



Bushbury Blog



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the last half term of the year, I hope you all had a lovely holiday and enjoyed some special time with your child.



This week in assembly our focus was on 'SLEEP'. It is vital that children get the correct amount of sleep so that they are awake on time and ready for learning in school. Children of different ages need different amounts of sleep:-

- 4-5 year olds need 11-12hrs sleep
- 6-7 year olds need 10.5-11 hrs sleep
- 7-8 year olds need 10.5 hrs sleep
- 8-10 year olds need 10hrs sleep
- 10-11 year olds need 9.5-10hrs sleep

So that children can get the correct amount of sleep they need to be in bed at the right time. On a school night if children are getting up between 7:15am and 7:30am, they need to be in bed at the following times:-

- ✓ 4-5 year olds need to be in bed for **7:15pm**
- ✓ 6-7 year olds need to be in bed for **7:45pm**
- ✓ 7-8 year olds need to be in bed for **8:15pm**
- ✓ 8-10 year olds need to be in bed for **8:30pm**
- ✓ 10-11 year olds need to be in bed for **8:45pm**

If children don't get enough sleep, this can have a huge negative impact on their performance at school, behaviour, concentration and ability to focus on their work. Please help your child to be successful at school by ensuring that they get to bed on time and have the right amount of sleep. Thank you.

Breaking news - Time to move on to new classes and new teachers!

Normally, children start their new classes with their new teacher in September. This year we are going to trial a new approach to transition, where all children will move to their new class on Monday 30th June 2014, for the last 3 weeks of term. This gives all children the opportunity to get to know their new teacher and their new classroom before the long summer break and hopefully will alleviate any worries that they may have about returning to school in the Autumn term. The current Year 6 will be taught by Mrs Underwood and they will continue their learning and prepare for their Graduation on the final day of term. Children in Reception will have a gradual integration into Year 1 and Nursery staff will complete their home visits for children entering Nursery in September.

To ensure that we are fully prepared for children to move to their new classes, we have an **INSET day on, FRIDAY 27th JUNE**, so the last day that children spend with their current class teachers, will be on **Thursday 26th June**. This is also the day that Year 6 will present their end of year Performance to the whole school and parents. Children and parents will be told which teacher their child will be having, starting from Monday 30th June at **Parents' Evening on Tuesday 24th June**.

Letters informing parents of arrangements for each class will be sent out prior to parents' evening on Tuesday 24th June. If you have any questions regarding our transition programme for 2014, please call into see me.



Changes to the Bushbury Team at the end of July 2014

At the end of July we say Goodbye to several members of staff, who are all leaving the Bushbury Team for a variety of different reasons:

Mrs Garbett is leaving to take up a teaching position at Goldthorn Park Primary School in Wolverhampton. Mrs Garbett has taught at Bushbury for 26 years and started her career here as a newly qualified teacher! She has led the recent developments in Literacy which have brought about huge improvements and her dedication, hard work and commitment will be very much missed.

Mrs Armes, who has recently returned from her maternity leave will also be leaving us as she has decided to spend more time with her young family, a very special time for her as I am sure you will all appreciate. Mrs Armes has worked at Bushbury since 2009 and I know it has been a very hard decision for her to make but we hope she can now enjoy her family and she will call in when she has time.

Mrs Potter, who is currently a Learning Support Assistant is retiring after 19 years service to the school. Mrs Potter's son has recently married and she is ready to spend more time with her family. We wish her well and hope she enjoys a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs Hennessey, who works tirelessly to ensure that school attendance continues to improve and also supports in Nursery and works at breakfast club every morning, has secured a full-time position at Low Hill Nursery School and Children's centre. Mrs Hennessey has worked at Bushbury for 9 years and managed the Neighbourhood Nursery, so she will have known many pupils of Bushbury both past and present.

Mrs Pinner, who is our Reading Recovery teacher and who works with children on a 1:1 basis to accelerate their progress in reading is leaving so that she can look after her grandchildren as her daughters both work full time. We hope that Mrs Pinner really enjoys time with her grandchildren and hope that she will come back to visit whenever she can.

Mr Evans, our school caretaker has decided to retire from being the full-time caretaker at Bushbury. Although he has already commenced his retirement we will be saying a formal farewell to him at the end of term, after 13 years of working at Bushbury and wish him well in his retirement.

Mrs Zarin, who has covered Year 1 whilst Mrs Armes has been on maternity leave and **Mr Kendall** who has been covering Year 3, whilst Mrs Price has had her maternity leave will both be finishing their temporary contracts at Bushbury. We would like to thank them both for the work they have done with their classes over the last two terms and wish them both well in the future.

As you can see there are some significant changes ahead. The Governors and Leadership team are well on the way to ensuring that the very best staff are recruited to fill the vacancies that they will leave, as Bushbury children deserve the best and most committed professionals who will enhance the lives of every child in school!

Summer term Diary dates

Sports' Day is on **Wednesday 18th June** @ 9:30am on the school field – all parents welcome.

INSET day on Friday 27th June – school is closed to all children on this day, while teachers prepare for their new classes.

Nursery class assembly will be on **Tuesday 24th June**. For children who attend morning Nursery, assembly will be at 9:15am and for children who attend afternoon Nursery, assembly will be at 2pm. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this performance to support our youngest members of the school.

Parents' Evening will be on **Tuesday 24th June** from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. There will be an opportunity to see all the work your child has produced during the year and teachers will be available to discuss reports and progress, as required. Appointments will not be sent out as this is a general open evening, for everyone.

Y6 Performance of Aladdin will be on the afternoon of **Thursday 26th June** – exact times to follow.

Y6 Graduation will be at 9:30am on **Friday 18th June**.

Yours sincerely,



Kay Mason
Headteacher



Weekly Awards



Weekly Attendance

KS1 & Foundation Stage winners are **2A** with **95.5%**

KS2 winners are **4A** with **96.7%**

Overall School attendance is now 95.5% - this has dropped slightly but we hope to be back to 95.6% next week!

Merit Awards

RA Dylan Hudders, for a super positive and hardworking attitude!

1A Tyler McNally, for much improved behaviour and attitude and trying hard in class.

2A Joshua Caddick, for excellent listening in all lessons.

3A Isaiah Samuels, for a brilliant piece of letter writing.

4A Morgan Purbrick, for always doing the right thing and being an excellent role model.

4B Cameron Salter, for an outstanding positive attitude towards school and his work.

5A Tyler Beattie, for progressing from maths PT and being punctual for school.

6A Josh Alsop, for an excellent effort in rehearsals for the Y6 production!

The Weekly Winning House Team

The Winning House this week is, **SYCAMORE** with **364** House Points!

Presentation Awards

RA Sanjiv Singh

1A Jayden Hutton

2A Kyle Greening

3A Sophie Alsop

4A Leah Gray

4B Kyle Wilkinson

5A Elle Fearon

6A Kelis Bernard

Headteacher Awards

Rogan Povey (Nursery), for showing a really grown-up and sensible attitude and for always helping others.



We know that the children love making Loom bands but please can they leave them at home as they do constitute as jewellery and can distract children from their work. Thank you.