

# 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

We are delighted to confirm that our grant application for £8,000 towards the Digital Hub has been agreed and awaits final ratification from Hertsmere Council in January. This, along with the funds raised by 'The Friends of the School' and some very able technical support will see the Hub start to take shape early in the New Year. Whilst we are waiting for the structure to be built the school has begun its voyage into the world of podcast production. Year 6s pitched their ideas to a podcast producer (Mr Lincoln) who selected and help produce the two winners. These can now be heard on the website under our new 'podcast' section. I think you will agree they all sound very professional.

The school's application for the Trees' Project has been successful and we will start to work towards the Green Tree Schools Award. We will be taking delivery of our saplings in the New Year.

Those of you who have had to opportunity to take advantage of the school's 'Open Classroom' on a Thursday, may have noticed a new style of feedback in your child's book. This is because we are currently trialling a new Assessment and Feedback Policy. Once the trial has been completed the school will be consulting with parents and pupils. In the meantime, please be reassured that this new policy has been developed, based on the latest research and with a view to significantly improving your child's learning experience.

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success – both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child develop important social skills and friendships, and they are significantly more likely to succeed academically. For example, young school pupils who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind in reading. As a parent you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority. If you need support in getting your child to school, please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange an appointment to speak to either a teacher or a member of the leadership team, we will always try to help.

We were delighted to play host to the School Governors just before half term. We are incredibly lucky to have the committed, skilled and hard working Governors that we do. They spent time talking to the teachers, the pupils and the teaching assistants. Mr McMahon lead a mindfulness assembly showing children how to focus, remain calm and be in the present. The assembly was slightly less 'calming' for Mr Hughes (ask your children!). Mr McMahon also worked with Year 5 & 6 on developing their mindfulness through yoga. So a huge thank you to all the Governors. Also I would like to thank the Class Reps for meeting with me. They too show a commitment and a passion for school development which makes it a privilege to work with them.

Finally, I hope to see some of you at the esafety talk this Thursday at 2:30 and thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Penny Barefoot

## RUNNING CLUB

The Running club welcomed a whole new batch of runners from Years 1, 2, 5 and 6. Running club aims to make use of our great track and create strong and confident runners.

Along-side bite-sized 'Sport Science' we orchestrate a framework where pupils can learn positive 'runners' attitude'. This includes effective breathing techniques, stitch strategies, dynamic and static warm-up-warm-down stretching.

This term we have been using visualisation techniques and 'self-talk'. Our warm-ups concentrate on glute and quad activation plus arm drive from wall push-off positions. We have also been working on running posture and body balance.

Year 6 pupils were rewarded for their excellent effort last term – they were invited to use the amazing running track facilities at Merchant Taylors School. Using all the running techniques that they have acquired over the last half term, this full size running track will certainly inspire the runners to keep practising.

Thank you.  
Clare Smith

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR!



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12-3pm

£1.50 PER ADULT. CHILDREN FREE!

FOOD + DRINK ENTERTAINMENT  
ARTS + CRAFTS GAMES ROOM STALLS  
SANTA'S GROTTO!

## BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

### Autum 2018

Date	Summary
14 November	Individual Photos
15 November	Year 5 Jewish Living Experience Exhibition
15 November at 13:20	eSafety Session - Year 6
15 November at 14:30	eSafety Parent Session
16 November	[FOS] Non School Uniform Day
16 November	Flu Nasal Vaccination (Year R - 5)
20 November at 09:15	Year 5 Winter Assembly 09:15
30 November at 18:30	Choir at Reveley Lodge Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
1 December	[FOS] Christmas Fair
4 December	Nursery Learning Journals 11:30 & 14:45
4 December at 15:30	Choir Christmas Concert 15:30
6 December at 14:30	Reception Learning Journals 14:30
12 December at 09:30	Reception Christmas Play 09:30
13 December at 09:15	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play to Parents 09:15
14 December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
14 December	KS2 - Aladdin Pantomime at The Radlett Centre
14 December at 13:45	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play to Parents 13:45
19 December at 11:00	Nursery Christmas Songs 11:00
21 December	Autumn 2018 Term ends

### Spring 2019

Date	Summary
7 January	Spring 2019 Term begins
10 January	Year 6 trip to RAF Museum
18 January at 09:00	Class Rep Meeting 09:00
5 February at 13:30	Year 4 Play 13:30
6 February at 18:00	Year 4 Play 18:00
7 February at 14:30	Reception Learning Journals 14:30
7 February at 19:00	GB Meeting 19:00
18 - 22 February	Half Term
12 March	Nursery Learning Journals 11:30 & 14:45
21 March at 19:00	GB Meeting 19:00 (1)
28 March at 16:30	Parent Consultations 16:30-19:00
1 April	Year 3A & 3G Sharing Assembly 14:30
2 April at 15:30	Parent Consultations 15:30-18:00
5 April	Spring 2019 Term ends

### Summer 2019

Date	Summary
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
16 May at 19:00	GB Meeting 19:00
20 - 24 May	Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip 2019
21 May	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 5
27 - 31 May	Half Term
3 June	Inset Day
4 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 6

## Summer 2019 - continued

<b>Date</b>	<b>Summary</b>
4 June at 14:30	Reception Learning Journals 14.30
5 - 7 June	Year 5 Hayling Island Trip 2019
11 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 7
12 June	Early Years Sports Day
18 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 8
20 June at 19:00	GB Meeting 19:00 (1)
21 June	KS1 Sports Day
25 June	Nursery Learning Journals 11:30 & 14:45 (1)
25 June	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 9
28 June	KS2 Sports Day
2 July	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 10
4 July	International Day
4 July at 16:00	Open Evening 16:00
9 July	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 11
10 July at 14:00	Year 6 Play 14:00
11 July at 18:00	Year 6 Play 18:00
16 July	Year 4 Swimming Lessons 12
17 July at 14:00	Year 6 Leaver Assembly 14:00
19 July	Summer 2019 Term ends
22 July	Inset Day (1)
23 July	Inset Day (2)
24 July	Occasional Day