

BUSHFIELD ROAD INFANTS NEWSLETTER-JULY 2024

We hope you have enjoyed seeing your child taking part in fun events throughout the school year. We would like to thank you for your continued support and for supporting and encouraging your child with their learning.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Arrival and collection from school.

Please could all parents/carers use the path leading to the playground when bringing children to school in the morning and collecting children from school at the end of the day. Should you need to speak to someone in the office at the beginning or end of the day, please use the office doors at the back of the school. During the school day, when the gates are locked, please use the path to the front entrance.

There are a few agreed, exceptional circumstances where parents have occasionally received consent from the head teacher to bring children and collect them from the front entrance if appropriate, however, due to safeguarding measures at the beginning and end of the school day, it is vital that this entrance is only used in those exceptional and agreed circumstances. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS

Reminder. If you change any of your contact details, please inform the school office to keep your records up to date. We will no longer be sending out Data collection sheets in line with GDPR guidance.

MILK

Due to current economic rising costs, there may be a price increase on milk over the summer. We will update you with the correct cost at the start of term. Milk will start from Monday 9th September.

WATER BOTTLES

We are asking that from September 2024 all children bring in a bottle of water every day. This **MUST BE A CLEAR PLASTIC DRINKS BOTTLE WITH WATER ONLY INSIDE. THIS SHOULD ALSO HAVE THEIR NAME ON.** Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCH

School lunch for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children continues to be free for the next school year. As always our school cook requires 2 weeks' notice to change from either dinners or packed lunches.

PACKED LUNCHES

If you chose to send your child with a packed lunch, please follow our healthy packed lunch guidance. With **NO** fizzy drinks, cans or glass bottles. A healthy sandwich or wrap and some fresh fruit (grapes must be cut up), and could also include other items such as a small packet of snacks/crisps and a small chocolate biscuit (from the supermarket biscuit shelf).

We also need you to be aware that we have children in school who have severe NUT allergies. For this reason, we ask that you do not include any items which contain nuts, even in trace form. This includes such things as peanut butter and Nutella spread as this could lead to very serious consequences. If you would like any further advice please contact the office staff.

STAFFING CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024:

I would like to make parents and carers aware of some changes in staffing for September:

Miss Smithson will be leaving at the end of the summer, as her contract comes to an end and Mrs Davie will back in class full time from September. Miss Smithson will be taking on a new teaching role in another local school and I know you will join us in wishing her Good Luck. She will however, be returning to Bushfield each Friday morning to teach in the other Year 2 class as detailed below.

Mrs Hazelden will be leaving at the end of the summer, and I know you will join us in wishing her Good luck for the future. From September, Mrs Dickens will be teaching the Year 2 class for four days each week which will include Monday to Thursday, and to ensure consistency for the class, Miss Smithson will return to Bushfield to teach the class every Friday morning.

Mrs Sutton, Teaching Assistant will also be leaving at the end of summer as her 1 year contract ends and I know you will once again join us in wishing her Good luck for the future. Miss Smith our school Learning mentor will be leaving at the end of summer to take on a promotion in another school. Once again I know you will wish her well and wish her Good luck in her new role.

Please be reassured that we are currently in the process of appointing a new Learning mentor ready for September, who will take on this important role in school and we will let you know who this will be before the end of term. The newly appointed Learning Mentor will continue to support our children and families in school and will continue to offer advice and help.

IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT PARKING:

To ensure the safety of our children, families, residents and members of our local community, please **DO NOT** park in any restricted areas, which include School Safety Zones, Double Yellow Lines, Corners of nearby roads and in front of resident's gates. These areas around the school are designated as **NO PARKING ZONES** in order to keep young children and families safe, but also to show consideration and respect to our nearby residents.

Also, the two school car parks are for staff and people who have a blue badge only, no taxis or cars without a blue badge.

Thank you for your consideration and support in this matter.

IMOVES

Check out imoves.com/summer-holidays for free fun activities to keep children busy over the summer. Things like:

Mindfulness walks - for all the family

The dice challenge - to brush up on those Maths skills.

Colouring sheets - in case of a rainy day

The Governing Board

I would like to update you on the recent parent governor elections. I am really pleased to inform you that we had more parents interested in the role than vacancies. This meant that we needed to hold parent elections. Mrs Oliveria and Miss Akther were duly elected. The governing board was impressed with Miss Layzell's application, so much so that we invited her to accept the position of a co-opted governor and I am pleased that she accepted. We also had an application from an external applicant to become a governor and we invited Mrs Hannon to become a co-opted governor. This means that the governing board has no vacancies – this has not been the case for many years. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our four new governors and look forward to them using their skills to support and improve the work we do for the benefit of the school.

I would just like to explain about the important role the Governors play in the life of our school. The governing board is the school's legally accountable body. We are accountable to the local authority for the performance of the school. The governing board plays a key role in the life of the school and ensures clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. The board is the school's key strategic decision maker. We hold leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective performance management of staff. The board oversees the financial performance of the school and makes sure that the public money it receives each year is well spent. The governors are entirely volunteers and I am extremely grateful to the high level of commitment and support each governor brings to their role.

The full governing body is made up of:

- Mr D Batley – Chair of Governors
- Mrs L Ward – Vice Chair
- Mrs T Bass – Head teacher
- Mrs K Turnbull – Staff Governor
- Mrs D James – Staff Governor
- Miss S Lewis – Co-opted Governor
- Miss F McHale – Co-opted Governor
- Mrs K Tune – Co-opted Governor
- Mrs S Hannon – Co-opted Governor
- Mrs L Oliveria – Parent Governor
- Miss T Akther – Parent Governor
- Miss Layzell – Co-opted Governor

If you would like further information about the governing body, please do not hesitate to contact me or indeed any governor through the school office.

Mr Batley

Chair of Governors

School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 19th July,
And will open at 8.55am on Wednesday 4th September.
We would like to wish you an enjoyable and safe summer break

Term Dates for 2024 - 2025

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to meet your child's class teacher on Wednesday 25th September, at 2.45pm. It will be a short, informal opportunity to meet the teacher and TA's who will be working with your child.

Open Wednesday 4th September 2024
Close Friday 18th October 2024

Open Monday 28th October 2024
Close Friday 20th December 2024

Open Monday 6th January 2025
Close Friday 14th February 2025

Open Monday 24th February 2025
Close Friday 4th April 2025

Open Wednesday 23rd April 2025
Close Monday 5th May 2025 (May Day)
Close Friday 23rd May 2025

Open Monday 2nd June 2025
Close Friday 18th July 2025