

# BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER October 2013

### Dear Parents

Harvest Festival on the 25 September was well attended by Year 5 and 6 parents. The children from each class performed a short presentation on Harvest celebrations from around the world. I would like to thank everyone for their kind donations to Watford New Hope Trust and the homeless of the area. The trust collected 63 bags and boxes of food and toiletries from the school. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We had a visit from the NSPCC to talk to the children about their work. They have asked us to take part in a mental maths challenge for Juniors and a colouring and shape challenge for Infants. Hopefully you will feel you are able to support this very worthwhile cause.

Please can you make sure your child comes to school with a suitable coat. We have had a number of children arriving at school without a coat and so have had to stay in at breaktime and lunch time when it is cold

### Secondary Transfer

Closing date for applications to secondary schools for 2014-15 is 31 October 2013. Please make sure you apply before this time. Late applications are not dealt with until all on-time applications have been considered and therefore you are much less likely to be offered a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late. Please use the online application system which is available at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

The South West Herts Consortium test takes place on Saturday 7 September and all applicants should have received a letter or email allocating them the test centre and time of the test.

**If any Year 6 parent would like to speak to Mr Perrin about Secondary transfer he is available on Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 after school until 5.00pm, he will also be available on the 23 October during consultation evening.**

### Dinner Monies

From September Cheque payments for school dinners will be to **Hertfordshire Catering Ltd.**

### Physical activity campaign

Hertfordshire are launching a campaign to encourage people of all ages to take up some form of physical activity. It is aimed at helping people to improve their health and wellbeing.

Throughout Hertfordshire there are lots of activities taking place in local community halls, leisure clubs and outdoor spaces that anyone can take part in. Many are low cost, or in some cases free, in order to help local residents have an active lifestyle.

To find out what else is happening in your area, call HertsHelp today on 03001234044\* or email: [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) so that you can take the first step – to a new you. (\*a free pedometer is available to every caller.)

## **Nut Allergies**

We have a number of children in the school who suffer from a nut allergy which can be life threatening. All products from the school kitchen are nut free but we cannot control what children bring in their packed lunches. **Can I ask those parents who provide packed lunches for their children to ensure that they are nut free products.** Very often products with chocolate also contain nuts. Please check carefully.

## **Diary Dates 2013**

3 October	9.30 The B word – Bullying Yr2 – Yr6 (1hour)
7 October	NSPCC challenge week
14 October	Anti- Bullying week Yr4 St Albans – Roman Day
15 October	NSPCC collection
21 October	NSPCC assembly 1.20
22 October	Yr5 Clay Lane
23 October	Consultation Evening
24 October	School Disco
28 October – 1 November	Half Term
4 November	Assessment week Nursery Consultations 12.00 – 2.30
5 November	Nursery Consultations 12.00 – 2.30
7 November	Individual School Photos
21 November	Yr4 Cake sale
27 November	Choir St Margarets
7 December	Christmas Fair
9 December	N/R Christmas play rehearsal 10.30
10 December	N/R Christmas play to parents 10.30
11 December	Yr 1/2 Christmas Play rehearsal 10.15
12 December	Yr 1/2 Christmas play to parents 2.00pm Choir at COSTCO 9.45am
16 December	Pantomime Juniors at Radlett
19 December	Christmas Lunch
20 December	Last day of term – 2.00pm close

## **Dates for School Term and Holiday dates 2013/14**

### **Autumn Term 2013**

To begin Wednesday 4 September

To end Friday 20 December

Half Term Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

### **Spring Term 2014**

To begin Wednesday 8 January

To end Friday 4 April

Half Term Monday 17 to Friday 21 February

### **Summer Term 2014**

To start Wednesday 23 April

To end Wednesday 23 July

Half Term Friday 23 May to Monday 2 June

(Please note school closed Monday 2 June start back to school on Tuesday 3 June)

May Day Monday 5 May

### **Autumn Term 2014 (provisional)**

To begin Wednesday 3 September

To end Friday 19 December

Half Term Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October