

BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER February 2014

Dear Parents

We had our first Consultation evening this week and it went very well. It was good to see so many of you. I am sure you found the meetings valuable. As you may know Mrs C Deritis moved on to a new job this week and I would like to thank her for all her hard work during her time at the school. She will be missed. After half term her place will be taken by Mrs Jacqui Hursthouse.

During this term we have employed a teacher from Queens school to work with the children on gymnastics. This has been going very well and pupils and staff have benefited from her experience. Years 4 and 6 have both taken part at Queens School in an Indoor Athletics event. The children really enjoyed the afternoon.

It is half term next week and we finish at 3.20 on Friday as usual.

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.

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.

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

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
Activity day at Aldenham Yr5 Girls
27 March Skip2Bfit
1 April Boreatton Park parents meeting 6.00pm
2 April Year 3/4 Play afternoon and evening performances
Year 2 Clay Lane
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