

## Diary Dates 2020 – 2021

Date	Event	Time	
December			
w/c 7th	Christmas Production filming Christmas cards for friends in		
Wednesday 9th	Wonderful Wednesday - Year 6		
Friday 11th	Mufti for Hampers Christmas cards sent home		
Monday 14th	Draw for Hampers Bushy Bazaar presents home		
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Jumper Day Xmas Lunch		
Friday 18th	End of Term Maple Willow Hornbeam Beech	1.05pm 1.10pm 1.15pm 1.20pm	

January

Monday 4th INSET

Tuesday 5th Start of Spring Term

Please see the website for further dates.

	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** 4th January 2021 28th May 2021



# **Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together**

Autumn 7 4th December 2020



The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on - 21 days to go! Well the snow didn't materialise today, but it is certainly getting chillier, hats and gloves at the ready!

Lockdown 2 is now over, however we must still be conscious that Surrey is in Tier 2 and therefore a number of restrictions are still in place. I attach a poster which details all of these and ask that you continue to follow these.



A number of parents/carers are also getting a bit relaxed at drop off/collection and stopping to chat in larger groups than advised. Please keep up the good work and move swiftly on once your child is in school/has been collected.

## Walking to/from school



As a school we have the rule that only Year 6 are permitted to walk to and from school unaccompanied. If your Year 6 child is walking without an adult, please inform the school office.

## **Fantastic Fridays**



Years 3 and 5 thoroughly enjoyed their Fridays last week and had great fun making Christmas decorations, playing with Lego and having a go at Ultimate Frisbee! Thank you to all the staff for organising this for the children.

#### Governors

We now have vacancies for 2 governors on our board. If this is something that you think you would be interested in, please do speak to me. It is a fantastic way to support the school and help shape its future. Our governors are a very supportive group, who challenge the leadership to ensure we are providing the best possible care and education for our children. Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to complete the Autumn survey. Last chance for anyone else: https://forms.gle/PUfXHApBa8Yxda1aA

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter - @bushyhilljs or see our tweets on the school website.

Have a lovely weekend, keep safe and well



### **Christmas at Bushy**

**Cards** - cards can only be brought in to be given to children in their bubble. Please bring these in on 7th - 9th December and they will be handed out on Friday 11th.

Christmas production - Filming for this year's production will take place next week. Your child may be asked to bring in something festive to wear on their allocated day. Look out for the full video later this term! We will not be charging for this, however we will ask for donations as usual towards the running costs of our drama productions - these can be made on Wisepay in the PTA donations tab.

**Hampers** - Mufti on Friday 11th in exchange for the hamper donation. Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs and money by 11th.

**Christmas Lunch/jumper day** - On Wednesday 16th we invite the children to come into school with a Christmas jumper (mufti) and ask for a donation (suggested £1) for Save the Children. On that day our school dinners will have their Christmas lunch, so if your child is packed lunch you may like to add a Christmas treat that day!!

**Bushy Bazaar** - Our PTA team are busy wrapping and sorting orders as I type! Thank you for your orders, I know the children loved browsing the catalogue! They will be writing labels and bringing bags of the pressies home on Monday 14th ready to be placed under the tree!

A few more surprises along the way too ...

**End of term** - please see the times on the back of this newsletter for our end of term times for each House.

Why not try out this craft idea sent from Surrey Heritage:

Make Scrap Paper Christmas Trees with Surrey Heritage - YouTube

# Child Protection, Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Whatsapp - I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that Whatsapp is recommended for children over the age of 16. In addition, please take time to monitor your children's online activity so that any concerns can be dealt with A link with further information about Whatsapp: <a href="https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/whatsapp/">https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/whatsapp/</a>

Parentzone - <u>Internet safety Activities</u> Young Minds - <u>Parent support</u>



#### Year 5 Asterisms

When the stargazing evening had to be postponed Year 5 furthered their knowledge of space by making asterism mobiles with materials kindly donated by Guildford High School.

Here's what some Year 5s said about it

Our last topic was space. As we couldn't go stargazing we were asked to make our own Big Dipper asterism. We needed card stars, string, tape and a pencil. First we made holes on the paper using the correct measurements on the board. Next we threaded the string through the holes and taped it on the back. Then with the other end of string we taped it on the back of the star. We did the same thing for each star and it was finally taking shape. Then we named each star: Alkaid, Mizar, Alioth, Megrez, Phecda, Merak and finally Dubhe. Finally, on the second star we added a smaller star to finish it off. By Elsa T. 5CH

To make an asterism you need scissors, card, string, a drawing pin and sellotape. First you need to cut out seven stars, secondly you need to stick the string on to the stars. We had to measure with a ruler where to make the holes then we made a hole with the drawing pin. We had to push the string in the hole then you stick the string



on the back of a piece of card. Once we had done this with all six stars then write the names of the stars next to the string then you have made your asterism.

### The most important way to suppress the virus is to **maintain the right behaviours**



Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds



Get a test immediately if you have any symptoms and share contacts to enable effective tracing



Wear a face covering in enclosed environments



Make sure that any indoor space has good ventilation (for example by opening windows so that fresh air can enter)



Maintain space, including social distancing with those outsideyour household or bubble



If meeting peop try to do so



Minimise the number of people you see/meet, and where possible the duration of contact



Self isolate if you or another household member has symptoms or has tested positive, or you have been notified that you were in close contact with someone who has tested positive.