

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together



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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2021! What a year it has been, one day we will look back and be astounded by what we have lived through (and I'm not just talking about the number of face masks!). So many of our families have suffered in one way or another, but throughout it all, the children's resilience and optimism have shone. They are a credit to themselves, to us and to you. I am so proud of how they show our school values through their behaviours and attitude and how hard they have worked this term.

The staff have been tremendous throughout and have continued to provide the support and education your children deserve, whilst dealing with the effects of COVID in their own lives. To each and every one, I thank them for their commitment, adaptability and above all the care they show.

A particular mention to Mr Notley, who always goes above and beyond, but over this term has supported the kitchen team and helped deliver all the school lunches.

PTA

A huge thank you to our PTA for organizing and supervising the Bushy Bazaar, Hampers and Christmas Fun Run this term. I really appreciate everyone's time and efforts for the children - they love it and the funds raised help support their learning and experiences. Congratulations to the winners of the hampers - enjoy your goodies!!

School Values

A reminder of our values: **Caring, Respect, Integrity, Perseverance and Aspiration**

This term we have been focussing on the value of 'Respect' and how important it is to show respect to everyone and everything.

Aspiration: for our half term focus on Aspiration in the Spring Term, it would lovely for the children to hear about (and possibly see in an assembly), successes that our past pupils have achieved. It could be a job role, sporting achievement, personal goal realised etc. Please let me know if you, your older children or others you know who went to Bushy would be happy to speak/send in information to share.

Time to Celebrate!

Huge congratulations to William H. for being nominated and winning a 'Recognising You Award'.

This was given to him in recognition of how he has dealt with a very challenging time.

His bravery was outstanding and how he managed his emotions through this time.

You should be so proud William!



Headteacher Awards

What incredible comments the teachers wrote about these amazing children. Lots about their positive attitude and efforts in their learning, showing our school values and supporting friends.

These children are true Bushy ambassadors - congratulations to you all.

3D - Sophie Parker 3J - Bonu Talipova

4K - Caleb Deutsch-Leach 4C - Michael Burt

5KL - Evelyn Stanley 5F - Guangzhao Wu

6J - Lauren Norris 6F - Molly Turner 6SB - Ellis Gilbert



Staff Stars (as nominated by parents)

- Jemma Thomson for her kind, polite and efficient manner. She's always smiling, has non-ending amounts of patience and the children seem to adore her. A real credit to the front of house office team at Bushy!
- Mrs Aldridge for being so efficient and lovely. She is always free to talk to me, quick to respond to any queries and has been a never ending support to my children throughout the many lockdowns and home schooling.
- Miss Furze who saw my children at a race this weekend and in the freezing cold took the time to cheer them on when she could have been with her friends/family.
- Mrs Mazur. Although, she is not in my child's class anymore, I have always found her consistently extremely helpful, caring & very approachable.
- Mrs Carter for giving us so much time and support this term, we are so grateful to have her as our child's teacher. She has a great relationship with them and has gone "over and above" in helping them in their learning and to develop strategies to cope with behaviour. It has been a pleasure having Mrs Carter as part of the team.
- Tracey Steer - She is so lovely, kind, patient and goes out of her way to sort any issues out. Nothing is too much for her on top of her office role. I feel very blessed to have Tracey in the school in the background keeping things running.
- Mr Jones for being 'great, very funny and chilled'.
- Mr. Foxby - I am so pleased with the way my child has progressed under his leadership. He explains lessons very well and his lessons are fun to do - Mr. Foxby is firm but fair!

"Thank you for all your wonderful staff, both teachers and TA's, if we could we would nominate them all!!"

Congratulations to Maple for winning this half term's Housepoints - it was very close! They all received a yummy treat at break time to celebrate!

Maths Challenges

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards.

Star Challenge - Bronze: Hayden, Ethan N, Penny, Riley, Lexi, Molly, Thomas J, Alex K Silver: Molly, Alex K, Millie, Phoebe and Gold: Alex K

Owl Challenge - Bronze: Charles, Silver: Phoebe, Nick, Frankie, Angelo, Grace B, Evelyn S, Laurence, Blair, Hayley, Ellie W, Sherine, Tom B. Gold: Guang, Harrison S



M:Tech - Congratulation to the winners of the Gold Disc Awards:

Nathan Wood & Thomas Johnston.

Well done to Hollie for these very impressive swimming medals – both team and individual events. All achieved whilst recovering from COVID!



In other news this term ...

Anti-Bullying ambassadors

Last month 20 children from years 4, 5 and 6 received training from the Diana Award Charity to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

In the training we learnt about what bullying is and the three different types: verbal, indirect and physical. We really enjoyed talking as a group which helped our understanding of how to help others if we see bullying. We were given some goodies which included a card that shared helpful ways to help stop bullying. There are four badges we can earn as a school which are: Respect, Community Action, Online Safety and Wellbeing. We have chosen Online Safety because we feel it is important that everyone knows how to keep themselves safe online. It will take 3 months to earn this badge and have lots of ideas for activities that will be part of the campaign. Watch this space . . .

Peter Igoe and Beatrix Ashworth (Anti-Bullying Ambassadors)

Year 5 reports

Prayer Space at St. John's

Last week we went to St. John's for a Prayer Space session. The church had setup various stations to encourage us to think and reflect upon our beliefs and ideas. Some of the activities included; unknotting rope, following a circular path and scratching a bookmark. Thank you to St. John's for the opportunity.

This term we have been learning hockey. Guildford Hockey Club came in and taught us different skills. Our instructor James has been through several skills such as the left to right drag, and he taught us tackling. In our last few lessons, we played matches of different sizes. Thank you to James for coming to teach us Hockey - I think everyone should consider Hockey as a hobby!

Guildford hockey club will be running hockey camps in the Christmas holidays on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st December. Children will have the chance to learn new hockey skills in small groups and play games. There is the option to do half or a full day. The camps are run by Dan Fox who has many GB caps and has played in two Olympics. It's a great opportunity for children to have fun whilst playing hockey. For more details visit the website: <https://www.guildfordhc.com/camps.html>

- Provide effective administrative support to the GB and its committees;
- Ensure the GB is properly constituted;
- Manage information effectively in accordance with legal requirements.

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Supporting our Community

Child Protection and Safeguarding

1. [A parent's guide to privacy settings](#)
2. [Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)
3. [What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)

Also see the letter attached - an invitation to a Facebook information event.

Report issues to Action fraud

You can report suspicious texts you have received but not acted upon, by forwarding the original message to 7726, which spells SPAM on your keypad.

You can report suspicious emails you have received but not acted upon, by forwarding the original message to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you have provided personal or financial details as a result of a suspicious message, or lost money because of a scam, you should report it to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040

Financial support

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus/need-help/finance>



At this point, although there have been some rumours about returning to lockdown/remote learning in January, we are planning to welcome everyone back on **Wednesday 5th January**. In the event that we need to revert to remote learning, please complete this Google Form to apply for a place in school. At this point we do not know if the list of Key Workers will change:

<https://forms.gle/gvas8Eq4fyFysQV17>

All that is left for me to say is thank you to you all; for your ongoing support in what has been a very challenging term. We really appreciate this and the resilience and hard work shown by the children. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for all the cards and generous gifts.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy (and 'bubble-free'!) New Year!
Enjoy a much deserved rest this holiday.

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Mrs L. Dormer
Head Teacher

