

Thursday, 30th September 2021



Bushbury Lane Academy Newsletter



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A note from Miss Smith



Hello Bushbury families, what a great few weeks we have had with your children, settling back in to life at Bushbury after an enjoyable summer break! It was great to see our children feeling rested and ready for the new school year and we have already seen some great learning, exploring and investigating in all our year groups across the school.

The beginning of every school year marks the start of a new chapter as children move to new classes with new teachers and new friends. This year we welcome many new children to our school and we look forward to sharing our wonderful learning environment and the great values we have instilled at Bushbury with them.

Now is a great time to remind all children that treating everyone with respect, tolerance and patience; being on time and in school everyday; wearing the correct uniform and working hard in school is important to both us at school and you as parents. These are such important life skills and the value you place on these will be directly reflected in the children and their attitude to school.

As usual, lots of hard work has been going on behind the scenes, over the summer and during the month of September, to plan and prepare for another successful year at Bushbury. We are excited that school life is returning 'somewhat back to normal' as restrictions are lifted and, in particular, sharing some much missed events with you all. We hope to see more of your faces in the school building this year as restrictions continue to ease and we hope to get out and about with our children too, enjoy trips and make those memorable experiences.

In the meantime, please take a moment to read the contents of our first newsletter of the school year which contains some important information and reminders about our return to school, our staff team, expectations and upcoming dates for this term. I hope this will help us all settle back and answer some questions you may already have. As always, if there is anything you are unsure about, please feel free to ask your child's teacher or the school office.

After School Club



Open

After School Club

Last year, we trialled a paid after school childcare club, which was a great success! We are now pleased to confirm that we have started running the club at the end of every school day at a cost of just £6.00 per session. The session starts when the school bell rings 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, please call us on 01902 556486, email us on office@bushburylaneacademy.co.uk or pop into the school office. We are currently trying to put the information on Arbor so that parents can book and pay online. We will inform you once this system is up and running. (Please note that there is no facility to pay at the club).



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REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

Morning and End of Day Update

We are no longer using the one way system onto the school premises that was implemented last year during the Covid Epidemic, so you can now enter and exit the school premises via either gate. But please still be mindful and considerate of others by keeping a safe distance at all times whilst on the premises.

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.

From the start of term, we will 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%.

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!

Year 5 Swimming Lessons

In addition to their weekly PE lesson, Year 5 children will be having swimming lessons at Bentley Bridge every Tuesday afternoon. Please remember to send your child with their swimming kit each week: swimming costume/swimming shorts, towel, swimming hat and goggles if required.

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Uniform Requirements

We know that it is sometimes difficult at the start of new school terms to get new uniform for your children due to stock issues at the uniform suppliers/shops etc, so we understand that some children have returned to school not in the correct uniform.

However, in the next few weeks, we will be monitoring this and expect 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

Purple polo shirt (with logo)

Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with logo)

Black shoes (not trainers)

Purple and white gingham dress for summer

Boys

Grey/black trousers

Purple polo shirt (with logo)

Purple sweatshirt (with logo)

Black shoes (not trainers)

The logo items can be purchased from the Trutex shop in Cleveland Street, Wolverhampton

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

A warm coat will also be required for the Winter months.



School Meals — Chartwells Catering Services

We have been advised by Chartwells, our Catering company for school meals, that there are major shortages of food from abroad and severe shortage of HGV drivers in this country at the moment, which is having an impact on our food orders and deliveries. Due to this, they advise that they may have to amend and change the menus at short notice, but please be reassured that their priority and our priority is to ensure that all children receive a nutritious meal each day.



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>



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Introducing our Team:

We are committed to having an 'open door' policy at Bushbury Lane. The purpose of an open door policy is to encourage open communication, feedback, and discussion about any matter of importance to any key stakeholder in the school (pupil, staff, parent). We view parents as partners with us in their child's learning and development and by working together, we can ensure that every child reaches his/her potential in school and beyond. Should any concern arise the first port of call is your child's Class Teacher. They will be happy to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss whatever the concern may be. If you feel that you can't speak with the class teacher about an issue then you can discuss your concern with an Assistant Headteacher or the Pastoral Lead. If needed this may then be escalated to the Head Teacher. You can telephone the school or you can use the office@bushburylaneacademy.co.uk email which will be forwarded to the relevant staff member. Please refer to the information below to help navigate you to the right people.

Senior Leadership Team:

Headteacher	Miss Smith
Assistant Headteacher/ Curriculum Lead/ English Lead	Miss Turner
Assistant Headteacher/ SENCO/ Maths Lead	Miss Hood
School Business Manager	Ms Hodgers
Pastoral Lead/ Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Vernon

In the classroom:

Year Group	Class Teacher	EYFS Practitioner
Nursery	Mr Starr	Mrs Rogers
Reception	Mrs McCall	Miss Allen (Apprentice)

Year Group	Class Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Year 1	Miss Lathe	Mrs Patino
Year 2	Miss Walters	Mrs Tongue
Year 3	Miss Cross	Miss Bunsie, Miss Hill
Year 4	Miss Peck	Mrs Deegan
Year 5	Mr Crockett	Mrs Padmore
Year 6	Miss Turner/ Miss Hood	Mrs Allen

Other key staff

Office Staff	Mrs Morris, Miss Tunstall
Site Manager	Mr Ellitts
Lunchtime Supervisors	Mrs Deegan, Mrs Allen, Miss Tunstall, Mrs Smith, Mrs Handley, Miss Handley, Miss Davies, Mrs Hamidi

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And Who's New...

Hello everyone, my name is Mr. Crockett and I am the new Year 5 teacher. I have always had a passion for teaching. I grew up with fantastic teachers throughout my life, they opened my eyes to the wonders of teaching and paved the way for me to make my own journey. I am also a musician and hope to bring some of my experience to Bushbury Lane.

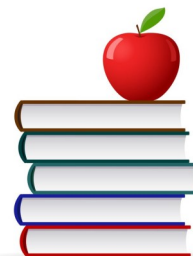
The children at Bushbury Lane are fantastic and eager to learn, I hope to support the children in building a strong foundation for their education and lives, allowing them to become the best people they can be.



Hello, I'm Miss Cross! I am the new Year 3 teacher and I'm so excited as this is my first class. I enjoy going hiking, walking my dog and going to the beach. I really want my class to be excited for their learning in year 3 and I want to provide as many different experiences as I can to ensure they have the best year in school, especially after lockdown. My aim is to make all children enjoy school and their lessons and enjoy being here, even when the work is tricky!

Hello everybody, I'm Mr. Starr the new nursery teacher here at Bushbury Lane Academy. This is my third year as a teacher; however, I have lots of experience working across all school years as a teaching assistant for 6 years before becoming a teacher! I'm looking forward to joining a local school after living in Bushbury my entire life!

My aspirations for the children in nursery are for them to be happy and develop their confidence and skills to help them play, learn and grow, setting them up for a successful and enjoyable time in education moving forward in school!



Hello, I'm Mrs Vernon. I'm new to this role as safeguarding & pastoral lead but not new to supporting children and families experiencing the many challenging hurdles in life. When the need arises, I hope that you will feel confident contacting me for support. Parenting is a journey! life is a journey! Alongside this I endeavour to support you and your child's pastoral needs.

We are all products of our own environments!

I strongly believe in - with the right support and in the right environment, children can achieve and progress.





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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. I would therefore seek your full support in aiming for your child to have 100% attendance during his/ her time at Bushbury Lane.

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 deserve to access these lessons.

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.



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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We're launching Commando Joes!

We are delighted to share that we are going to be introducing an educational support programme called Commando Joe's as part of our Curriculum offer. Commando Joe's seeks to improve educational outcomes by focussing on RESPECT (Resilience, Empathy, Self-Awareness, Positivity, Excellence, Communication and Teamwork). The programme is geared to improve attendance, develop children's growth mind-sets as well as enabling young people to develop life skills, character traits, attributes and behaviours which will have a positive impact on their educational attainment and engagement.

We are having a launch day on Thursday 7th October (more information will follow on an individual letter).

Our staff have had a special training day, where they had to work in teams to complete a mission. They are now ready to launch into all of the missions and challenges that CoJoes has to offer with all our children! Watch this space for more information and photos of your children in action...





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Important Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 29th September 2021

Photo Day (individual and sibling photos)

Thursday 7th October 2021

Commando Joe's Launch & Special Menu

Monday 11th-Friday 15th October

Black History Month Celebrations

Friday 15th October 2021

EYFS Stay & Play (Parents invited in)

Friday 22nd October 2021

Children break up for Half Term

25th — 29th October

HALF TERM

Thursday 11th November 2021

Remembrance Day

15th—19th November 2021

Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 16th November 2021

Vaccination UK in to administer Fluenz vaccinations

Friday 19th November 2021

Autumn Term Reports out

22nd—26th November 2021

Maths Week

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Parents Evening

Thursday 25th November 2021

Parents Evening

Monday 6th December 2021

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 8th December 2021

KS2 Carol Concert

Thursday 9th December 2021

KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 14th December 2021

EYFS Nativity

Tuesday 14th December 2021

Dojo Party

Thursday 16th December 2021

Christmas Dinner

Friday 17th December 2021

Class Parties

Children break up for Christmas Holiday at normal time.

No after school club on this day.

20th December—3rd January

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 4th January 2021

INSET DAY

Wednesday 5th January 2021

Children return to school



Are you looking for a Nursery or Reception place? 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.

