

Bushey Heath Primary School

Newsletter: September 2021



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term, and a particular welcome to our new parents and pupils who are about to join our amazing school.

As I write this newsletter I am sitting here with a cup of coffee, biscuit and a broken toe. I am feeling a little sorry for myself but am looking forward seeing the children. Below are a few reminders about some of the things happening in school; if you need any further details, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Open Thursdays

As things return to normal, we would like to restart our Open Thursdays. Here, parents and carers are welcome to come and look at their child's classroom, their work and – starting this term – we would like to invite you to take a look at the whole school at the end of the day. Please also have a look at the Digital Hub – our amazing new reading areas and our fantastic new early years environment. Hopefully, your child will be a willing guide.

If you are unable to make Thursday, but would like to look around the school please contact the office.

Reading Areas

The Year 3 classroom reading area is almost complete. All I can say is I think this will be the most popular area in the school - especially with the teachers. The Year 6 MG reading area will be next, theirs will be World War II themed with an Anderson Shelter, camouflage nets and sand bags. If you have anything WWII themed at home that you would like to donate to this reading area, please feel free to drop off the items to the office.

The generosity of our parents often makes our projects possible. Currently Mr and Mrs Hannington are helping transform a green shed into a 'working' garage for our early years children. Next time your car has a puncture your 4-year-old may help you fix it!

Maths project

We have been lucky enough to be accepted onto an exciting Maths programme for EYFS and KS1. 'Mastering Number' is a new programme held by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) and our current Maths Hub Network. It aims to develop solid number sense, including fluency and flexibility with number facts, which will have a lasting impact on future learning for all children. It also involves high quality professional development for teachers. We are extremely excited for this opportunity and look forward to its start.

Volunteers

Now lock-down restrictions have eased, we are looking for volunteers to read with our children. If you are able to donate some time, please email the office with your details and availability.

Gardening

Mrs Rattley continues to do a fantastic job with the help of her club to keep the garden looking wonderful. They are also maintaining the greenhouse – which, I am delighted to say – is producing a lot of grapes. The kiwi bush has yet to produce fruit but is still thriving. If you are a keen gardener and would like to help develop and maintain the borders, please contact the office.

Curriculum

We continue to develop, improve and adapt our curriculum. For details outlining the curriculum that your child's class will be following for the year, please check our web-site or follow this link: [Curriculum](#)

Social Media

One of the best ways of finding out what your child is learning in class is to follow the school on Twitter on @busheyheathjm. Whilst we are on Facebook, we mainly post on Twitter and you really get a sense of the activities and learning taking place when you see the teachers' tweets.

Next week you will be receiving an e-safety agreement. We will be asking all children and parents to sign this agreement and return it to the school.

School Uniform

Please could you ensure all items of clothing are labelled clearly.

Safeguarding

Bushey Heath takes safeguarding children very seriously. If you have any concerns about a child we will always act in accordance with our Child Protection Policy. This may or may not include speaking with parents depending on the nature of the concern. Our updated policy can be found on our website.

[Safeguarding Policy](#)

Meetings

Dates and times for 'Meet the Teacher' are on our web-site, these will be held in the hall.

[Calendar](#)

If you wish to meet the members of the Senior Leadership Team, we will be available for questions on Friday 3rd September @ 9:00 and Monday 13th September @ 14:30. We would be delighted to meet you .

SENCo Cover

Mrs Finnegan will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this half-term, we are delighted to inform you that Mrs Fadairo, who is an experienced SENCo, will be joining us from 1 November to cover during this time.

Pick-up/Drop-off

We will be continuing with the one-way system during drop-off in the mornings, please remember that upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) should wait on the junior playground if they arrive early, they can make their way to their class at 08:45.

Reception will be dismissed in the Nursery garden. Please can Reception parents/carers stand to the right-hand side when waiting to collect their child.

Myself and the Bushey Heath team are delighted to be able to welcome you back to school and look forward to sharing the improvements in classrooms and around the school with you.

BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

Please remember to check our website for additions to the School Calendar

<http://www.busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk/our-school/calendar>

AUTUMN 2021

Date	Summary
1 September	Inset Day 1
2 September	Autumn 2021 Term begins
3 September at 14:30	Meet the SLT
4 September	Consortium academic test
6 September	Consortium music aptitude test
7 September at 09:00	Year 1 Meet the Teacher
8 September at 09:00	Year 2 Meet the Teacher
9 September at 09:00	Year 3 Meet the Teacher
10 September at 09:00	Year 4 Meet the Teacher
13 September at 09:00	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
13 September at 14:30	Meet the SLT
14 September	Consortium Queens' School sports aptitude test
15 September at 09:00	Year 6P Meet the Teacher
16 September at 09:00	Reception Meet the Teacher
16 September	Consortium first round music scores notified to parents/carers
20 September at 09:00	Year 6MG Meet the Teacher
20 September	Consortium start of second round music tests
20 October	Consortium scores notified to parents/carers
22 October	Occasional Day
25 - 29 October	Half Term
31 October	Secondary application deadline
1 November	Inset Day 2
9 November	Individual Photographs
21 December	Autumn 2021 Term ends 2:00 pm

SPRING 2022

Date	Summary
5 January	Inset Day 3
6 January	Spring 2022 Term begins
14 - 18 February	Half Term
1 April	Spring 2022 Term ends 2:00 pm

SUMMER 2022

Date	Summary
19 April	Summer 2022 Term begins
30 May - 3 June	Half Term
6 June	Inset Day 4
9 - 10 June	Year 5 trip to Cuffley Camp
17 June	Class Photographs
20 - 24 June	Year 6 trip to Boreatton Park 2022
21 July	Summer 2022 Term ends 2:00 pm
22 July	Inset Day 5

AUTUMN 2022

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1 September	Occasional Day
2 September	Inset Day 1
5 September	Autumn 2022 Term begins
24 - 28 October	Half Term
31 October	Inset Day 2
21 December	Autumn 2022 Term ends 2:00 pm

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31 March

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Half Term
Spring 2023 Term ends 2:00 pm

SUMMER 2023

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17 April
18 April
29 May - 2 June
5 June
20 July
21 July

Summary

Inset Day 3
Summer 2023 Term begins
Half Term
Inset Day 4
Summer 2023 Term ends 2:00 pm
Inset Day 5