Sports Test (Queens' School)
18 September	South West Herts Admissions Consortium Sports Test (Queens' School) (1)
24 September	South West Herts Admissions Consortium Music Audition Week
24 September	The Lancaster Model/National Child Measurement Programme - Year 6
15 Oct 09:15	Harvest Festival - Year 6 Parents Invited
29 October - 2 November	Half Term
5 November	Inset Day (2)
14 November	Individual Photos
14 December	KS2 - Aladdin Pantomime at The Radlett Centre
21 December	Autumn 2018 Term ends

Spring 2019

Date	Event
7 January	Inset Day
8 January	Spring 2019 Term begins
18 - 22 Feb	Half Term
5 April	Spring 2019 Term ends

Summer 2019

Date	Event
23 April	Summer 2019 Term begins
23 April	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 1
30 April	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 2
7 May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 3
13 - 17 May	SAT's Week
14 May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 4

Summer 2019

Date	Event
20 - 24 May	Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip 2019
21 May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 5
27 - 31 May	Half Term
4 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 6
5 - 7 June	Year 5 Hayling Island Trip 2019
11 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 7
18 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 8
25 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 9
28 June	Inset Day
2 July	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 10
9 July	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 11
16 July	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 12
23 July	Summer 2019 Term ends
24 July	Occasional Day

MY VIEW FORM

Describe your idea or view:

What are the benefits:

Additional comments or concerns:

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