

BUSHFIELD ROAD INFANTS NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025

END OF TERM

School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 4th April 2025 and will open on **Wednesday 23rd April** 8.45am to start the summer term.

WHOLE CLASS PHOTO

The photographer will be in school on 23rd April to take whole class group photographs please make sure your child comes in their school uniform on this day even if it is usually their PE day.

MILK MONEY

(Milk will start on Monday 28th April) Total whole $\frac{1}{2}$ term = £6.65 or £1.75 per week. Milk money will only be accepted by 9am on the first day of each week. Please send this in a named sealed envelope in your child's book bag.

REMINDER SCHOOL LUNCH

Please note: If you wish your child to change from dinners to pack-ups could you please notify the school office with 2 weeks' notice.

PARKING

We have had a lot of issues with irresponsible parking this term and the police have been involved. Please be respectful to all members of the public when parking outside resident's properties and around the wider area of the school, ensure that you don't block driveways or within the no parking zone around school.

REMINDER The two staff carparks are for staff and deliveries only, Parents should not use these carparks unless they **have a blue badge and the named person on the badge is in the vehicle.** Please also be aware taxis are also not allowed to use these carparks.

PARENT/CARER CONTACT DETAILS

It is your responsibility to inform the office of **any changes to addresses, telephone numbers and emergency contacts** so that we can hold up to date information of where we can contact you in case of an emergency. We no longer print out data collections sheets for you to update.

SAFEGUARDING

To ensure our children's safety and to remove any risks, please do not leave young children or babies unattended in your car, whilst you drop off or collect other children from school.

The Head teacher, Mrs T Bass is the designated person responsible for child protection and safeguarding.

Our safeguarding team is Mrs T Bass, Mrs K Turnbull, Mrs K Stuart and Miss S Miller. If you have any concerns regarding a child or would like some support, please ask to speak to one of them. For further information see our school website www.bushfieldinfants.co.uk/our-school/safeguarding

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DUE TO ILLNESS OR LATENESS

May we remind parents/carers that it is your responsibility to inform school by telephone or through the parent email address (parents@bushfieldinfants.co.uk) if your child is absent. **Do not use Tapestry or class Dojo for reporting absence.** Please contact school on 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.

Persistent absenteeism is currently 28% which is still much higher than the national figure at 15%. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and this means your **child missing 19 or more days during the academic year**. Good attendance is vital for the success of pupils and their wellbeing. Poor attendance results in poorer outcomes for children.

Useful information about attendance including NHS guidelines can be found on our school website www.bushfieldinfants.co.uk Mrs Stuart, our Learning Mentor is available to provide support with attendance.



The school gates are open from 8.35am and it is the parents/carers responsibility to closely supervise their child in the playground until the school day starts at 8.45am. 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 9.00am they will receive a late mark on the class register. Lateness to school can be unsettling for children and disruptive for the class.

The school gates are open until 9.15am and parents should use this entrance and not the car park entrance.

For further information see our school website www.bushfieldinfants.co.uk/parents/carers/attendance--term-time-absence/

REMINDER - No bikes/scooters or dogs are allowed on the playground.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure that all your child's uniform is labelled clearly with their name in it, especially handwritten labels, because they can wash off over time. When returning back to school, please make sure your child brings a coat with them as it can still feel cool on the playground.

EASTER FAIR

Thank you for contributions and support at our Easter fair and children's Easter Discos we raised £830.00 which will help to subsidise the summer trips, visits and other projects in school. The winners of the Easter Bonnets and painted eggs along with Raffle winners will be published on Class Dojo.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 23rd April whole class photo day am

School will be closed on Monday 5th for May Bank holiday

School closes for May half term on Friday 23rd May at 3.15pm and re-opens on Monday 2nd June at 8.45am.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable Easter Break.