



Bushbury Blog



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Dear Parents,

I can't believe that another year has passed, September 2017 seems like yesterday.

We have so much to celebrate at Bushbury this year. **WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE is 96.4%**! This is an amazing improvement from this time last year when we were significantly below the national expectation of 95.1%.

Improved attendance has resulted in excellent results across the school, which everyone can be very proud of.

We continue to work with and be supported and challenged by the Local Authority. They are very pleased with changes that the school have made that have impacted so positively on the progress and achievement of all children and pupil attitudes and behaviours for learning are considered to be some of the best across the City.

Without the support of parents and our extended Bushbury family, this could not have happened and we thank everyone for encouraging their children to; **work hard, have a great attitude and follow instructions** while always conducting ourselves through our 5 core values of; **respect, honesty, positivity, determination and resilience**.

As you know, **Mrs Flynn** has been on maternity leave since the autumn term. She has made the decision not to return to work as she wants to devote her time to her young family. Mrs Flynn has worked at Bushbury for 9 years, since she left University. She will be very much missed by us all as she has been a big part of the huge improvements that have been made in the school, over the last few years however, we hope that she will come back to visit our Big Bushbury Family when she has time.



I would also like to thank **Mr Bains** for teaching Year 5 for 2 terms and **Mrs Hyett** who has worked on a temporary basis supporting Mr Bains as the Year 5 teaching assistant. They have done a brilliant job and I am very grateful for all of their hard work and commitment. **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** also go to **Miss Latham** who is getting married over the summer and will return to school as **Mrs Smith**. We hope you have a fantastic wedding day and enjoy a wonderful honeymoon in a very exotic location.





BHPS Governance



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I would like to thank all the parents of children at Bushbury Hill for your continued support over the last year. As the Chair of Governors and on behalf of the full Governing Board, I would also like to thank all the staff in school for their continued hard work and commitment, which has resulted in greatly improved outcomes for children across the school and the best Y6 test results for over 5 years. Governors challenge the school to ensure that it is doing everything possible to make positive and effective changes for children in school, so that they are ready for their next stage of learning and are maturing into life-long learners and responsible citizens of the future.



Improvements in **ATTENDANCE** have undoubtedly contributed to the improvement in outcomes for children at Bushbury and attendance and punctuality will remain a priority as we return to school in September.

Thank you for the contributions that you have made for school trips and visits over the last year. The school continues to face huge financial challenges and difficult decisions have to be made regarding the school budget, while trying to minimise the impact that financial cuts have on the quality of teaching and learning in school.

We are always trying to make improvements to the quality of education and your opinions are very important to us. Attached to this newsletter is a **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE** which I would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete and return to school by the end of term so that we can look at your feedback over the summer and consider any changes that need to be made. We will also let you know the results of this survey at the start of the autumn term.

I am very much looking forward to presenting the Y6 children with their awards at the Y6 Graduation on Thursday morning and look forward to seeing many parents at this prestigious event.

With my very best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Alan Jasper.
Chair of the BHPS Full Governing Board



Other things!



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Uniform and Jewellery at Bushbury Hill Primary School – Important to encourage high standards

We appreciate that children may have grown out of their school shoes at this time of the school year however, please ensure that children are dressed in full school uniform when they return in September:

School Uniform is:

- ✓ Grey trousers or skirts with yellow polo shirts and green sweatshirts (with or without the school logo).
- ✓ Black shoes which are sensible for walking and being out on the playground.
- ✓ Green or yellow gingham dresses for the girls (warm weather)
- ✓ Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and either black, green or yellow. Hair bands should NOT have large flowers or bows attached.
- ✓ Extreme hairstyles are not appropriate for school. The use of styling products should be kept to a minimum and children should not have decorative patterns cut into their hair or have hair coloured or dyed.
- ✓ For health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and small objects of religious significance. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury.
- ✓ Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school unless for an out of school hours function, for example a school disco.

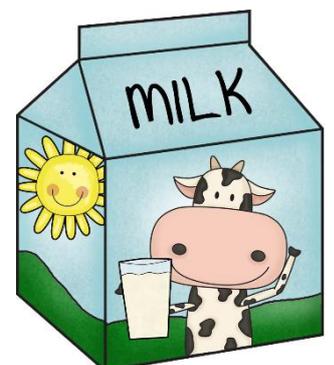


SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are FREE for all children from Reception to Year 2. From Year 3, school dinners will be charged at £2.50 a day, or £1.50 for those who are eligible for flexible charging. Please ensure that dinners are paid for in advance and debts are not accrued.

SCHOOL MILK

From September, all children will be entitled to a glass of FREE milk at lunchtime regardless their age or whether they are having a school dinner or bring their own packed lunch, however, we will not be continuing with additional milk in classes for children from Reception to Year 6. Children will continue to have a piece of fruit provided each day and they all have their own water bottles which are refilled every day and sanitised on a regular basis.





Things to remember

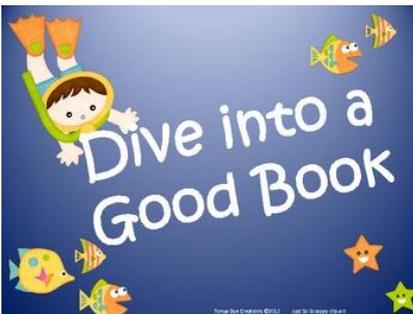


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READING

Over the summer, please encourage your child to read every day. All children will be bringing reading books home with them and teachers will be setting online reading tasks through Purple Mash, which you are all aware of.



Our local library at Showell Circus is open throughout the holidays, at the following times:

Low Hill Library (Showell Circus, WV10 9JL) opening times:

Tuesday 2-5pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 10am-1pm and 2-5pm

Friday 2-5pm

Saturday 10-1pm

Sunday & Monday CLOSED

Children who read over the holidays and have their reading diaries signed, will earn up to a maximum of 6 **PRIVILEGE CARDS** which will be awarded when children return to school in September and **PRIVILEGE CARDS** contribute to the achievement of their **ALWAYS BEE STATUS**.



Final comment from the Headteacher:

Thank you to everyone for such a fantastic year. We have an amazing team of staff who work tirelessly to ensure that all children receive the highest standards of teaching and learning, enrichment opportunities and pastoral care. I also have to thank the Governing Board for the work that they do, which is voluntary, that ensures we are held to account for how we spend our school budget and the impact that it has on the learning and progress of children in school.

*I wish you all a very happy and safe summer holiday. Have a well-earned rest and I look forward to welcoming all the children back to school, when they are refreshed and rested, when we return to school on **TUESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**.*

Yours sincerely,

Kay Mason, Headteacher