

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year! A particular warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year. It has been great to see everyone over the past couple of days and we have all settled back into routines really well. I have loved finding out about what they got up to in the holidays and their hopes for this coming year. We also welcome Mr Jones to the staff team and send him our warmest congratulations on the birth of his daughter.

This (very long!) welcome letter contains a lot of very important information, so please take time to read through it carefully and action or take note of any key points.

Whilst the COVID situation is very different this year, there are still members of the community who have/are suffering with the virus. At Bushy we will continue with enhanced cleaning, some mask wearing and regular hand washing, alongside the actions outlined in our Risk Assessment and Management Outbreak Policies that can be found on our [website](#).

In order to continue to protect our school community, I would ask that everyone continues to follow the guidelines: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19. Please do not return to school until your child has received a negative result. To safeguard the community, as an added precaution, please do an LFD test with your child every day for a period of 5 days following their negative PCR test (they can continue to come into school providing all tests are negative).
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

Different schools may have slightly different 'guidelines', but we ask that you respect what we have in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of our community.

We will also be continuing with online consultations this year (using SchoolCloud), and will send home presentations for the 'Meet the Teacher' event.

Attached to the newsletter today are a number of documents for your reference. Please take time to read through these and complete the following Google Forms to confirm that they have been read and you/your child will follow the guidance.

Agreement	Links
Safeguarding Children	Year 3 - https://forms.gle/zd8W7Ft7T1HPR8zu6 Year 4 - https://forms.gle/W8FybdBWdnA3Zwq6A Year 5 - https://forms.gle/XU4j7Yq3YXL8YzTA Year 6 - https://forms.gle/cRCWvVBBBeBypSxuN8
Home/School Agreement	Year 3 - https://forms.gle/mdk7kuPm13etkn9q9 Year 4 - https://forms.gle/fz8CKCx6n1H6cbLdA Year 5 - https://forms.gle/UchHaCKDRzXwb5V17 Year 6 - https://forms.gle/XFqBeoaAfbase4nDA

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Both of these remain our number one priority at all times. This week on our INSET day, all staff members were given up to date training with a number of documents to read and activities to undertake. Every week we have training on a specific to ensure our knowledge is up to date and we are able to provide the care and support required as necessary. Related policies are available on the website. I attach our **Internet Acceptable Use** and **Mobile Phone policies** that require your action.

All children across the school have regular online safety and lessons through assemblies, PSHE etc. to learn how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they see anything that concerns them.

Each fortnight when I send this newsletter, I include links and attach information for parents in different areas of child protection and safeguarding, which I hope you will find useful.

- <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-gender-identity-issues/>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/ollee/for-parents>
- Childline have launched Report Remove, an online service that allows children and young people under 18 to report a nude image or video of themselves on the internet and get it removed.
- Mental Health Support
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Stationery Shop

Our stationery shop is currently unable to open, however if you would like to order any items, please go to Wisepay to place an order and make payment.



Houses

At Bushy the children are split into 4 different houses for which they will be involved in different activities. Throughout the year there are occasions when they are involved in activities, e.g. bake sales and Sports Day. For these occasions we will ask them to wear a top in the colour of their house:

Beech - Blue **Hornbeam - Yellow** **Maple - Red** **Willow - Green**

Reminders

Uniform: The children have arrived back to school looking very smart - long may it continue!!

The following rules are in place for every child in the school as we strongly believe in the sense of community and the pride a uniform provides. In all establishments there are guidelines that need to be followed and we are helping to teach our children to respect these. Thank you for your support in ensuring these are followed at all times.

Polo shirts: the school logo polo shirts can be worn until October half term. After half term, a shirt and tie is required. If your child is wearing a shirt, they must wear a tie with it.

Black sensible shoes and black, white or grey **plain** socks.

PE kit: School PE t-shirt and shorts with trainers. Optional school sweatshirt or plain green tracksuit bottoms and jumper. Currently, the children are to wear these to school on the days they do PE.

Hair: must be tied back with a **plain** band if shoulder length or longer.

No dyed hair or extreme haircuts/styles. Hair should be no shorter than Grade 2 please. **Plain** Alice bands are allowed, but no hair wraps during term time.

Jewellery: For health and safety: only stud earrings that must be removed for PE/swimming. No necklaces or bracelets.

Timings: Thank you to everyone for being on time at drop off and collection this week. Drop off is from 8.40am (gates/doors closed at 8.50am) and collection for all at 3.15pm. Children should go through these entrances:

Year 3s and Year 6s - Playground gate

Year 4 - Gym

Year 5 - Hall

Homework: Homework is set on a Wednesday and is due in on a Monday - further information to be sent next week (w/c 13th for Year 3s).

Snacks: Children are allowed pieces of fruit/vegetables only at break time.

Please be aware that a number of our children have severe allergies and therefore we are a nut free school - please respect this and ensure no products containing nuts are included in lunchboxes or birthday treats.

Named water bottles to be in school daily - no squash or juice!



Safety First:

- **ONLY** Year 6 children are allowed to walk, cycles/scoot to school unaccompanied. If they cycle/scoot a helmet must be worn. Please let the school office know that you give permission for your child to walk home.
- No cars to drive into the school grounds whilst we continue with different entrances for the year groups. All families are encouraged to walk to school.
- Dogs should be kept on a lead and not brought on the school grounds.

Medication:

Please leave labelled inhalers in the blue box outside reception. The office will label them ready to for the classrooms.

PE: We will continue with asking the children to come to school in their PE kits on PE days and if they have a sporty club.

Year 3 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 4 - Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 5 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 6 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Term Dates 2021/22

	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	01 September 2021	22 October - 29 October 2021	17 December 2021
Spring	4 January 2022	14 February - 18 February 2022	1 April 2022
Summer	19 April 2022	30 May - 3 June 2022	22 July 2022

INSET Days 2021/22

Thursday 21st October

Friday 22nd October - Additional day's holiday in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022.

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 11th February

Friday 27th May

Please take not of these dates as I am unable to authorise holidays during term time. Also refer to the letter attached and our [Attendance Policy](#).



Date	Event	Time
September		
Tuesday 7 th	Year 3 M:Tech Assembly	9am
w/c 13 th	Clubs to start	
Tuesday 14 th	4K Swimming to start	2.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 4 Visit to Wisley National Fitness Day	
October		
4 th – 8 th	Feeling Good Week	
Friday 8 th	Feel Good Friday - wear something yellow	
Thursday 14 th	Open Day	
Thursday 21 st	INSET	
Friday 22 nd	Bank Holiday	
November		
Wed. 3 rd and Thurs. 4 th	Consultations	
Thursday 11 th	Flu Immunisation	
w/c 15 th	Anti-Bullying Week - 'One Kind Word'	
Wednesday 24 th	No Pens Day	
Friday 26 th	Fantastic Friday	
w/c 29 th November	Final week of Staff-led clubs	
December		
w/c 6 th	Final week of external clubs	
Friday 17 th	End of term	1.15pm

Please refer to the [website](#) for further dates.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: @bushyhilljs

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support this week and I look forward to working with you this year.

Have a lovely weekend!



Mrs L. Dormer
Head Teacher

