

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

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Dear Parent/Carer

Well what a year that has been! I cannot thank you enough for your support through what has been a very challenging few months for us all. Your children have showed amazing resilience and have still made great progress, despite all the disruptions.

To our pupils - you have been so resilient and we are so proud of all you have achieved both at school and home. To face the challenges you have this year and still smile, work hard and show our values in your daily lives, is testament to how brilliant you are!

To all the staff and governors - in a year like no other, you have shown such commitment, dedication and support to all our children. Despite all of the challenges, the children have still enjoyed school and made great progress, whilst staying safe and well. Thank you to each and every one.

To the parents/carers - without your support, we would not have got through the year as successfully as we have. Your comments and feedback are much appreciated and ensure the partnership goes from strength to strength. Thank you also for your support in following government guidance, isolating and testing as required.

A particular note of thanks our PTA committee, who despite everything have continued to organise events and raise much needed funds for our children.

We could not have got to the end of this year without the hard work and support of all involved at Bushy. Never has our motto of 'Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together' been so poignant or important.

Children's Business Fair

A number of our children organised stalls with their businesses at last Saturday's Fair. I have received such positive feedback from parents and even another Head Teacher who was particularly impressed with Air Bee and Bee's stall (well done Albert and Joel!). This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn entrepreneurial skills, build confidence in speaking with others and enjoy the rewards of their hard work. Thank you all for representing Bushy so well too.

Feedback from parent/carer survey

Thank you to those who completed this year's survey and for the very supportive comments. Most parents/carers appreciated the challenges we have faced this year and the resulting restrictions, which will hopefully be reversed from September.

In September I will address the two main points raised: one related to behaviour and the other parents/carers understanding of (expected) progress. I really appreciate the feedback given and firmly believe that by working together we can ensure the best provision for our children.

Year 6 Awards

Thank you to all of our Year 6s for their contributions over the past 4 years. Congratulations to the winners of these special awards - you should be very proud of your achievements.

Allan Wells Trophy

Esther Payne & Mate Haraszti

Teresa Ball Art Award

Ana-Maria Hriplivii and Morgan Davies

John Abbott Sports Award

Jacob Bowyer and Tallulah Gurney

Perkins Performance Award

Ellie Harrison and Ava Foord-Morris

Contribution to School Life

Rex Gould and Lola Hundley

Music Award

Lily (Jay) Killick

Head Teacher Awards

What incredible comments the teachers wrote about these amazing children. Lots about growth mind-set/positive attitude towards learning, showing our school values and supporting one another. These children are true Bushy ambassadors – congratulations to you all.

3W - Chloe Williams **3K** - Joel Payne

4BD - Emma Chen **4C** - Ruby Whitton

5KL - Harry Murphy **5F** - Diana Alonso-Perez

5CH - Lucas Buisman

6F - Lewis Chalk **6SB** - Ave Foord-Morris

Congratulations to Mia R (5KL) who has been awarded her Chief Scout's Silver Award

A huge well done to Gracie for achieving her I.D.T.A 2nd Gold bar exam award, achieving 99% with Honours.



Congratulations to James G and Joel P for completing the Bushy Book Challenge. They will receive their Bookworm badges in honour of their achievement.

Congratulations to Hornbeam for winning this term's Housepoints with an incredible 218.4 points! They all received a yummy treat at breaktime to celebrate!

Well done to all the children (too many to mention!), who have received their Star or Owl Maths Challenge awards today and all those who have earned enough merits to be awarded their certificates. You should all be proud of your achievements.

The last day of term is always so emotional, and it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to all of our Year 6 children. I am confident that they are ready for their new adventures and so proud of how much they have grown and achieved since they joined us. Don't be strangers - we would love to hear how you are getting on in the future. We have such fond memories of their time with us and I hope they use all they have learned to help in the next stage of their lives.

We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Bircher as she moves onto a new job role next term. Mrs Bircher has been with us since she was a Teacher Trainee and has developed into an excellent teacher who has contributed so much, both to the children in her care and across the whole school. This year alone she has been instrumental in training our staff to become a Communication Friendly Setting - the accreditation for which was awarded only last week. This is testament to her hard work and the care she has for the children of Bushy. Mrs Bircher, you will be greatly missed and we wish her all the very best.

We also say a fond farewell to Mr Stokes who has worked in Year 4 this year. We wish him all the best as he starts University in September.

And now to thinking ahead

September arrangements

The children return on **Thursday 2nd September**, when we plan to return to 'normality' as much as we can, with continued systems of control such as good personal hygiene practices, ventilation and cleaning.

On Thursday 2nd, please arrive at **8.40am** when all the children can meet on the playground. We will gather them together before their new teachers take them to their classrooms. Our Year 3s will join slightly later on this first day.

The children will leave at 3.15pm from the following places:

Year 4 - gym door

Year 5 - Hall door

Year 6 - By bike sheds

From Friday 3rd, children to arrive at these entrances between 8.40 and 8.50am when gates/doors will be shut.

PE kits - children to come to school dressed in their PE kits on days when they have PE or a sporty club. We have found this to be very successful this year.

Bikes/scooters - these will be allowed once again next year (children must wear a helmet), and bikes can be locked in our bike sheds.

Current guidance is that we will no longer need to keep to year group bubbles, which will allow for more flexibility. However, we will continue to ensure any guidance is followed for the safety of our staff and families. We expect our families to do the same. Further details to be sent out in September.

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn term 2021

Start of term	Half term	End of term
01 September 2021	22 October - 29 October 2021	17 December 2021

Spring term 2022

Start of term	Half term	End of term
4 January 2022	14 February - 18 February 2022	1 April 2022

Summer term 2022

Start of term	Half term	End of term
19 April 2022	30 May - 3 June 2022	22 July 2022



INSET Dates 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 22nd October - Please note that this is an additional day's holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022.

New INSET date to be confirmed asap.

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 11th February

Friday 27th May

Please take note of all the dates as I am unable to authorise holidays during term time.

Assemblies

In the next academic year, we are hoping to meet together for assemblies. Fridays will be a celebration assembly and I would love to invite our musical children to perform as the rest of the school/year group come in. Get practising over the holidays and let me know in September if your child would like the opportunity to participate.



Diary Dates 2021 - 2022

Date	Event	Time
September		
Wednesday 1 st	INSET Day	
Thursday 2 nd	All children return to school Year 3 & 4 Welcome Assembly	8.40am 10am
Friday 3 rd	Year 5 & 6 Welcome Assembly	10am
Tuesday 7 th	Year 3 M:Teach Assembly	9am
w/c 13 th	Clubs to start	
November		
w/c 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week - 'One Kind Word'	
Wednesday 24 th	No Pens Day	
December		
Friday 17 th	End of term	1.15pm

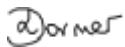
To finish, a wonderful poem by Isla (5KL):

*Goodbye Year 5, it's been a blast,
You're no longer the future, now the past,
Ahead of us is Year 6, I wonder what it will bring?
A French trip, some kayaking and a stage show to sing,
Mrs Yates with your humour,
Mrs Hurrell with your heart,
Mrs Kale, you're coming with us!
We'll never be apart, as we bid farewell to 5KL
I know Year 6 will be really swell!
The last year of school, where we should know it all
Ambassadors in our year group,
Will there be a prom or ball?!*

A huge thank you for all the very generous gifts, cards and messages - very naughty, but much appreciated!

On behalf of all of us at Bushy, keep safe and well and have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes



Mrs L. Dormer
Head Teacher

Useful Links:

Bushy Hill's updated [Risk Assessment](#).

[Surrey Family Information Service](#)

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Parents-and-carers-resource-sheet-1019.pdf>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/summer-ollee-day-support-pack>

[Holiday activities](#)

[Guidance for parents of children attending holiday clubs](#)

[Wellbeing information and videos with Dr. Alex](#)

Family First are giving away much-needed PE, sports & cooking equipment to primary schools again, ensuring even more children have access to nutritious meals and vital play & sports equipment.

Family First will be running various competitions across Facebook over the coming months, asking communities to nominate a school (or schools) of their choice to win these fantastic prizes.

www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk

