

BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

On Thursday and Friday last week the children in Years 1 to 6 took part in a mathematics event in the main hall. There were a number of activities for them to attempt which tested their basic number skills. The people organizing the event were very impressed with the children. I spoke to a number of pupils and they all agreed they had a great time.

Mrs Allard and Mrs Wilson provided parents in Years N, R, 1 and 2 with guidance on reading at home, on Thursday evening. The meeting was well attended. On the website there are a range of materials which give guidance on helping your child to read.

Year 3 also spent the day at Clay Lane working on environmental issues.

Head Lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice in the school this term so far. Can I ask you all to carefully check your children and the rest of the family to see if you have this unwelcome visitor. If so please ensure you treat everyone as soon as possible. This is one of the reasons we ask children with long hair to have it tied back.

Pet Dogs at the gate

I have had a number of parents speak to me about pet dogs at the school gates and asked if I would mention it in my newsletter. Many children are frightened of dogs and do not like having to walk past them. I understand taking the dog out for a walk and picking up your children with their pet is a fun thing to do. I know that your dog may be good and no problem but this does not stop children from being scared of them. I appreciate that as dogs are not allowed on the school site, you have to keep them with you and you have to stay outside the school gates. Please can I ask you to stand further away from the gates so that children can get by without having to get too close to your dog.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Active kids vouchers will be available to collect from all Sainsbury's stores between Wednesday 29 January and Tuesday 20 May 2014.

Parking outside School

The local PCSOs visited the school to talk to the children about parking on the zig zag lines outside school or parking on the pavement. They have put up a banner to remind parents about the dangers of parking in these areas. Please be careful where you park. The last thing we all would want is for a child to be injured.

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.

Diary Dates 2014

27 January	PCSO assembly
4 February	Yr2 visit St Peters Church Yr4 Indoor Athletics - Queens
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 Yr 6 indoor athletics - Queens
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