

Bushey Heath Primary School

Newsletter: July 2022



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Governors

We come to the end of a wonderful year. Children have returned to their rightful place - at school and we have much to celebrate.

Thanks to the hard work of our teaching staff and children, we have seen incredible academic results. With the help of the wonderful Miss Ahme and the launch of our brand-new phonics scheme, 100% of Year 1s passed their phonics test. Whilst we await the Key Stage 2 SATs results, we can celebrate some of the strongest Reception results for many years. This is due to a wonderful Early Years Foundation Stage team, the new Early Years curriculum and redeveloped environment.

The children continue to receive a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. If you have had the opportunity to look at your child's books, you will have seen their wonderful work – whether designing 3d maps in geography or creating carefully crafted structures using tools and glue guns in design technology.

Friends of the School relaunched and quickly raised money to help our 'Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds' project - thanks to the generosity of our parents.

The donations have helped the School purchase sports and playground equipment that we would not have been able to afford – and the children have loved playing with the equipment. Thank you, Friends of the School, for all your hard work. A particular thanks must also go to the Jetha family for their fantastic fundraising video to raise money for tennis equipment.

Our Creative Team – Mrs Dowden and Mrs Vale have created fantastic reading areas in each classroom, a 'play zone' in the junior playground and an imaginative Early Years environment.

Mrs Rattley has worked her gardening skills throughout the School, bringing colour and life to where there used to be weeds and mud.

Our Teaching Assistants continue to be the backbone of the school. In addition to supporting the children in class, many take on additional duties such as running, football, netball, gardening and cooking clubs, pupil premium support, drawing and talking therapy and many more activities that ensure your children receive the broadest form of education.

We have welcomed Mr Antunes as our new site manager and have been thrilled with the impact he has had on the School.

I am so grateful to my office staff Mrs James, Mrs Castello and Mrs Clarke who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the School. Thank you for all your support, kindness and humour.

Our fantastic Enrichment Team – Mr Freeman, Mr Meeko and Mr Hiron – continue to be a firm favourite for our children. Working with groups of 10 at a time, they have ensured your children have had the opportunity to learn new digital media skills, play the ukulele and participate in sports in small groups (this has really helped our less confident boys and girls). There have been many wonderful moments in class, many of which have been captured on Twitter.

I would like to thank my Teachers, from the bottom of my heart for their dedication over the last 3 years and for doing everything in their power to ensure the impacts of the lockdown are minimised. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a talented workforce.

Please follow our Twitter account; it allows you to see a snapshot of your child's learning and experiences within the classroom.

As usual, my Governors have been incredible. They work behind the scenes to ensure your children receive the education they deserve. Their impact on the School is significant and measurable. Their concern for mine, and my staffs, mental well-being has been gratefully received. They work to ensure rigorous safeguarding practices are in place, that health and safety provision is strong, and they hold the leadership to account.

The Governors also ensure the School's Vision:

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- is delivered and the School Development Plan is successfully implemented. So, a very personal thank you to the Governors for giving so much of your spare time - for free. A particular thank you to the Chair of Governors, the wonderful Mr Hughes, for his support. You have all made my job so much easier.

Of course, as any school year comes to an end, we have to say some goodbyes:

We have said goodbye to 5 chickens, leaving just 3. Thank you to the chicken monitors for ensuring the chickens are loved and looked after.

Miss Rattley is going on to work at St. Hilda's and we wish her lots of luck in her new role and thank you for all her help over the last few years.

We say goodbye to Mrs Walker. Quietly working exceptionally hard in Reception, ensuring that the children have a wonderful provision, Mrs Walker has dedicated herself to our children for the last 9 years. Her leaving will be a huge loss to the school, and I would like to thank her for all of her years of service - you have been amazing and will be missed. Pob lwc.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Fadairo, our wonderful SENCO as Mrs Finnegan returns from maternity leave. During her time with us, Mrs Fadairo has had a huge impact on SEN provision, as well as becoming a treasured and valued member of staff. We wish her well in her new venture.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to Miss Aherne who is leaving us to travel to New Zealand. She is an outstanding teacher, bringing passion, energy to every task she has taken on. We will all miss her and wish Meadhbh love and laughter in your new adventure, as she deserves it. Adh mor, Meadhbh.

After a tough few years, I am glad to see our staff going onto bigger and better adventures and I hope they will keep in contact. They have been a big part of what has made this school great and have become much loved and valued work colleagues and teaching staff.

Finally, to all our children, you have been amazing this year and it has been a pleasure to teach you. Please remember, this holiday, live your life away from the computer and put away your phones. Life is so wonderful, and it is for living. You are made of stardust and that makes you special, so treat yourself and those around you well and I look forward to seeing you back in September.

Good Luck Year 6 in moving on to your secondary schools.

Happy Summer Holidays everyone!

Thank you

Penny Barefoot

CLASS TEACHERS 2022/23

Nursery	Miss Rossington
Reception	Mrs Cohen & Mrs Neary
Year 1	Mrs Gillett & Miss McClure
Year 2	Miss Allett
Year 3	Miss Oughton
Year 4	Mr Moody
Year 5	Mrs Griffiths
Year 6	Miss Podro

Year 6 enjoyed their fun-filled week in Boreatton Park. They behaved exceptionally well, doing BHPS proud.



NETBALL

On Thursday 16th of June, the netball team travelled to Bournehall Primary School and put in a very impressive performance and came away with a 10-3 victory. The children really enjoyed the match and did incredibly well considering how hot the weather was!



FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Big thank you from FOS to the whole school community - students, staff, parents and carers for their help and support for the end of term Jubilee celebrations.

The children showed incredible strength and determination and together clocked up an amazing joint total of 100 miles!

We're thrilled to report that TOGETHER we raised over £2,700 which will go towards new sports equipment for our students.

We're now looking ahead to the BHPS Summer Fayre on 2nd July, and we'll be in touch soon with much more info about this.

If you would like to volunteer or contribute to the fayre, please contact us on friensofBHPS@hotmail.com

BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

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

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SUMMER 2022

Date	Summary
1 July	Governors' Day
2 July	[FOS] Summer Fair
5 July	GB Meeting 6
5 July	Year 6 Swimming 4
5 July	Consortium parents informed of test venue
5 July	Year 5 Swimming 11
6 July	EYFS Sports Day
7 July	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
8 July	Year 5 trip to Henry Moore Foundation
8 July at 13:30	Reception Meet the Teacher (parents/ carers only)
11 July at 13:30	Nursery Meet the Teacher (parents/ carers only)
11 July at 14:00	Year 6 Play 1
12 July	Year 6 Swimming 5
12 July	Year 5 Swimming 12
12 July at 13:30	Nursery Meet the Teacher (parents/ carers only) (1)
12 July at 18:00	Year 6 Play 2
13 July at 14:00	Year 6 Play 3
14 July	Transfer Day
14 July at 13:30	Reception Transition Day (children only)
14 July at 19:00	Year 6 Prom
15 July	Inset Day due to Jubilee
18 July	Farm Visit to Nursery & Reception (in school)
18 July at 15:30	[FOS] AGM
19 July	Year 6 Swimming 6
19 July	Year 5 Swimming 13
21 July	Summer 2022 Term ends 2:00 pm
22 July	Inset Day 5

AUTUMN 2022

Date	Summary
1 September	Occasional Day
2 September	Inset Day 1
3 September	Consortium academic test
5 September	Consortium music aptitude test
5 September	Autumn 2022 Term begins
13 September	Consortium Queens' School sports aptitude test
15 September	Consortium first round music scores notified to parents
19 September	Consortium start of second round music tests
11 October	Flu Vaccination
12 October	GB Meeting 1
19 October	Consortium scores notified to parents
24 - 28 October	Half Term
31 October	Secondary application deadline
31 October	Inset Day 2
8 November	Individual Photographs
7 December	GB Meeting 2
8 December	Flu Vaccination (1)
16 December	KS2 - Jack & the Beanstalk at the Radlett Centre
21 December	Autumn 2022 Term ends 2:00 pm

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SPRING 2023

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5 January	Spring 2023 Term begins
8 February	GB Meeting 3
13 - 17 February	Half Term
29 March	GB Meeting 4
31 March	Spring 2023 Term ends 2:00 pm

SUMMER 2023

Date	Summary
17 April	Inset Day 3
18 April	Year 5 Swimming 1
18 April	Summer 2023 Term begins
25 April	Year 5 Swimming 2
2 May	Year 5 Swimming 3
8 - 11 May	SATs
9 May	Year 5 Swimming 4
16 May	Year 5 Swimming 5
23 May	Year 5 Swimming 6
24 May	GB Meeting 5
29 May - 2 June	Half Term
5 June	Inset Day 4
6 June	Year 5 Swimming 7
13 June	Year 5 Swimming 8
19 - 23 June	Year 6 Boreatton Park
20 June	Year 5 Swimming 9
27 June	Year 5 Swimming 10
4 July	Year 5 Swimming 11
5 July	GB Meeting 6
11 July	Year 5 Swimming 12
14 July	Governors' Day
18 July	Year 5 Swimming 13
20 July	Summer 2023 Term ends 2:00 pm
21 July	Inset Day 5