

Bushbury Lane Academy Times



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to February's newsletter! We've had a very busy start to the new year! It was lovely to see the children all back at school in January, refreshed and ready to learn!

TIME TO SAY "HELLO"

A warm welcome to the following new staff:

Mrs Moran — Year 4 teacher

Mrs Poppitt — Year 6 teacher

Mrs Mukanga is now teaching Year 5

We wish them all the best in their new roles!

HOUSES

We are now running a house point system in school. The children have all been put into houses: Aldersley, Dunstall, Goodyear and Molineux and house captains have been voted for and appointed.

Points so far are as follows:

Aldersley (Red) 172

Dunstall (Green) 171

Goodyear (Blue) **217**

Molineux (Yellow) 181

WELL DONE **GOODYEAR** — KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Come on everyone! The race is on

ATTENDANCE

The winning class for the highest attendance last half term was:

YEAR 3!!

Well done Year 3

keep up the good work!

PUNCTUALITY - please ensure your child arrives on time and are in school before 9.00am. We had an excellent start to the new school year with very few children being late. Unfortunately the lates are now on the increase. The Education Welfare Service have been informed and they will be doing some "Late Gates" in the near future.

ATTENDANCE - is currently at 95% for the whole school. We are looking to achieve 96% and beyond. Please ensure that your child attends school every day.

APPOINTMENTS - Please try to avoid making appointments for your child in school time. However, we do understand that sometimes this is unavoidable. However, if you do wish to take your child out of school for an appointment, please let the office or Miss Bradford know in advance, and bring evidence of the appointment for our records. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Christmas Fayre

It seems a long time ago, but we took a fantastic £746.00 at the Christmas Fayre! Thanks to everyone who donated, and came to support us on the day! This money will be used to help improve your child's time here at Bushbury Lane Academy!

Scolastic Book Fayre

Our book fayre has been a success again—we took over £230.00 from which we will receive commission to enable us to purchase more lovely books for our Library Bus! Thanks to everyone who supported us.

Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year celebrations were a great success. It's the year of the Pig and the children came dressed in red and enjoyed a Dragon Dance and other activities throughout the day, including a special Chinese menu at lunchtime. Thanks to all parents who supported us and made it possible for us to enjoy a fabulous day!



Residential Trips

Plans are now well under way for our three forthcoming residential trips: Current Year 4 and 5 children have the opportunity to go to France next February, Year 6 will be going to Boreatton Park in the summer, and Year 3 have the opportunity to go to Kingswood for an overnight stay in July

If your child is going, please remember to pay your deposit as soon as possible to reserve their place!

Year 1 Trip

Year 1 had a fabulous time on their trip to Wild! Zoological gardens on Thursday 7th February. They saw meerkats, snakes, parrots and lots of other small animals.



Our new style breakfast club "Early Birds" is proving very popular. However, numbers are limited and you **MUST** book places for your child **at least 48 hours IN ADVANCE** online via Scopay, or places can be booked via the office if online booking is not available due to insufficient notice. Please don't just turn up on the day, or your child will be turned away.



REMINDERS

Can we please remind parents/carers NOT to drive up in front of the school when dropping/collecting children. This area is for staff only and visitors.

Please also park considerately when bringing/collecting your child to/from school—

PLEASE DO NOT block people's drives along the Stafford Road, or park on zig zags outside the school gate. We advise anyone who has a complaint regarding this to take car registrations and advise the police or Wolverhampton Council.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

COLLECTING CHILDREN

IMPORTANT: If someone other than the normal person is collecting your child from school, please notify the office or class teacher on the day, and give a password.

Parents of the child being collected **must** notify us, (not the nominated person who will be collecting).

For the safeguarding of your children, they will NOT be released unless notification and a password is given. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

VALENTINES FUN

Have a go at making these easy biscuits to give to someone special this Valentines' day!

Ingredients:

- 100g butter, softened
- 50g caster sugar
- 170g plain flour
- Ready made coloured icing tubes and edible decorations (optional)

Method

- Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/160°C Fan/Gas Mark 4 and line two baking trays with non-stick baking paper.
- Beat the butter and sugar until pale and creamy, and work in the flour to make a stiff dough. You may find it easier to do this with your hands.
- Turn out onto a lightly floured surface and knead gently until smooth. Roll out to the thickness of a pound coin, and using well-floured heart shape cutters, stamp out 12 hearts.
- Carefully transfer to the baking sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes.
- Leave to cool on the baking sheet for a few minutes to firm up, before transferring to a wire cooling rack.
- Once they are completely cool, decorate with the ready made icing. You could pipe alternating dots or your own pattern or sprinkle with some edible decorations.

Tip: Chill the dough if it gets too soft or difficult to work with!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Break up for Half Term	Friday 15th February 2019
Children return to school	Monday 25th February 2019
Break up for Easter Holiday	Friday 12th April 2019
Children return to School	Monday 29th April 2019
INSET Day	Friday 3rd May 2019
Break up for Half Term	Friday 24th May 2019
Children return to school	Monday 3rd June 2019
Year 6 Residential Trip	Monday 1st—Friday 5th July 2019
Year 3 Residential Trip	Tues 9th—Wed 10th July 2019
Children break up for Summer Holiday	Thursday 18th July 2019

BUSHBURY LANE SCHOOL COUNCIL

What does it do?

A school council does a number of things:

- The school council meets - with Mrs Benton - to discuss and sort out problems. Members of the school council will be responsible for carrying out the ideas that have been agreed, book monitoring, pupil voice, etc

What jobs are there?

Each year, every class will normally elect 2 representatives to be members of the school council.

What do we do?

Our school council are focused on school improvement and have created their own school improvement plan that supports the one created by Mrs Benton and the leadership team.

As a school council we have :

monitored books,
conducted pupil voice,
voiced our opinions on how the school should be improved,
approved the design of the new playground,
created an attendance letter for parents whose children are late,
supported in attendance meetings with parents.

We also visited the Houses of Parliament in London to discover what it was like to be a member of parliament.

So how can we help?

Please come and speak to us to let us know how you would like the school improved. We all wear School Council badges to show that we are a member and are happy to voice your ideas.

AND FINALLY.....

We would love your feedback on our newsletters— is there anything else you'd like to see in them? do you have any ideas or suggestions for us? Please let us know in the office!