

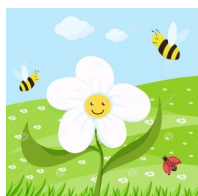
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Bushbury Lane Academy Newsletter



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A note from Mrs Hadley ...

Well, what an incredible half term it has been for us! January and February seem to have whizzed by and before we know it Spring will be in full force. This half term has seen some wonderful learning in Geography and Science, with pupils taking part in a range of exciting activities and investigations to fully engage and immerse them into their learning. If you haven't already, then please make sure you take a look at our Bushbury Lane Facebook page to get a flavour of what each class gets up to each week (just go onto Facebook and search for Bushbury Lane Primary Academy).

Our pupils have also been celebrating Mental Health Week which took place during the week of 7th February. We talked about what mental health is and discussed some of the things that we can all do to look after our own mental health. We also talked about the importance of kindness, always; we don't know what each other may be experiencing so it's important to show empathy and support one another whenever we can. We think our pupils are already quite good at this at Bushbury!



Have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing all pupils back in school on Monday 28th February.

Useful Information/Links

Please see the below link to Family Lives, who provide targeted early intervention and crisis support to families

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>



Here are some useful links should you require information on Autism/Asperger's Syndrome:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/what-is-autism/asperger-syndrome>

and

<https://www.autism.org.uk/>



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REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

Morning and End of Day

A reminder that start and finish times are as follows:

Nursery: Start at 8:45am, Finish at 11:45am (30 hour children—finish at 3:20pm)

Reception—Year 6: Start at 8:50am, Finish at 3:20pm

Please ensure that your child attends school every day and is on time for school every morning ready to start learning. It is also just as important that you are on time collecting them at the end of the day. It can be very upsetting for children if parents are not there to collect them when they are expected to, and our teaching staff have other commitments after school so are unable to stay and look after any children who have not been collected on time.

We will still be closely monitoring all absences and late arrivals/collections. Parents will be issued with warning letters once any child's attendance reaches below our expected attendance level of 95%. We will also be implementing a charge for late collections as per the letter sent to all parents on 17th November.

Illness

If your child is too ill to attend school, please ensure that you inform us by phoning the school office before 9.15am on each day of illness.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they cannot return to school until they have had 48 hours clear from the last episode of any vomiting or diarrhoea.

A reminder that your child should **NOT** have medication of any type in school with them. If your child needs to have any medicine whilst at school, you must sign it in at the school office and it will be kept safe until your child needs to have it administered. Please note that we can only administer prescribed medication. If you wish to come into school to give your child any other medication, please contact the school office.

PE Days

All children will have a PE lesson each week as follows. The lessons will be led by our Sports Coaches from Soccer 2000.

Reception: Thursday

Year 1 and Year 2: Monday

Year 3 and Year 4: Tuesday

Year 5 & Year 6: Thursday

In addition to the above set days, all classes will also have other PE activities throughout each week so please ensure that every child brings their PE kit in each Monday morning and takes it home for washing each Friday.

ALL pupils will need to follow the school's PE uniform requirements. This will be monitored closely and you will be informed if your child is not in the correct PE kit. Children who are not wearing the correct kit or unsuitable kit will not be allowed to take part in the lessons for health and safety reasons.

PE Kit for Boys and Girls is as follows:

- Purple or white tee shirt (plain or school logo)
- Plain black shorts/plain black jogging bottoms
- Plain black or purple sweatshirt/hoodie (purple hoodies with school logo are available to buy from Trutex)
- Black pumps/trainers

(Please note: Children should not be wearing named brand items (eg: Nike, Adidas etc))

******Don't forget to label all uniform with your child's name!******



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It is our expectation that all children come to school in the correct uniform. If any children are not wearing their full, correct uniform, we will be contacting parents.

A reminder of uniform requirements is below:

Girls

Grey/black skirt or trousers (No Leggings or Jeans)
Purple polo shirt (with logo)
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with logo)
Black shoes (No trainers)
Purple and white gingham dress for summer

Boys

Grey/black trousers (No Jeans)
Purple polo shirt (with logo)
Purple sweatshirt (with logo)
Black shoes (No trainers)

A warm coat and hat, scarf and gloves will also be required for the Winter months.

The logo items can be purchased from the Trutex Crested Schoolwear shop in Wolverhampton town centre.

Tel: 01902 593030 (Opening hours 9:30am—5.00pm, Mon-Sat) or online at www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

****Pre-loved uniform donations are always welcome! Please bring any donations to the School Office****

Parking

Please do not drive up in front of the school to collect/bring children, including collecting children from Nursery at 11:45am. This area is for staff and authorised visitors only.

Please ensure that you park safely and considerately on Ripon Road or Bushbury Lane, and walk in to the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Facebook

Please find us online, if you haven't done so already, to see some of the amazing things happening at Bushbury Lane. If you haven't already filled in the paperwork, please contact the office to let them know that you consent to photographs of your child being shared on our social media page. To find us search: Bushbury Lane Primary Academy

If this doesn't work, enter the following link into Google.

<https://www.facebook.com/BushburyLanePrimaryAcademy>



After School Club

Our After School Childcare Club is available at a cost of just £6.00 per session. The session starts when the school bell rings at 3:20pm and finishes at 5.15pm. There will be a small snack and drink provided to the children daily.

Due to staffing numbers and for health and safety reasons, children will not be able to attend if you haven't booked and paid for the place in advance. This can be done up until the morning of the day you wish your child to attend.

If you claim help with childcare fees, our School URN is **142823**. More information about this can be found here: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you would like to book your child/children into the club, you can now book and pay for sessions via your Arbor account. If you need your log in details re-sending to you, please ask at the school office.



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The children at Bushbury Lane have been well and truly hooked into their new Learning Adventure topics this term. Across the school, exciting 'engage days' took place to introduce our children to their new Geography topics. In Year 1, pupils began their learning journey about our capital city by attending a 'Queens tea party.' The children loved dressing up in their best clothes and enjoyed dancing and eating delicious foods. Furthermore, in Year 4, the children worked collaboratively to make 3D structures of mountains, whilst children in Year 6 built 'base camps' to prepare for an expedition to the polar regions. Throughout the half term, pupils across the school have developed their Geographical skills and knowledge and we are very proud of the progress they have made.



Reading

At Bushbury Lane Academy, we value reading as a key life skill and believe that reading is pivotal for academic success, which is what we aspire towards for all of our children.

Reading is a top priority in our school and is an important driver throughout all areas of our curriculum. Ultimately through our reading curriculum, it is our intention for all our pupils to establish and appreciation and love of reading; develop their knowledge of the world around them; learn and utilise new vocabulary and enhance their comprehension skills.

Phonics and early reading

We teach early reading for EYFS and KS1 using the Read Write Inc scheme, which teaches children to read, write and spell with a focus on Phonics. We teach phonics in small group lessons, so that all children have access to teaching, which provides an appropriate challenge in relation to age related expectations. At the end of each half term, our children are assessed and following on from this are allocated groups, that match their ability.

VIPERS

Reading skills for KS1 and KS2 are taught in whole class lessons, to allow all children access to the skills and knowledge contained in the National Curriculum. Reading lessons take place several times a week for the children at Bushbury Lane and are focused around an aged appropriate, high quality text- which changes every half term. Within the lessons, our pupils are given the opportunity to develop their reading fluency and comprehension skills and all children are given an equal opportunity to succeed against age related expectations. We teach reading through a 6 week reading cycle, where lessons focus on teaching the core principles of 'VIPERS'. (Vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary). Each lesson has a reading skill focus introducing new learning or building on prior knowledge.

Reading often

Regular reading for children has a huge impact on their academic progress and attainment. Our expectation is that all children read a minimum of 3x a week at home with a parent/carer and that reading is recorded in their reading diary. We will now be tracking how often the pupils are reading on a class interactive reading display and will be rewarding learners in whole school assemblies with bronze, silver and gold certificates linked to the amount of reading they are completing at home. Furthermore, parents and carers now have access to a 'Bushbury Lane parent prompt book,' which provides you with targeted questions to ask your children, whilst reading with them, linked to the VIPERS skills taught during school reading lessons.

Encouraging our children to read widely

At Bushbury Lane, we want our children to read books from a range of genres and authors, in order to expose them to different text structures and a range of important themes. To encourage this, we have introduced 'Author study lessons' which form part of their reading journeys in school. Furthermore, we have introduced 'class reading spines' for each class, which include a list of high quality recommended reads that are aged appropriate. The purpose of this is to challenge the children to read as many of the recommended books as possible, so that by the time they leave Bushbury Lane, they have read a wealth of high quality books. We have ensured that all of these books are available for the children in school and are really excited to get this challenge underway.





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Photographs from Year 2's 'day at the beach' to launch our new topic 'Coastline'





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School captains



Hi everyone, my name's Jess. I am in Year 6 and was voted in to be a School Captain. I would like to tell you a little bit about me. I really enjoy gymnastics, dancing and singing and my favourite foods are chocolate cake and curry! As school captain, I will always be here for the children at Bushbury Lane. If ever you need someone to talk to, you will find me on the top playground, wearing a yellow land yard and a badge and I am always willing to listen and support you.



Hi, my name is Rowan and I am proud to introduce myself as one of Bushbury Lane's School Captain's. My aim as School Captain is to support any children, who are struggling across the school and to help put a smile on everyone's face during their time here. My hobbies include: playing football, singing and drawing. If you need me, I will be on the playground, at the front of school greeting you in the mornings or at the entrance to assembly. I am looking forward to getting to know you all more!



Hey, my name's Victory and I am 11 years old. I really wanted to be a School Captain because I love to help people and I am a very kind and nurturing person, so when I was voted in, I was elated. I really enjoy swimming, drawing, singing and cooking and in my role as School Captain, I would like to introduce more clubs for the children here to attend. If you need to speak to me, I will always listen to you.



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Attendance

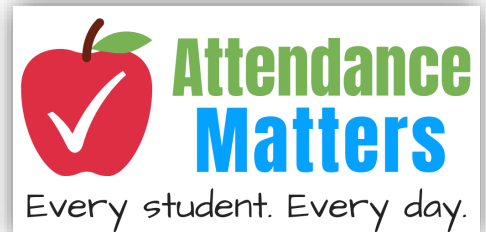
We understand that some absences during the school year at this unprecedented time can not be helped, however, we find the need to stress to all our parents the importance of your child being at school every day if they are fit and well. Excellent attendance at school is crucial if your child is to achieve his/ her very best potential. We do not authorise absence during the school term, unless in exceptional circumstances or if sufficient medical evidence is provided. I would therefore seek your full support in aiming for your child to have 100% attendance during his/ her time at Bushbury Lane. **Please be aware that we will be sending letters out to those families where we are concerned about attendance and will have our Education Welfare Officer involved.**

Punctuality

We are thankful to those of our parents who get their children to school on time daily but are still concerned that some of our children are continuously arriving to school late every morning and need your support to help this improve. Please see below the significant amount of learning that your children are missing out on. For example, in Year 1—6, we start the school day with our spelling programme. If your child misses the first 15 minutes of school daily, they will never have spelling delivered to them at Bushbury Lane. Your child deserves to access these lessons.

Drop Off and Pick Up Time Reminders

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Nursery	8.50am	11.45am (3.20pm for pm Nursery)
Reception—Year 6	8.50am	3.20pm



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



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Important Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 9th March 2022	9:10am—Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop
Wednesday 9th March 2022	2:45pm—Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
Thursday 10th March 2022	Year 2 Trip to Thinktank Museum, Birmingham
Friday 18th March 2022	Red Nose Day (More information to follow)
Wednesday 6th April 2022	Photographer in School for Class Groups and Y6 Leavers
<i>Friday 8th April 2022</i>	<i>INSET DAY - Children not in school</i>
<i>Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April</i>	<i>EASTER HOLIDAYS</i>
Monday 25th April 2022	Children return to school
<i>Monday 2nd May 2022</i>	<i>BANK HOLIDAY - Children not in school</i>
<i>Thursday 5th May</i>	<i>Local Elections - More information to follow</i>
Throughout May 2022	Year 2 SATs Tests
Monday 9th-Thursday 12th May 2022	Year 6 SATs Tests
Monday 17th May	Year 3 to “Singing in the Rain” in Wolverhampton
<i>Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June</i>	<i>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</i>
Monday 6th June 2022	Children return to school
<i>Friday 10th June 2022</i>	<i>INSET DAY - Children not in school</i>
<i>Thursday 21st July 2022</i>	<i>Children break up for Summer holidays</i>

Are you looking for a Reception Class place now or from September ?

We still have some spaces and would love to have you join us.



Do you want an inspirational experience for your child in an exciting, vibrant environment?

Please pop along to our school office for more information or call 01902 556486

Interested in a current Reception or Nursery place, call to arrange a viewing ASAP.

