



# Bushey Heath Primary School

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Respect, Encourage and Achieve

## Newsletter

Hello

There are a lot of really tired faces in school today and that is just the teachers! Parents evening has come and gone and I hope you found the meetings really useful. Remember, if there are things that you forgot to raise or you ran out of time just call the Office to arrange another appointment or speak to a teacher. Teachers are happy to speak to you by phone when they are not teaching.

Thank you to all the teachers for all their hard work, also thank you to Herts Catering for bringing in a selection of food to show parents sample selections. I joined in several of their conversations which, interestingly, often focused on the provision of jacket potatoes!

Thank you also to the parents for their feedback, especially for the compliments regarding the school environment. The children and teachers work really hard to keep the school looking so vibrant.

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Deputy, Miss Durcan, who will be teaching alongside Mrs Griffiths in Year 3 after the Easter break. Mrs Small will remain in Year 3 providing excellent support to the class.

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### Your child's progress

Remember there are several ways that you can keep up-to-date with your child's progress and to find out what your child has been learning during the week:

- Every Thursday, straight after school, you are invited to come in and look at your child's books and displays. This is a really good way to see what they have been learning.
- We hold Consultation evenings in the Autumn and Spring term and provide a detailed written report in the Summer term.
- Phone the Office and arrange a mutually convenient time to meet or speak with your child's teacher.
- Follow us on Twitter. This is a great way to find out what is happening in your child's class and - with only 140 words allowed - a very quick way!

We continue to seek ways to improve our communication with you, so if you have any good ideas please remember to use the suggestion box in the foyer. Which leads me to .....

### The Suggestion box

I think the suggestion of holding a Talent show is really good one so watch this space.

Following a further idea, Year 6 Parents will now be invited to the leavers Assembly.

I think the suggestion to reserve books in the library is very sensible. I have passed this matter over to our Year 5 Librarians to consider how this can be implemented.

I have to admit I have just had a chuckle over one suggestion: 'in music assemblies can we guess the composer - for example 'I can't feel my Face' by 'The Weekend?' Whilst I really love that song, I am not sure it is Mrs Wilson's style of music but I have passed on!



### **In the classroom**

Last week The Gruffalo sent the Reception children an email...did they tell you about it?

Just a reminder to all Nursery parents that you have the opportunity to share your child's Learning Journal with them on 9/10th March.

The next Reception Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 26 April from 9:00 to 9:45.

Year 5 have enjoyed performing and filming their very own performance of Romeo and Juliet.

Year 6 have been dressing up to celebrate 'Greek day'. They used Greek numbers in different mathematical operations, the Greek alphabet to write, performed Greek dancing, sampled Greek food, made masks to perform in assembly and produced Greek style clay pots.

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### **French Day**

Continuing the International Theme we will be holding 'French day' on Friday 1 April. As well as having the opportunity to celebrate French Culture and to speak in French throughout the day, the children will have the opportunity to dress up in a non-school uniform day with a French Theme.

We ask that if your child wants to dress up that they bring in £1 which will be donated to the fabulous new music system that we are currently raising funds for.



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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.

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Recently a few parents have taken their frustrations out on the Office staff. Please ensure that you treat them with politeness and courtesy. They do a fantastic job in often very difficult circumstances.

Kind regards

**Penny Barefoot**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Reminder the school gates are locked at 9.00 to ensure school security.
- Can we remind all parents to ensure that children do not run in the Staff Car Park, this area is for staff parking, deliveries and disabled parking only.
- Remember that you can obtain an application from the Office for the car park at the top of The Rutts.
- 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.



## DAIRY DATES

### Spring 2016

10 March	GB Meeting 7.00 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	French Day
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
6 July	Year 6 Classics Taster Day at Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School
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
18 July	Dog Trust Assembly & Workshops
22 July	Summer Term ends 2pm finish

### Autumn 2016

3 November	Individual Photos
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