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# Bushey Heath Primary School

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## Welcome



### QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who completed the questionnaire; we really appreciate your views.

We are currently analysing the data which will be published shortly however there does appear to be a common theme regarding areas that we can improve:

- **Homework**

As a result of your feedback we will be reviewing our Homework Policy and will ensure that it is communicated clearly to you.

- **The school seeking the views of parents and their concerns**

Whilst we do have Parentview and the suggestion box, we can certainly improve the system by which we seek your views and find out your concerns. Your opinions matter to us: some of the changes we have made have been implemented as the direct result of a parent's suggestion.

A 'My View' form is attached for you to download and save. This form will allow you to email the school directly with your view or concern.

**Do not use this form to convey specific concerns about your child, or other children. This should be done directly with the class teacher.**

However, if you have a view about, for example, homework, extra-curricular activities, something you do/ don't like about the school, if you want to volunteer to help with the garden/library or you simply want to say something nice about your teacher (trust me a kind word is always really appreciated!) then this is the form to use.

- **Being informed of your child's progress**

This is an area we are currently reviewing. We communicate to parents via our Parents Consultation, Parents Evening Meeting, end of term report, open classrooms on Thursday, Twitter and Facebook however we appreciate that some parents would like additional reports on progress. Please feel free to use the 'My View' form if there is a particular way that you would like progress to be reported to you.

## COMPETITION

Can you design a crest/logo to match our new vision?

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Open to parents and children the winning design will be used on school correspondence/communications and our website. A prize will be given to the winning design.

**Closing date: 1 April 2016.**

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## SCIENCE DAY

Science Day has come and gone successfully thanks to Mrs Reehal's excellent organisation. The children seemed to enjoy their activities and have learnt a lot (I have learnt not to join in with Reception science experiments when they involve corn flour and water or spaghetti and glitter!).



## ATTENDANCE

As some of you may know, the children in the Class with the highest weekly attendance receive an 'Attendance Sticker' during Friday assembly. This is the part of our drive to celebrate attendance at Bushey Heath Primary, as we work together towards achieving our school target of **96.4%**

Ladybirds	94.53%
Butterflies	92.54%
Year 1	96.04%
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>97.36%</b>
Year 3	95.26%
Year 4	96.73%
Year 5	95.54%
Year 6	94.5%



## RECOMMENDED WEBSITE

Our computing curriculum has really taken off this year, and our teachers' expertise, as well as financial investment in new hardware and software, is ensuring an innovative and exciting new curriculum offer.

That said, we know that lots of the language of the new computing curriculum – for example, lots related to programming and algorithms – may well be new to you as parents (as it was to many of us as staff too!). We wanted to recommend some online sites for your children to enjoy at home and which may help you in your understanding of the curriculum too. These are:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/computing/28972462>

or Google BBC Primary ICT

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zvnrq6f>

or Google BBC Bitesize computing KS2 There are also alternative search engines for children to use which can be more helpful to them than the wide range of information that google generates. These are:

[www.kidclicks.org](http://www.kidclicks.org) [www.kidsrex.org](http://www.kidsrex.org) [www.pawsexplore.co.uk](http://www.pawsexplore.co.uk)

Finally, the following are specific pages that children in KS2 may like to explore:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zvnrq6f> or <https://www.codeforlife.education/rapidrouter/>

For sounds <http://www.music4yourvids.co.uk>



**Remember esafety:** <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Please have a look at some of the websites above to remind yourself about how to stay safe on the internet:



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

I am delighted to announce we will be running a Digital Photography Club in the Summer Term. Not only will this be an enjoyable after school activity but will provide children with a lifelong skill.

Please see our website for all the After Schools Clubs available:

<http://www.busheyheathjm.herts.sch.uk/parents/clubs/>

## SUGGESTION BOX

**Thank you to the children who made the following suggestions:**

- To have a club focusing on your feelings at school
- To create a display showing how the money raised and vouchers collected are used
- Standing desks

**We wish you a Happy Easter and a safe holiday, Penny Barefoot Headteacher**

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# MY VIEW FORM

**Describe your idea or view:**

**What are the benefits:**

**Additional comments or concerns:**

Name (optional)	
Child's Name (optional)	
Class	
Date	

## DAIRY DATES

17 March	Year 5 trip to Epping Forest Field Centre (Loughton Brook)
23 March	Boreatton Park Parents Evening - 6 pm
24 March	Year 1 Visit from Bushey Museum Old Toys
25 - 28 March	Easter Weekend
31 March	Year 3 & 4 Play 1.45 pm & 6.00 pm
1 April	Spring Term ends
1 April	French Day

### Summer 2016

18 April	Inset Day
19 April	Summer Term begins
22 April	Year 4 Swimming 1
22 April	Music concert at St Mary's Church, Hendon 6.00 pm
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	Hayling Island Parents Evening - 6 pm
5 May	School Improvement Committee Meeting
6 May	Year 4 Swimming 3
12 May	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
12 May	Finance Committee Meeting
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
28 June	KS1 Sports Day
29 June	Class Photos
30 June	KS2 Sports Day
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

29 September	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
3 November	Individual Photos
15 December	KS2 - Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime at the Radlett Centre

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