

BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER January 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school and Happy New Year. I hope you all had a great Christmas break.

Please make sure your child attends school regularly and avoid taking your children out of school during term time. 90% attendance sounds good but is the equivalent of missing ½ day every week!! Children who attend regularly perform better at school.

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.

Consultation on proposed admission arrangements

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2015/16 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The main change is an amendment to the admissions arrangements for coeducational community secondary schools. It is proposed to remove the existing rule 6:

“Children living outside the priority area for whom it is the nearest school or academy that is coeducational, non-faith and non-partially selective”

Children living outside the named priority area for a school would be prioritised purely on the basis of distance.

The consultation period runs until 28 February 2014. Please visit www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2015 for more information and to respond online or call 01992 555840 for a copy of the consultation document. Many other own admission authority schools and academies in Hertfordshire are also consulting on their admission arrangements for 2015/16. The arrangements for all schools proposing changes can be found at www.hertsdirect.org/ownadmissions2015 and on individual school websites.

Applying for a Reception Place for children born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010

What happens when?

11 November	Online Application system opens
November and December	Parents/ Carers visit Hertfordshire schools (this should be arranged by contacting schools direct)
15 January 2014	Deadline for applications
16 April 2014	School Places are offered

Diary Dates 2014

6/7 January	INSET days
8 January	First Day of Spring Term
9 January	Herts Radio with year 6
13 January	Yr6 RAF museum First Touch Netball after school club starts
15 January	First Touch Football after school club starts
21 January	Mad Science after school club starts
23 January	Maths workshop for Years 1,2 and 3 Meeting for parents Reading at Home with your child. 6.30pm (N,R,1,2)
24 January	Maths workshop Years 4,5,6 Year 3 Clay Lane
4 February	Yr2 visit St Peters Church
5 February	Governors Meeting 7.00pm
6 February	Year 4 Roald Dahl/Tring Museum visit
10 February	Yr 4 at Barbican
11 February	Yr 1/2 at Barbican
12 February	Consultation Evening 1
17 – 21 February	Half Term
27 February	Consultation Evening 2
3 March	Book Week
7 March	Book Character non-uniform day
16 March	Royal Albert Hall gala Performance 7.30
17 March	Science week
24 March	Yr1 Bushey Museum
26 March	Governors meeting 7.00pm
27 March	Skip2Bfit
1 April	Boreatton Park parents meeting 6.00pm
2 April	Year 3/4 Play afternoon and evening performances
4 April	last day of term school closes 2.00pm

Dates for School Term and Holiday dates 2014

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