

Bushey Heath Primary School

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A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential

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Dear Parent/Carer

CONGRATULATIONS

Every year the school receives a Joint Annual Review, carried out by Herts for Learning. This involves a very thorough and challenging review of the whole school including:

- The quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- The personal development, behaviour and welfare of the children
- Outcomes for all children
- Effectiveness of early years provision
- The overall effectiveness of the school

I am delighted to say the school has been graded as 'Outstanding' across all of these areas. This is a testament to your children. The Year 5 and 6 pupils that were spoken to during the review visit should be incredibly proud of themselves as the Hertfordshire Improvement Partner was very impressed by the quality of their answers. Our children's behaviour was, and continues to be, exemplary.

It is also a testament to the hard work, dedication and skill of all the staff; working as a team, they have ensured that your children are provided with an outstanding learning environment.

As parents, not only are your children well mannered and thoughtful, you continue to support the school with your time and ideas via Friends, Class Representatives, Parents Gardening Club (on a side note – if you are interested in helping with maintaining the school's gardens – weeding, watering, painting, etc, please contact the office) as well as parent feedback forms. Many of the changes to the school have come as a direct result of your suggestions.

The contribution of the Governors to the school life continues to be outstanding. The school motto 'A vibrant school inspiring children to realise their potential' was created by the Governors and has been the guiding force behind all the changes and initiatives that have been carried out around the school. A huge thank you to all the Governors but a particular thanks to our Co-Chair of Governors Camilla Woods and James Hughes for their continued support and encouragement.

We have more to do, but it is nice to do all these things having had our hard work acknowledged by a very thorough and challenging review.

RUNNING TRACK AND OUR NEW MASCOTS

The running track has been opened by our new mascots, Stompy the rhino and Sunny the tiger. The children were very excited to complete their first lap and are utilising the new stopwatches and pedometers to measure, and hopefully improve, their timings.

Several parents have asked why it is only a single track. It is in fact slightly bigger than a single track, although not quite a double. A double track, as well as being more expensive than the current width, would also have eaten into significant portion of the football pitch. We therefore reached a compromise. The track is wide enough for children to overtake each other but not so wide as to stop our footballers enjoying a decent sized pitch.



We are considering bringing in the professional after-school club 'Energy Kidz' to provide after-school care until 6pm. They will shortly be sending you a questionnaire. Clearly, the club will only be run if there is sufficient level of interest so please make sure you return the survey if this is a service you may use.

In addition, the school is also considering extending the nursery hours to 30 hours per week. Again you will be receiving a survey to establish interest.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have finally finished all their sewing projects! They are all very skilfully designed and stitched.



YEAR 6

In Maths this week, Year 6 were working on coordinates. During our last 'Friday Fun' lesson they plotted coordinates to create alien masks.



YEAR 5

O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou, Romeo? Year 5's have been learning about our literary heritage, through the classic Shakespeare story of Romeo and Juliet. Here we are acting out the feud between the Capulets and the Montagues.



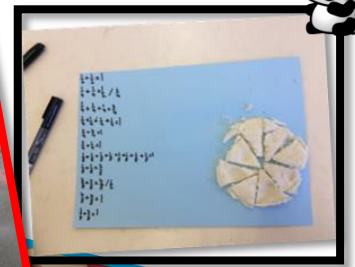
NURSERY

In Nursery we have been learning about different countries and cultures. We did Chinese writing, made pizzas and learnt all about Giant Panda bears.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been using the short film 'Bubbles' by Gabby Zapata as inspiration for writing. We have already written exciting narratives to tell the story of the film and are currently writing our own bubble adventures. In maths, Pancake Day helped us with our work on recognising, adding and subtracting fractions. Whilst in science, we have assisted Secret Agent Jamie Bond in choosing the most suitable footwear for chasing baddies. Good effort Agents!



YEAR 1 A & M

In Year 1 all the children planted runner beans and peas for 'You Grow-They Grow' to raise money for an underdeveloped community in South Africa. Also we are learning about Victorian Toys, visitors will be coming in to show some older day toys.

RECEPTION

Last week Reception children were learning about foods that keep us healthy. During the week they each brought in their favourite fruit and prepared it to add to our whole class fruit salad. We had a real variety of fruit...mango, bananas, grapes and kiwi! Once it was prepared we all sat and enjoyed a bowl of fruit salad each!

Ella said "it tasted like juice and banana is my favourite!"

Lois said, "I liked the kiwi that I brought, it tasted nice in the middle!"

Luca said, "The strawberry tasted sweet and the melon just tasted so yum!"



YEAR 4

Year 4 have begun rehearsals for the Year 3 & Year 4 play, which will be on Wednesday 3 May and Thursday 4 May. Year 3 have started dance rehearsals and will be learning songs from next week.

I am very pleased to share with you our new and exciting partnership with Heath House Care Home. We have arranged for the Reception children to visit them on a weekly basis to join in group activities with a small group of residents. These activities will include painting, planting, cooking and many more. I will be working with the team manager to plan suitable activities that will support topics we are learning in school.
Mrs O'Brien

young
at heart

LETTER

The school was delighted to receive a letter from Nick Gibb MP, and would like to say well done Year 6 2016

"I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high standard that pupils in your school have achieved in writing in the 2016 key stage 2 assessments....100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard"

The full letter is on display around the school and available via our website.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Don't forget to bring in your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers and post them in the box in the Junior library.

The school has received a lot of fantastic sports equipment as a result of the vouchers collect in previous years.



SCIENCE WEEK

The 10–17 March is National Science Week 2017 and we at Bushey Health have been celebrating it in a variety of ways. To kick start our week, Mad Science came in for a special assembly, showing us many exciting scientific experiments. But this year, we have been working alongside Project Hope UK, a UK based charity working hard to transform the lives of children living in the oldest undeveloped township in South Africa, through community partnership. We will be taking part in a project called 'You Grow They Grow'. Each child will be provided with a growing pack, containing vegetable seeds, compost, a pot, growing instructions and a growth diary. The seeds have been sown in school as part of Science Week and later sold at a plant sale. The money raised from the plant sales will be directly used by Project Hope UK to build more produce gardens in Munsieville, South Africa. Parents/carers will receive more information on this project at a later date.

Miss McClure



WORLD BOOK DAY

Thank you to all those who purchased books on World Book Day, and to those who put so much effort into dressing up as their favourite character. We continue to receive some fantastic donations to our libraries, for which we are very grateful.



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 4 for achieving the highest attendance last week. High attendance has an excellent impact in all aspects of children's enjoyment of school life.

Reception	93.2%
Year 1A	94.7%
Year 1M	98.3%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	99.4%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	91.3%



The children continue to find some amazing words. Well done to Jimmy & Rishaan Year 5 for 'ersatz', Diya Year 5 for 'Flibbertigibbet'

OFFICE NOTICES

Please be advised that the cost of school dinners will be increasing from 1 April 2017 to £2.40, this charge has been changed by Herts Catering and to cover administrative costs. If you wish to change your child's meal pattern please complete a green slip which can be found in the lobby area.

Can we also remind you that all dinners MUST be paid for in advance using the School Gateway. As from 18 April cheques will no longer be accepted for Meal Payments. Thank you for your co-operation.



Well done Emma for working so hard at making this wonderful mosaic at Breakfast Club

Best wishes
Penny Barefoot

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

We would like to thank the parents for their continued support at the various events.

Mother's Day Wish Room

A great opportunity for all Children to purchase a ready wrapped gift for their Mum, Nana, Grandma, Auntie or any special woman in their lives.

All Gifts are £2 each

Wednesday 22nd March 8.30am - 8.50am and 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the School Hall

Thursday 23rd March 8.30am - 8.50am and 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the School Hall



Bushey Heath Primary School Mascot competition

Our lovely new mascots need some clothes.

The mascots would like a sports outfit and another outfit for special occasions. You can enter as many designs as you wish by the 20th March. Ms Barefoot will pick the 4 winning outfits and announce the winners in assembly.

The winning designs will then be made into clothes for them to wear.

Please hand your entries into your class teacher by the 20th March 17.

BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

Spring 2017

Date	Event
21 March	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.00 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 5.30-8.00 pm
30 March	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
30 March	Year 1A & 1M Bushey Museum Old Toys Session (am)
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
5 May	Year 5 visit to Mitsubishi Electric
8-12 May	SAT's Week
9 May	Year 4 Swimming 4
15-19 May	Year 6 Cycle Training Course
16 May	Year 4 Swimming 5
17 May	Year 5 Hayling Island Parents Evening - 6 pm
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
12 June	Class Photos 9.30 am
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
27 June	Reception trip to Watford Colosseum - The Tiger who came to Tea
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
5 July	Year 2 trip to Reveley Lodge (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

Summer 2017 - Continued

Date	Event
12 July	Year 6 Play 6 pm
13 July	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
14 July	Year 1A, 1M & 2 trip to Knebworth
18 July	Year 6 Leavers Disco 6 - 8 pm
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
16 November	Individual & Sibling Photographs 9.30 am
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
14-18 May	SAT's Week
21-25 May	Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip 2018
28 May-1 June	Half Term
6-8 June	Year 5 Hayling Island Trip 2018
25 July	Summer Term 2018 ends
26 July	Occasional day - school closed
27 July	Occasional day - school closed (1)

Summer 2019

Date	Event
13-17 May	SAT's Week

MY VIEW FORM

Describe your idea or view:

What are the benefits:

Additional comments or concerns:

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