

BUSHFIELD ROAD INFANTS

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2024

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term.

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Davie has now returned to school after making a positive recovery. I know you will join us in welcoming her back to Year 2, I know the children will be happy to see her.

We would also like to welcome two new members of staff to school. Mrs Dobb-Clarke Administrative Assistant who will be working in the office, and Mrs Sutton a Teaching Assistant.

OPEN SESSIONS

Reminder that we have open sessions for main school. These will be on Monday 29th for Year 2 classes, Tuesday 30th for reception classes and Wednesday 31st for Year 1 classes. A separate letter with more information will follow. There will also be a book fair in the school hall after these sessions.

PARENTS MEETINGS

Parents meeting will be held week beginning Monday 18th March. We would like to encourage you to bring your child with you to the meeting. We feel this would be an ideal opportunity for parents and children to discuss progress together, and to set targets for the following term.

SATs

Following the Government's response to the [consultation on primary assessment](#), the DfE announced that assessments at the end of KS1 would become non-statutory from the academic year 2023 to 2024. This means that the SATS assessments are no longer a statutory requirement but the school will use the optional KS1 Assessments as part of our continuous Teacher Assessments and this will help to inform end of year judgements. Parents will receive an annual end of year report as usual to report information regarding their child's progress at the end of year 2.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS OR LATENESS

May we remind parents/carers that it is your responsibility to inform school by telephone if your child is absent, during the first morning your child is absent for any reason including illness. Failure to contact school may result in absences being recorded in the register as unauthorised and could be considered as a failure to secure regular school attendance.

Children can arrive at school from 8.45am and must be supervised closely by parents/carers in the playground until the school day starts at 8.55am. Please ensure the children stay off the grass, wooden activity trail and garden areas and encourage them to play sensibly whilst waiting to come into school.

If your child arrives at school after 9.05am they will receive a late mark and you must sign them into school at the main office. Lateness to school can be unsettling for children and disruptive for the class.

PARKING

As always parking around the school can be difficult, but please be respectful to our residents and park responsibly. Try to walk where possible or set off a little earlier and park further away from congested areas.

HALF TERM - School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 9th February 2024 and will re-open at 8.55am on Monday 19th Feb 2024.