

Bushey Heath Primary School

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A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential

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WELCOME

I am pleased to say the children have settled back quickly to working hard and keeping active in this cold weather!

This term we will continue our focus on staying safe online and learning the importance of using social media wisely and considerately, we will also focus on healthy living. In addition, the children will also be looking at the importance of healthy lifestyle choices. The school places great importance on encouraging the children to pursue a healthy lifestyle. As well as providing PE lessons, the school embeds physical activity throughout the children's working day, for example the 10,000 step challenge, (using their pedometers to measure their steps), 'Skip to be Fit', 'Swing your String' (ask your children to explain!) and the daily 'Dance Challenge'. There is also a fantastic range of clubs offering football skills, boxercise and gymnastics. Mr Moody (our PE subject co-ordinator) is currently busy organising a school netball and football team – watch this space!



A termly physical fitness assessment carried out by Premier Sport, allows the school to monitor the children's fitness levels. Hopefully all this exercise will have had an effect!

As you may have noticed, the running track is currently being built alongside a viewing platform and, eventually, a podium/stage. A huge thank you to 'The Friends' of the school for their contribution to the running track.

Hand-in-hand with learning about fitness is the children learning the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. The Class Representatives have conveyed the parents' concern regarding the level of sugary snacks that the children eat or make. Whilst it has become a tradition for children to bring in sweets to share on their birthdays, handing out sweets on a (nearly) weekly bases does not fit in with the school's endeavours, (and the Class Representatives' request) for an improvement in the snacks made available to children. We therefore request that children do not bring in sweets on their birthday.

FRUIT BREAK

Fruit Break held mid-morning is very important to children's learning. A piece of fruit/vegetable helps children maintain their concentration throughout the lesson. A good breakfast – a mid-morning snack, combined with regular access to water, improves not only their physical wellbeing but also enables longer periods of concentration.



LUNCHES

Concerns have also been raised by the Class Representatives regarding the puddings offered to the children, It has been suggested that we offer only fruit and yoghurt four days a week, with a more sugary snack (such as a biscuit or pudding) being available on only one day.

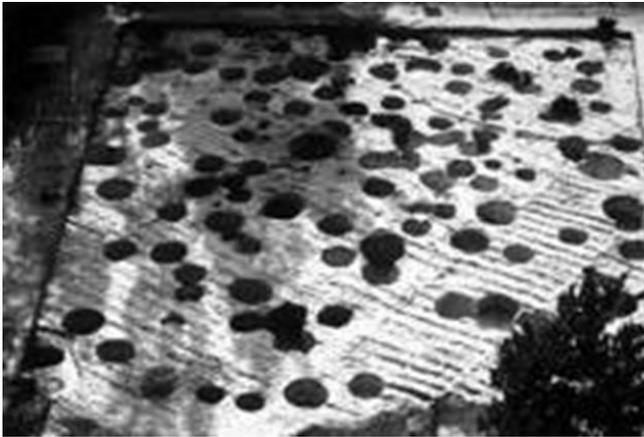
A Survey Monkey Questionnaire will be sent to you in relation to the above point to seek your view. I will be using this method more often as it will provide the school with quick and useful feedback. I am currently analysing the feedback from the after-school survey and would like to thank everyone that completed it so promptly.



YEAR 3

Already in this new term, Year 3 have hunted Pokemon in maths, are becoming journalists in English and in R.E. have acted out the stories that Jesus told.

In history, we have been looking at different sources of evidence. What do you think this tells us about the Iron Age?



The children continue to find some amazing words. Well done to Jolie (Yr 4) for 'supercilious' and Theadora (Yr 3) for 'kleptomania' and Ophilia (Yr 1A) for 'murmuration'.

YEAR 1 A & M

This term, Year 1 are using the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears as inspiration for their own narrative stories, as well as instructional writing and diary recounts. We have enjoyed creating freeze frames based on the story and using our Talk for Writing actions.

Our science topic this term is Animals including Humans and we look forward to becoming sense detectives to solve the mystery of the missing teddy!

In addition to this we have an exciting trip to St. Peter's Church coming up next week where we will learn about what it's like to belong to a religious community.

RECEPTION

Winter has certainly arrived in Reception! Our topic has been Winter and the children have been finding out about polar animals, making books about Winter and investigating ways to make ice melt.

This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. The children have made a giant dragon ready for our Dragon dance today!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed finding out about Greek Myths over the past few weeks. They showed off their acting skills when they role-played the story of King Midas and the Golden Touch. Now they are ready to finish writing their myth.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning about performance poetry this week. They have read, listened to and performed many famous poems and are working towards creating their own poem to be performed.



YEAR 5

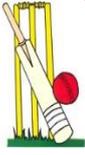
How tall am I? Year 5 enjoyed converting their heights in to imperial and metric measurements.

Un stylo, un livre et un cahier. Ask your child to translate these classroom objects in to English. Year 5 had fun learning new French vocabulary by playing a memory card game.



CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Keshav Shome – Year 5 who has been selected to play for Herts South Area Cricket Under 11s – well done!



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.

SMOKEFREE

Our school is committed to being Smokefree. Nicotine is highly addictive, and it is vital that we help young people to make the right choices, so that they can go on to lead healthy lives as adults. Please help us by:

- Talking about smoking with your children at home
- Listening to their views and encouraging them to think through the risks and dangers
- If you smoke, not smoking at home or in your car
- If you smoke, trying to quit

The Hertfordshire Stop Smoking Service offers a free, effective and friendly service to help anyone

PARKING

Unfortunately we have received a couple of complaints from our neighbours regarding parking. Please can we remind you to walk to school if possible, or alternatively, use the Car Park at the top of the Rutts. Applications for permits are available in the office.

MERCHANT TAYLORS

Year 5 have a very exciting day lined up on Friday 17 March courtesy of Merchant Taylors' who have invited them to enjoy a Harry Potter themed day which will include:

- Some magic with their Chemistry department
- A game of Quidditch with their Games teachers
- Some magic with cameras and photoshop and possibly our 3D printer in our Design and Technology centre

OFFICE NOTICES

Firstly we would like to say thank you for your support with signing up to SchoolComms and using this system when making payments to the School. This is proving more reliable with regard to emails, time-saving for the office and more secure for payments.



As a polite reminder please could we ask that if you are sending in emails or leaving messages on the answer phone that you ensure you leave your child's year group as well as their name.

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership is launching a new campaign to 'put it away' as many drivers are continuing to use their handheld mobile phone while driving. However good your driving is, checking a text, browsing, scrolling through your music means you are not paying attention to the road, so things can happen that you cannot react in time to. Remove the temptation. Put your mobile away in a bag, in the glove compartment, or out of reach – it is just not worth the risk. www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/putitaway

Soon the penalties for using a handheld mobile phone while driving are doubling to a £200 fine, six points on your licence or an immediate ban for new drivers.

Thank you for your support #putitaway – Follow on social media



Finally thank you to the 'Class Representatives' your ideas on how to improve the school environment for the children are greatly appreciated.

Best wishes
Penny Barefoot

Valentine's Disco

The Friends of School invite you to
join us for our valentine's disco

on

Wednesday 8th February

Infants 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Infants **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

Juniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Entrance £2 per child including
refreshments

All monies raised will go towards purchasing new pedometers for our children



"When I grow up I want to be....."
Friends of School invite you to Careers Day
on
Friday 10th February

CAREER

Please come to school dressed in your dream
jobs clothing
This can be anything from a doctor to a
professional athlete, the worlds your oyster
Please hand your voluntary donation of £1 to your teacher at
your classroom :)

All monies raised will go towards purchasing reading books for our children



BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

Spring 2017

Date	Event
30 January	Year 1A & Year 1M St Peter's Church Visit
2 February	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
2 February	Herts Music Concert KS2 10.00-12.00
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

Summer 2017

Date	Event
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	SAT's Week
9 May	Year 4 Swimming 4
11 May	Hayling Island Parents Evening - 6 pm
15 - 19 May	Year 6 Cycle Training Course
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 6-7.30 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

Summer 2017 (cont.)

Date	Event
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

Autumn 2017

Date	Event
30 August	Occasional day - school closed
31 August	Inset Day
1 September	Inset Day (1)
4 September	Autumn Term 2017 begins
9 September	Consortium Academic Test
12 September	Consortium Music Aptitude Test
23 - 27 Oct	Half Term
12 December	KS2 - Beauty & the Beast Pantomime at The Radlett Centre
19 December	Autumn Term 2017 ends

Spring 2018

Date	Event
3 January	Inset Day
4 January	Spring Term 2018 begins
12-16 Feb	Half Term
29 March	Spring Term 2018 ends

Summer 2018

Date	Event
16 April	Inset Day
17 April	Summer Term 2018 begins
8 May	Inset Day
28 May-1 June	Half Term
25 July	Summer Term 2018 ends
26 July	Occasional day - school closed
27 July	Occasional day - school closed (1)

MY VIEW FORM

Describe your idea or view:

What are the benefits:

Additional comments or concerns:

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