

Bushey Heath Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Bushey Heath Primary School are 174 in the top 1000 best performing primary schools in Reading, Writing and Maths for 2016-17 – The Telegraph Primary School League Table!

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Life at school remains as busy and eventful as ever! I have just finished watching a rather wonderful production of 'The Bossy King' by Reception. This comes after the fantastic Year 2 play and the Year 5 sharing assembly. What a lot of talented children we have. Speaking of talent, the school choir performed beautifully at INTU yesterday and managed to raise a fantastic £360 for Crisis at Christmas and St Mungo's Homeless Charity.

The Friends of the School surpassed themselves by raising in the region of £2,700 at the Christmas Fair. Organising the fair takes a lot of hard work and commitment so I would like to thank Kelly Moore and her team for creating a Christmas Fair that was not only a lot of fun but also raised a significant sum towards our greenhouse and future internet café.

Speaking of our Greenhouse, I was delighted to receive the first delivery of the greenhouse furniture thanks to the carpentry skills of Peter Dunningham. If you have any spare seeds please remember to send them into school at the beginning of the New Year.

Year 6 were delighted to receive a visit from Mr Neil Rabin our local author! All three of his children attended this school and he has written a fabulous children's book Hidden Magic - Fear of the Smallest Wizard. Mr Rabin conducted a KS2 assembly where he explained about how his book came to fruition, read some chapters and answered some questions from the children. He was very impressed with the children's behaviour, politeness and intelligent questioning. He then spent some time with Year 6 answering further questions. A great treat for all of us - even if it might have been a touch uncomfortable for Rafi! Many thanks to Mr Rabin for taking time out of his busy schedule.

Finally, before I hand you over to the staff, I would like to say thank you all for your support this year. Whether you are a Class Rep, on the Friends Committee, a Governor (a particular thank you to Mr Hughes for all his help this year), a pupil, one of our amazing staff or a parent who has supported the school throughout the year, the school is as it is because of you. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2018.



NURSERY

Nursery have had a very busy week making Christmas cards, reindeer biscuits and paper chains. We have been learning about the nativity and had lots of fun dressing up in the costumes.

RECEPTION

As well as working hard to learn all the songs and parts for the Nativity play, Reception children have been making fantastic stick men to help re-tell The Stick Man story, making hedgehog homes in the outdoor area and enjoying our daily keep fit work out. They are now busy making decorations and cards.

YEAR 1

Year 1 have been very busy this half term working on a range of text genres. We have been identifying key features of non-fiction texts and exploring repeated patterns in a fiction Christmas story. In Science, we have been investigating seasonal changes and have built up a wide range of vocabulary to describe our observations. We wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.

YEAR 2A & 2M

Both classes visited Bushey library recently. They were shown how to take out and return books and were able to join the library if they weren't already members. They also found out how to use the non-fiction section for research. All the children walked really sensibly to and from the library and behaved respectfully when they were there.



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YEAR 3

In English, Year 3 have been enjoying a traditional folk tale from India. We have been preparing to write our own folk tales by telling our stories as a puppet show first. The children have been working hard using number facts in Maths and are keenly moving on to work with fractions. On 22 November, the children had special visitors from Affinity Water who taught the children about water as a resource through an exciting mystery game. They gave the afternoon a big thumbs up!



YEAR 5

Yum yum! In DT, Year 5 have been busy tasting proteins and vegetables in order to make a healthy, balanced savoury dish. This week, we made Haloumi Vegetable Kebabs with fruity couscous. Thank you to Mrs Andrews for introducing us to new foods.



YEAR 4

We have had a busy few weeks in Year 4. In Computing, we have been designing toys and creating interactive prototypes. We have been focusing on multiplication in Maths lessons. We have also been sharing our writing online, using our blog. Our most recent writing (about sharks) should be online soon. The children would love to receive some feedback on their writing. Please visit: <http://busheyheathps.primaryblogger.co.uk/>

YEAR 6

Year 6 were visited by local Magistrates who taught us the importance of democracy in our society. During the visit, Year 6 acted out a court scene- we learned the consequences of breaking the law.

We also learned the skills of debating and mutual respect within this process.



NATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS AWARD 2017

Well done to Rishaan, Nadia, Latheisha and Srimoyi for getting through to Round 2 of this prestigious award. There were more than 500 schools in Round 1 which was narrowed down to just over 100 schools in the second round. Unfortunately, we have not made it in to the finals but I'm sure you will agree that they did us proud to get so far.

Ms Green



GOVERNORS DAY

The governors were invited into the school on 15th September to spend a whole day with the staff and the pupils. It was an incredibly interesting and valuable experience for us all. Seeing the school in full flow showed how cohesive and consistent the school is from one class to the next. Teachers are so dedicated in everything they do and they are unerringly passionate about their children having an exciting, caring and engaging learning experience. It was also clear how happy the children are in their learning environment and how proud they are of their school. The governors' role is very much a strategic one, and spending a day in the school like this enabled us all to gain a strong overview and continue to support the staff and school in everything they aspire to achieve.

WELL DONE

Jolie, Year 5 for **aplomb**, (noun, self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation. 'Diane passed the test **with aplomb**).

Niska, Ilhaam and Avani, Year 2 for **torrent**, (noun, a strong and fast-moving stream of water or other liquid).

Louis, Year 4 for **agoraphobia**, (noun, extreme or irrational fear of open or public places).



ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 3 for achieving the highest attendance last week. High attendance has an excellent impact in all aspects of children's enjoyment of school life.

Year 1	96.0%
Year 2A	94.0%
Year 2M	98.7%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.4%
Year 6	98.7%



RUNNING CLUB

Running Club this term has attracted lots of new runners of all abilities, with over 20 children attending the last Tuesday lesson.

This term the children have been learning a lot of different running techniques to help develop their running, for example: 'Shoulders back approach' and upper body strength- using 'Superman' warm-up exercises, with Yoga related arm- building poses.

Each lesson focuses on different techniques, for example: 'Run like Mo Farah' concentrated on their 'Kicker' style footwork. Using the benches the children used 'Plyometrics' - the lengthening and strengthening of the muscle fibre in the lower leg and heel and supporting balance and core stability.

Whilst some lessons focused on gentle Yoga warm-up techniques others incorporated a faster pace - working on the 'Fast- Twitch Muscle' and 'Standing March'. The children continue to enjoy trying to beat their PB (personal best) times during 'Run a Mile' challenge.
Mrs Smith

REMINDERS

Scooters left at your own risk! Unfortunately the school cannot take responsibility for scooters being left in the playground overnight.

If you are waiting in your car to collect your child please can we ask that you do not keep your engine running outside the school.

POLITE REQUEST

We would like to politely request that parents do not send in party invites for the school to hand out during school hours. This either takes up valuable teaching time whilst Teaching Assistants try to put them into bags without the children noticing or children being upset if they are not invited. It would make it easier for the school if invitations can be delivered outside of school hours.

OFFICE NOTICES

Please ensure you let the office know via email or voicemail if your child will be absent from school.

Lost property – please remember to put your child's name on their uniform and PE Kit, we have a large amount of lost property without names!

Please remember that all dinners, breakfast club, trips, music & uniform **MUST** be paid for in advance using the School Gateway. We no longer accept cash or cheque payments. Thank you.



CHILDREN IN NEED

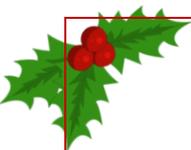
On 17th November, Bushey Heath took part in the Children in Need's 'Spotacular' event. Schools all over the country had a day of dressing in spots to raise as much money as possible for Children in Need. We at Bushey Heath did a fantastic job, we had spotty dresses, spotty shoes, spotty socks and even spotty faces! As a result, we raised an incredible £259. So on behalf of myself and the School Council, I would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** and **WELL DONE** to you all.
Miss McClure

THANK YOU

We are delighted to inform you that the school raised £366.97 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you for all your support.



Best wishes
Penny Barefoot



BUSHEY HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

Autumn 2017

Date	Event
18 December	Christmas Dinner
19 December	Autumn Term 2017 ends

Spring 2018

Date	Event
3 January	Inset Day
4 January	Spring Term 2018 begins
17 January	Year 2A & 2M visit to St Peter's Church
1 February	Reception Learning Journals (3) 2.30 pm
1 February	Nursery Learning Journals am parents (3) 11.45 am
1 February	Nursery Learning Journal all day parents (3) 2.45 pm
1 February	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
6 February	Year 4 Play to Parents 2.00 pm
12-16 February	Half Term
22 February	Year 3 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
23 February	Year 2A & 2M trip to Affinity Water Education Centre
12 March	Year 3 Spring Performance to Parents 2.30 pm
19 March	Parents Evening 3.30 pm - 6.00 pm
22 March	Reception Learning Journals (4) 2.30 pm
22 March	Nursery Learning Journals am parents (4) 11.45 am
22 March	Nursery Learning Journal all day parents (4) 2.45 pm
22 March	Year 5 trip to Epping Forest Field Centre
22 March	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
28 March	Parents Evening 4.30 pm - 7.00 pm
29 March	Spring Term 2018 ends

Summer 2018

Date	Event
16 April	Inset Day
17 April	Summer Term 2018 begins
17 April	Year 4 Swimming 1
23 - 27 April	Year 6 Boreatton Park Trip 2018
24 April	Year 4 Swimming 2
1 May	KNEX Challenge
1 May	Year 4 Swimming 3
8 May	Inset Day
14 - 18 May	SATs Week
15 May	Year 4 Swimming 4
17 May	Reception Learning Journals (5) 2.30 pm
17 May	Nursery Learning Journals am parents (5) 11.45 am
17 May	Nursery Learning Journal all day parents (5) 2.45 pm
17 May	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
18 May	Year 5 trip to Mitsubishi Electric
22 May	Year 3 trip to Hatfield House
22 May	Year 4 Swimming 5
25 May	Inset Day (1)
28 May -1 June	Half Term
4 June	Occasional Day
5 June	Year 4 Swimming 6
6 - 8 June	Year 5 Hayling Island Trip 2018
12 June	Year 4 Swimming 7

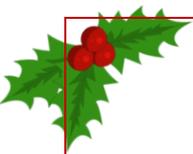


Summer 2018

Date	Event
12 June	Year 1 Summer Performance to Parents 2.30 pm
15 June	Nursery Sports Day 10.30 am
19 June	Year 4 Swimming 8
22 June	Reception & KS1 Sports Day 9.15 am
26 June	Year 4 Swimming 9
29 June	KS2 Sports Day 9.15 am
3 July	Year 4 Swimming 10
4 July	Open Evening 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm
5 July	Reception Learning Journals (6) 2.30 pm
5 July	Nursery Learning Journals am parents (6) 11.45 am
5 July	Nursery Learning Journal all day parents (6) 2.45 pm
5 July	GB Meeting 7.00 pm
6 July	Year 2A & 2M trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
10 July	Year 4 Swimming 11
11 July	New Nursery Intake into Class 2.00 pm
12 July	New Reception Intake into Class 1.30 pm
17 July	Year 4 Swimming 12
17 July	Year 6 Play to Parents 1.45 pm
18 July	Year 6 Play to Parents 6.00 pm
18 July	New Nursery Intake into Class 2.00 pm (1)
24 July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
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	SATs 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	