

# Bushey Heath Primary School

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A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential

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## WELCOME

Have you seen the news!

### THE TIMES

I am delighted to see that Bushey Heath Primary School is number **169** in The Sunday Times Top 250 state primary schools in England. This is testament to the hard work of the children, the dedication of the staff, and the support and encouragement of the parents and governors.

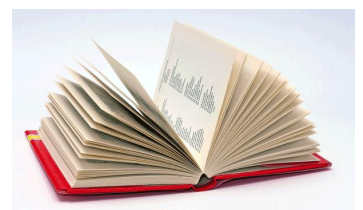
A big thank you for helping make the end of the day for KS1 and KS2 so successful. We appreciate your support, especially by staying behind line 5 and for moving further into the playground rather than waiting by the gates. This format will continue as it has made the end of the day safer for the children and hopefully easier for you.

Also thank you for supporting the school in its new parent evening format, and my gratitude to the teachers who designed the new layout of the event. I managed to speak to quite a few parents that evening and was delighted to hear the positive comments about the school as a whole and about individual teachers. I always do my best to pass your sentiments to the teachers concerned, but please do remember you can always convey your thoughts using Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> or alternatively, email the school office and your comment will be passed to the relevant member of staff.

Please continue to send in your 'My View' forms. The ones that have been received have helped support/initiate change and improvements within the school. Also please ensure that you have returned the 'Home School Agreement' found at the back of the 'Parent Information Pack'.

### LIBRARY

We often receive donations for our libraries, for which we are very grateful. The libraries contain some fantastic books and your contributions ensure a continuous supply of high quality reading materials which inspire in the children a love of reading. Can you help with a particular type of book? We are looking for books (fiction and non-fiction for all ages) in different languages – but particularly in French. French dictionaries would be gratefully received, and the children receive a scented sticker!



### ASSEMBLIES

This term our assemblies continue to focus on staying safe online. Please ask your children what they should do when using the internet. We take online bullying very seriously and ensure children know what they should do if they feel they are being bullied whether in the real, or virtual world. Remember, our anti-bullying policy can be found on our website alongside our e-safety policy.



We continue to find amazing vocabulary and look for ways to apply it in sentences. This week's word winners are Mylo (Yr 4) for 'martinet' and George for his use of 'diurnal' in a sentence: 'We are diurnal and owls are nocturnal'.

### GARDEN PROJECT


We apologise for the Gardening Event being called off which was due to heavy rain. We will re-schedule as soon as possible.

### PROPERTY MARKING

PCSO Callum Ellis will be in to mark property on 7 December 2016.

### WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TODAY?

If, when you ask your child what they have done at school today they say 'nothing', you may wish to ask them about their pedometer.

Each child has one which they will be using to measure the number of steps they take each day. As a school we are committed to ensuring that physical fitness is not just limited to sports and PE lessons. Your children will be skipping, dancing and walking their way to fitness throughout the school week. A healthy body and energised mind helps children focus during their lessons and improves their learning. Further measures are being looked at and we hope to introduce these next year. Watch this space! 



### YEAR 6

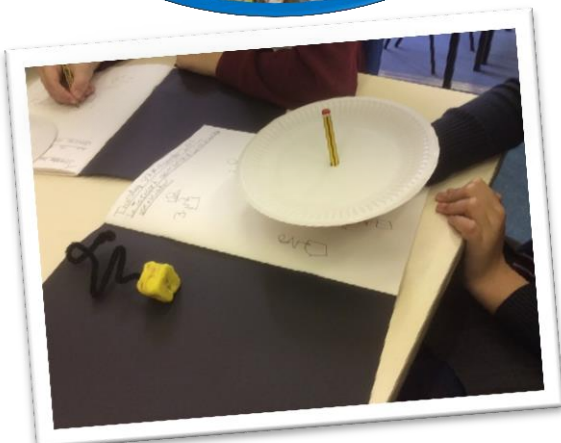
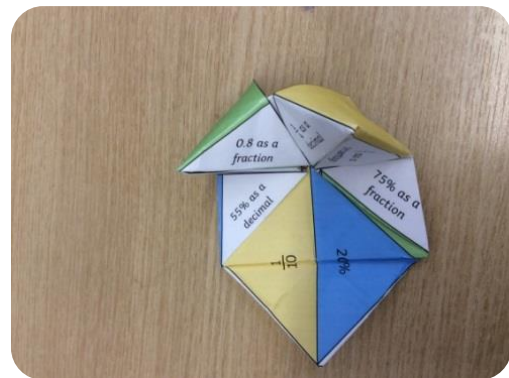
To give a real purpose to writing Year 6 decided to write letters with regards to animal captivity. This was after investigating the practice of keeping orcas in captivity for entertainment purposes, predominately at SeaWorld. The findings were disturbing and led to the children feeling they needed to take some action. They decided that they would try and make a difference through a petition. To date, the petition has 1685 supporters. A number of organisations have been interested in their petition including The Watford Observer (article online) and the whale and dolphin conservationist magazine 'Splash' (article will be published early next year). Please help Year 6 reach 2000 supporters by signing and sharing the petition. <https://www.change.org/p/seaworld-parks-and-entertainment-let-the-orcas-be-let-the-orcas-free>



### YEAR 5

A big thank you to Bushey Meads for inviting us to watch their fantastic performance of Bussy Malone. From all of the children in Year 5.

Well done for learning equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages using your fortune tellers.



### YEAR 3

In art Year 3 have been using some unusual techniques whilst drawing. They have been improving their observational skills by looking closely at their subject rather than at the paper. They found it a bit uncomfortable at first but were pleased with the results. Super effort!

## HAPPY PUZZLE MATHS DAY

### Monday 12 December - Happy Puzzle Maths Day

The school will be holding a puzzle day where the children will have the opportunity to apply their maths skills to a range of challenging and fun puzzles.

There will also be the opportunity to buy fun, educational Maths games to support your child's learning.



## Happy Puzzle Voucher

Bring this voucher to the Puzzle Shop at [Bushey Heath Primary School](#) and claim your free Thinkathon Book with any purchase over £5.00! One gift per family. Available while stocks last.

## FAMILY SUPPORT

If at any time you need help or support as a family the following link may be helpful.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parentingsupport)

Alternatively, you are always welcome to come to speak to any member of staff or the SENCO in confidence.

## Tree Lighting Ceremony at Reveley Lodge

Thursday 1st December 2016

18:15 – 19:15

Christmas Carol concert performed by Bushey Heath Primary School

Refreshments sold at Mabel's Vintage Tearooms

Jacket potatoes, Mince Pies, Soup, Hot Chocolate and Mulled Wine

Entrance Fee: Adults £2.50

Children free

Reveley Lodge, 88 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, WD234GL

Contact Martine: 07402 265113



## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 1M for achieving 100% attendance last week. Keep it up! High attendance has an excellent impact in all aspects of children's enjoyment of school life.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION – ST JOHN'S CHURCH

St. John's Church in Stanmore, are asking for your help to collect food for families that are 'just about managing' this Christmas.

The items most needed are:

- Long life full fat milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned mixed vegetables
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Men and women's toiletries
- Dried potato
- Packet soups

We are asking for donations to be sent in from Monday 12 December to Friday 16 December.

## TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

As you are aware the children will be enjoying their Christmas dinner served by the staff on Tuesday 20 December. As part of our fund-raising activities towards a running track, we would like to invite all the children and staff to wear a Christmas/festive jumper – voluntary contribution of £1.



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## FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL



Donations needed for the Christmas Fair  
We are in need of the following items to be bought into school from Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> November

Bottles for the Bottle Tombola please bring to the school office

Unopened and unwanted gifts, toys and games (children's and adults) please bring to the school office

Jars filled with sweets, small toys, crayons or pencils and decorated. Please take to your child's classroom

There will be a prize for the class who donate the most jars!

Questions, fairground and cakes for the

Back by popular demand, Friends of the School invite you to this year's

## Wish Room

A great opportunity for all children to purchase ready wrapped Christmas presents for mums, dads, aunties, uncles, grandparents and other members of your family

All gifts are £2 each

Infants: Wednesday AM 30th November from 8:30 - 8:50am

Infants: Wednesday PM 30th November from 15:15 - 16:00pm

And

Juniors: Thursday AM 1st December from 8:30 - 8:50am

Juniors: Thursday PM 1st December 15:15 - 16:00pm

In the school dining hall

\*All profits go directly to the school to help fund a new running track\*



## BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

### Autumn 2016

Date	Event
24 November	Year 5 Tesco Farm to Fork Visitors 1-3.00 pm
25 November	Year 6 Science Outreach - Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School 4
30 November	[FOS] Infants Wish Room 8.30- 8.50 am and 15.15-16.00 pm
1 December	[FOS] Juniors Wish Room 8.30- 8.50 am and 15.15-16.00 pm
1 December	Choir & Orchestra Carol Singing at St Peter's Parish Hall 2.30 pm
1 December	Finance Committee Meeting 8.00 am
1 December	Choir & Orchestra Carol Singing at Reveley Lodge 6.00 - 7.15 pm
2 December	Year 6 Science Outreach - Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School 5
3 December	[FOS] Christmas Fair 12.00-3.00 pm
5 December	Year 1A & Year 1M Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal 10.15 am
6 December	Year 1A & Year 1M Christmas Play to Parents 2 pm
7 December	Choir & Orchestra Carol Singing at Intu Watford 10.30-11.50 am
8 December	Carol Concert to parents 2.15 pm
8 December	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
9 December	Year 6 Science Outreach - Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School 6
12 December	Happy Puzzle Day (Reception - Year 6)
13 December	Year 2 Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal 10.15 am
14 December	Year 2 Christmas Play to Parents 2 pm
15 December	KS2 - Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime at the Radlett Centre
15 December	EYFS Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal - 10.15 am
16 December	EYFS Christmas Play to Parents 9.30 am
20 December	Christmas Dinner
20 December	Festive Jumper £1 contribution to FOS
21 December	Autumn Term 2016 ends

### Spring 2017

Date	Event
5 January	Inset Day
6 January	Inset Day (1)
9 January	Spring Term 2017 begins
17 January	Year 2 visit to St Peter's Church
19 January	School Improvement Committee Meeting 8.15 am
26 January	Finance Committee Meeting 8.00 am
2 February	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
13 - 17 Feb	Half Term
23 February	Book Fair
24 February	Year 3 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum
16 March	School Improvement Committee Meeting 8.15 am
21 March	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30 pm
23 March	Year 5 trip to Epping Forest Field Centre (Loughton Brook)
23 March	Finance Committee Meeting 8.00 am
29 March	Parent Consultations 5.30-7.30 pm
30 March	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
31 March	Spring Term 2017 ends

## BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

### Summer 2017

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
18 April	Summer Term 2017 begins
18 April	Year 4 Swimming 1
25 April	Year 4 Swimming 2
27 April	School Improvement Committee Meeting 8.15 am
2 May	Year 4 Swimming 3
4 May	Finance Committee Meeting 8.00 am
8 - 12 May	SATs Week
9 May	Year 4 Swimming 4
16 May	Year 4 Swimming 5
18 May	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
19 May	Year 2 Trip to Clay Lane
21 May	JFS 11+ Testing of Incoming Year 7
22 - 26 May	Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip
23 May	Year 4 Swimming 6
24 May	Year 3 trip to Hatfield House
29 May-2 June	Half Term
5 June	Inset Day
6 June	Year 4 Swimming 7
7 - 9 June	Year 5 Hayling Island Trip
13 June	Year 4 Swimming 8
20 June	Year 4 Swimming 9
20 June	Nursery Sports Day
22 June	School Improvement Committee Meeting 8.15 am
23 June	Reception & KS1 Sports Day 10.30-11.30 am
26 June	Year 5 Dress rehearsal to the school
27 June	Year 4 Swimming 10
28 June	Year 5 Play to Parents 1.30-2.30 pm
29 June	Finance Committee Meeting 8.00 am
29 June	Year 5 Play to parents 6-7.00 pm
30 June	KS2 Sports Day
4 July	Year 4 Swimming 11
4 July	Open Day 4.30-6.30 pm
10 July	Year 6 Rehearsal to school 9.15-9.45 am
11 July	Year 4 Swimming 12
11 July	Year 6 Play 2 pm
12 July	Year 6 Play 6 pm
13 July	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
14 July	Year 1 & 2 trip to Knebworth
20 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30 pm
21 July	Summer Term 2017 ends
24 July	Occasional day - school closed

# MY VIEW FORM

**Describe your idea or view:**

**What are the benefits:**

**Additional comments or concerns:**

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