



Diary Dates 2020 - 2021

	Start of term	Half term	End of term
Autumn	1 September 2020	26 October – 30 October 2020	18 December 2020
Spring	4 January 2021	15 February – 19 February 2021	1 April 2021
Summer	19 April 2021	31 May – 4 June 2021	21 July 2021

INSET Days 2020/21

23rd October 2020

4th January 2021

28th May 2021

Date	Event	Time
September 2020		
Wednesday 16th	Individual Photos	
Thursday 24th	Online Safety Assembly	11am
October 2019		
Friday 23rd	INSET	
w/c 26th	HALF TERM	

Please see the website for further dates.



The Bushy Bulletin

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

Autumn 1

4th September 2020

Welcome Back!

I cannot tell you how fantastic it is to have all the children back in school. Considering the majority have not been in since March, they have settled remarkably well, and all those who have joined us new this term have already made friends and are enjoying being here.

After a very unsettled few months, we hope that some semblance of routine will be enjoyed by all! Of course, we need to continue to have a number of 'different' routines and strategies in place due to the ongoing COVID situation. Thank you all for your patience and support in following the guidance to keep the community safe. Whilst the arrangements and logistics may be slightly different, the curriculum and provision your children will receive, will largely remain unchanged (though no visits just yet!). We very much look forward to working with you over the coming months, building on our strengths and providing lots of wonderful opportunities for our children and their families

Communication

We pride ourselves on having an 'Open Door' policy and encourage strong communication links with our families to support the children. Although teachers are unable to be present at the start and end of the day as usual, there will always be staff members available, and you are able to contact the school office via email or Studybugs if you need to get in touch.

The newsletter goes out fortnightly with important information, details about events and news from around the school. Diary dates are included on the back page. Our website is regularly updated with useful information, and don't forget to follow us on Twitter @bushyhilljs - also found on our website under 'Latest News'!

Please also take time to read all Studybugs messages.

Staff news

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their commitment and flexibility last term and as we start the new year. It has ensured the school has remained as safe as possible for all. This term we welcome Mrs Inman to the team and look forward to working with her.

Have a lovely weekend! Best wishes

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Child Protection and Safeguarding

Both of these remain our number one priority at all times. This week on one of our INSET days, all staff members were given up to date training with a number of documents to read and activities to undertake. Every week we have training on a specific to ensure our knowledge is up to date and we are able to provide the care and support required as necessary. Our policy is available on the website.

All children across the school have regular online safety and lessons through assemblies, PSHE etc. to learn how to keep themselves safe.

Each fortnight when I send this newsletter, I include links and attach information for parents in different areas of child protection and safeguarding, which I hope you will find useful.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=8a69fbe32a-TUK_ONLINESAFETYATHOME_2020_07_28&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-8a69fbe32a-64857709

Some support for parents as we return to school -

https://parentinfo.org/article/returning-to-school-7-tips-to-help-your-primary-age-child-cope?utm_source=Parent+Info&utm_campaign=7ad74c218e-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_07_07_10_20_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4e4e392328-7ad74c218e-179639696

Stationery Shop

Currently we are unable to open our 'shop', however if you would like to purchase any items, please email the office which items you would like, and put the correct money into an envelope in the postbox. The office will then give the items to your child.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a member of our parenting community. This is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in the life of the school and join a committed team who support and challenge the school leaders. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Reminders

Uniform: The children have arrived back to school looking very smart - long may it continue!!

Hair: must be tied back with a **plain** band if shoulder length or longer, and no shorter than Grade 2 for boys please. Plain Alice bands are allowed.

Jewellery: only stud earrings please - for health and safety.

Polo shirts: the school logo polo shirts can be worn until October half term. After half term, a shirt and tie is required. If your child is wearing a shirt, they must wear a tie with it.

Black sensible shoes and black, white or grey plain socks.

PE kit: School PE t-shirt and shorts with trainers. Optional school sweatshirt or plain green tracksuit bottoms and jumper. Currently, the children are to wear these to school on the days they do PE.

Homework

Homework is set on a Wednesday and is due in on a Monday.

Snacks

- * Children are allowed pieces of fruit/vegetables only at break time.
- * Please be aware that a number of our children have severe allergies and therefore we are a nut free school - please respect this and ensure no products containing nuts are included in lunchboxes or birthday treats.

Safety First

- * If your child cycles/scoots please ensure they wear a helmet - please note that currently bikes/scooters cannot be kept in school all day.
- * No cars to drive into the school grounds whilst we continue with staggered starts and end times.
- * Dogs should be kept on a lead and not brought on the school grounds.

Houses

At Bushy the children are split into 4 different houses for which they will be involved in different activities. Throughout the year there are occasions when they are involved in activities, e.g. bake sales and Sports Day. For these occasions we will ask them to wear a top in the colour of their house:

Beech - Blue **Hornbeam - Yellow** **Maple - Red** **Willow - Green**