



# Bushey Heath Primary School

February 2016

Respect, Encourage and Achieve

## Newsletter

We have had a very busy half term. This week alone we have a Junior Singing Day, a visit to Bushey Meads to watch the play *Oliver*, a visit to St Peter's Church and a Tag Rugby Festival. All these activities are designed to enrich the curriculum we offer the children.

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I was delighted to take receipt of a substantial cheque from The Friends of the School towards the cost of the Library last week. We are so grateful to The Friends – both the current organisers and those dedicated Year 2 parents from previous years. When I have children coming up to me with a beaming smile, waving the latest copy of the book they have read and eager to tell me all about the story - it brings home what a difference an amazing learning environment can make.

Thank you for the donation of books to the library from Jolie Margolin (Year 3). These will be added to the books given by Mylo Housham (also from Year 3), Jodie Ellis and from Timothy Hughes. If I have missed off your name and you have donated books please let me know – I have a new collection of stickers that need to be given out (the scented stickers seem to be going down particularly well!).

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The Friends and I have spoken about future fund raising projects. Ideas include:

- A running track – this would mean the field could be used even in muddy weather. We have some super runners and it would be great to be able to develop their skills all year round.
- Revamping the Early Years outdoor area to create an exciting learning environment.
- Redesigning the school's garden to create an area rich in science learning opportunities, where the children can grow flowers, fruit and vegetables in an adventurous outdoor area.
- Providing cover in the infant playground.

I know the friends will be contacting you to see if you have any expertise in any of the above areas or if you can help in any way. If you feel you can contribute please contact either the Friends or a member of staff. We are always looking for help!

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Thank you to all the parents and children who have put suggestions in the Suggestion Box. As a result the side gates have been opened for use by Nursery and Reception parents and copies of words will be provided to parents at future choir concerts. We have had a suggestion to increase the amount of running that the children do - I am currently looking into our options.

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We are trying to embed fitness and physical activity throughout the day by encouraging children to take short bursts of intense physical activity during lessons, such as skipping. Not only will this help their general level of fitness but it will also help their learning and focus during lessons. The Skip2Bfit workshop re-launched our skipping focus and it proved to be a great success. Skipping ropes will be going on sale on Thursday afternoon.

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Following the successful visit from Legal Eagles, I will be launching a debating club on Friday lunchtimes next half term. It will initially be open to Year 6s but, depending on demand, I hope to extend the club to include Year 5s.

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We held an anti-bullying workshop on the 25 January and will shortly be running an on-line safety



awareness course for parents and children.

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### Book Week 22-26 February

This year we are taking part in the Guinness Book of Records attempt to take part in The Bumper Book Quiz. As many children as possible are going to answer questions about books and book characters on Monday 22 February between 2pm and 3pm.

The Book Fair this year is on Thursday and Friday 25 and 26 February 8.30am – 8.55am and 3.15pm – 4 pm. You will also be able to buy a book to donate to our new libraries with a dedicated book plate inside. Do come and look at our fabulous libraries during the Book Fair.

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Please make sure you follow us on Twitter @busheyheathjm. All Twitter feeds are linked to our webpage. We will be launching our Facebook page after half term.

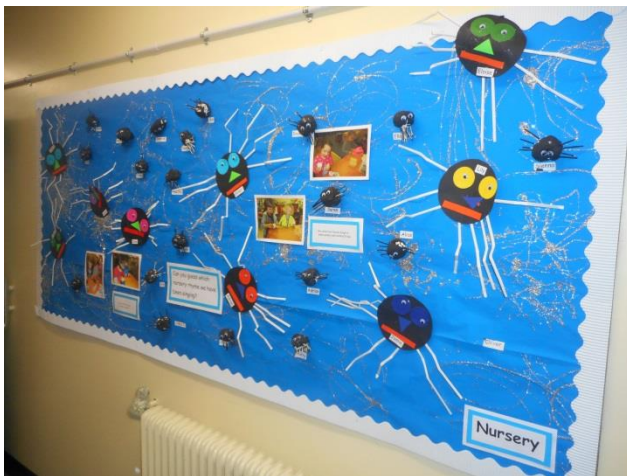
### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- School gates are locked at 9.00 to ensure school security.
- Please inform your child's teacher early if they are going home with another adult.
- If you do not receive e-mails from the school or cannot log onto Schoolcomms, please let the office know so we can check our systems.

Kind regards

**Penny Barefoot**

### BUSHEY HEATH DISPLAY BOARDS SPRING 1





## DAIRY DATES

### Spring 2016

9 February	Year 2 visit to St Peter's Church
9 February	Year 5 Bushey Meads Production Oliver
10 February	School Improvement Committee Meeting
10 February	Year 5 Saracens Tag Rugby Festival
10 February	Parent Consultations 3.30 - 5.30 - Year 3 only
12 February	Finance Committee Meeting
15 - 19 February	Half Term
23 February	Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30 pm
25 - 26 February	Book Fair
25 February	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
3 March	Parent Consultations 5-8 pm
13 March	Choir singing at the Royal Albert Hall
17 March	Year 5 trip to Epping Forest Field Centre (Loughton Brook)
24 March	Year 1 Visit from Bushey Museum Old Toys
25 - 28 March	Easter Weekend
1 April	Spring Term ends

### Summer 2016

18 April	Inset Day
19 April	Summer Term begins
22 April	Year 4 Swimming 1
25 - 29 April	Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip
25 April	Year 2 trip to Clay Lane
29 April	Year 4 Swimming 2
2 May	May Day Bank Holiday
4 May	School Improvement Committee Meeting
6 May	Year 4 Swimming 3
6 May	Finance Committee Meeting
12 May	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
13 May	Year 4 Swimming 4
13 May	Year 1 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
18 - 20 May	Year 5 Hayling Island Trip
20 May	Year 4 Swimming 5
27 May	Year 4 Swimming 6
30 May - 3 June	Half Term
6 June	Inset Day
7 June	Inset Day (1)
8 June	Back to school
10 June	Year 4 Swimming 7
10 June	Year 1 trip to Reveley Lodge
17 June	Year 4 Swimming 8
23 June	Reception x 2 trip to Woburn Safari Park
24 June	Year 4 Swimming 9
29 June	Class Photos
1 July	Year 4 Swimming 10
6 July	School Improvement Committee Meeting
7 July	Year 2 trip to Reveley Lodge
8 July	Year 4 Swimming 11
8 July	Finance Committee Meeting
14 July	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
15 July	Year 4 Swimming 12
15 July	Year 1 & 2 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
22 July	Summer Term ends 2pm finish