

## Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together



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Dear Parent/Carer

Another term has whizzed by - and what a term! From our point of view the most challenging of all the 'Covid' terms with high numbers of staff absences. I am so appreciative of how all the staff have supported one another and taken on extra duties/work to ensure the children continued to be well cared for and have high quality teaching. Thank you to all our parents/carers for your patience and understanding. Any missed appointments will be rearranged after Easter.

Despite the disruption, we have managed to participate in a range of activities and events, which has been wonderful after a couple of year of not much!

Last Thursday's Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics was a great morning - showing both talents and a team ethic. A team came 3<sup>rd</sup> and B team 7<sup>th</sup>.

Last week's Fantastic Friday really was Fantastic! Such a wide range of activities and so lovely that the children were able to mix across the school and socialise/work with others. Thank you to Mrs Mazur and Mrs Thomson for all their hard work organising the day - no mean feat! Thank you to all the staff and volunteers for their time and efforts to ensure fun was had by all!



Monday's Music Festival at G-Live was a real highlight, with an orchestra and choir made up of 10 schools across Guildford. Performed to a packed auditorium, it was a privilege to be part of such a special event. Well done to all those who were involved.



Tuesday saw teams at Broadwater - Hockey, and Boxgrove - Year 3 & 4 Cross Country. This year we have been very fortunate to have received expert coaching from Guildford Hockey Club, and a Year 5 team went to their first ever tournament on Tuesday. They were up against some very experienced teams and managed 4<sup>th</sup> place! An excellent result!



Our Year 3 and 4 runners enjoyed their (very long!) run around Boxgrove with excellent stamina and perseverance. They achieved really well and a special mention to Andrew for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in his race (having never raced before!). The children supported one another so well too - great team spirit.

This week our Year 6s have thoroughly enjoyed their residential at PGL on the Isle of Wight - they arrive back this afternoon tired and with plenty of muddy clothes! A huge thank you to all the staff and parents helpers who have looked after them so well and organised such a fun visit!

On Wednesday we welcomed Rev. Rona and Hannah from St. John's for an Easter assembly where the children learn about the Christian celebration.

### **Bushy Baby news!**

It is with great excitement that I announce both Mrs Johns and Miss Searle are expecting babies in the Autumn. Huge congratulations to them and their partners - we can't wait to meet the new additions to our team!

### **Next term**

Hopefully we will return in warmer weather (!) ready for a very busy summer term. Lots planned, so please check the 'Dates for your Diary' and take careful note of these. The first event will be the rearranged discos on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (the first week back).

### **Eco Club**

Our Eco Buddies created fabulous posters for Earth Hour this term. They did great research and designed their posters with care.



### **Message from the PTA**

We've had a jam-packed term and it seems to have gone by very quickly.

One of the highlights this term was the Quiz Night, hosted by the formidable Alastair Watson. The school hall was packed and we made an amazing profit of £500! Thank you so much for your amazing support.

Other fundraising events included the Penny Drive, which raised over £300! And activities like the cake sale, uniform sale and refreshments raised an additional £200, which means in total we've raised just over £1,000 this term.

Next term is looking busy too. We will host the rescheduled school disco on the 21<sup>st</sup> April and I'm sure lots of children are really looking forward to this!

And we have two major events to plan and deliver!

1. The **Obstacle Course** will return on 13 May. We would love to hear from anyone who could help design this course. Or anyone who has items that might be useful for this. Like old tyres, planks of wood, ropes and I'd just love some scaffolding!!! If you can help please get in touch: [pta@bushyhilljs.net](mailto:pta@bushyhilljs.net)
2. The **Summer Fair** is scheduled on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. Planning will start for this once we return after Easter. We're very much looking forward to this for the first time in 3 years!

On behalf of the PTA, thank you for your ongoing support. We couldn't do this without you!

Please join us for our next meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm via Zoom

Chris

Chair of the PTA



## Time to Celebrate!

### Headteacher Awards

These children should be very proud of their achievements this term! A lot of mention of kindness and a growth mindset – qualities we can all benefit from.



3D – Charlie King      3J – Piper Walker

4K – Oliver Sexton      4C – Freya Sammons

5KL – Charlie Bex      5F – Anthony Ayling-Salter

Year 6 – to be announced after Easter!

### Staff Stars (as nominated by parents)

- Mr. Foxby - my child has been overjoyed with him and his funny stories and riddles. She shares them with me most weekends. He brings a lot of happiness and cheer to Eleanor's school day and we are thankful for that.
- Mr. Foxby encourages and pushes my child to achieve their highest potential.
- My child is absolutely thriving this year in Mr Foxby's class, and it's plain to see how happy they are. Mr Foxby's teaching style is superb, he really understands each child, and throws in just the right amount of fun along with a solid knowledge base. Thank you to Mr Foxby for making year 5 so engaging for all the children in his class.
- Mrs Frewin for Star of the term. She is always fabulous with my child, compassionate and caring. This term especially she's stepped up when Mr Jones and other Year 6 LSAs have been poorly and worked really hard!
- Mrs Aldridge - She's always fantastic and so lovely and helpful. She's always been so helpful, nothing is ever a problem for her, she's fab!
- Mr Pariera - for making class fun and working very hard when he had to take on the role of the usual class teacher who was absent. He was really good at teaching and my child really enjoyed doing DT with him!
- Mr Pariera - I've heard nothing but good stuff about him, but especially in the last few weeks while Mr Keeble was poorly.... How funny he is, how much my child enjoys his lessons.
- My child says this about Mr Pariera, "I love Mr. Pariera because he is really fun and always bright. He makes me laugh and is very kind. I love it when he teaches us he always makes it a good day."
- Mrs Paladi for recognising my child's strengths and being so lovely in supporting them to continually achieve and for Eco Club fun!
- Miss Furze has brought out the best out of my child. She has accurately spotted his strengths and built on those. As a result, my child is happy at school and over the year has learnt how to take full responsibility of their learning. He has in fact started taking a lot more responsibility both at school and at home. Miss Furze level of responsiveness, mannerism and positive attitude makes her one of the greatest teachers I've come across in the 18 years I've come in to contact with schools/teachers. She's no doubt a valuable asset to BHJ School.
- I would like to nominate Mrs. Bowyer, Mrs. Dawson, Miss Tutty and Mrs. Aldridge. All the teachers do such great work but I've leaned on these teachers more this term.

"Huge well done to all the Bushy staff this term, you've all managed fantastically during a very challenging time to do the best for our children."

Congratulations to Willow for winning this half term's Housepoints - it was very close again!

They all received a yummy treat at break time to celebrate!

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



### Maths Challenges

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards.

**Star Challenge** - Bronze: Oliver, Cooper, Darcie, Charlotte R, Anthony, Noah A, Aliesha Silver: Charlotte M Gold: Alin, Florian

**Owl Challenge** - Bronze: Sophie P, Chloe W, Stan-Lee, Albert, Meerab, Monica, Ruby, Finn, Alex, Curtis, Henry, Kristen, David Tait, Isla, Jadon, Nicoletta

Silver: Joel, Jamie M, Isabelle

### Competition Time!

We would like to offer Bushy Hill Junior School the opportunity to take part in our Guildford Lido Competition to rename our water slides, in preparation for the launch of our 2022 summer season on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Guildford Lido was opened in 1933, and we are proud to be recognised as one of Guildford's historic landmarks. The Lido retains much of its charm and period features today, and remains a very special leisure facility to the residents of Guildford, of which many children and families enjoy using each summer. The water slides were introduced to Guildford Lido back in 2013, and we are now looking to refresh their names. The competition is to rename the three slides with the winning class receiving a free 1 day pass each, and a sign recognising the renaming of the slides with the school and class name.

Please Studybug your ideas by 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

### Help Us to Win a Canopy!

It's competition time at Bushy Hill Junior School as A&S Landscape, [a supplier of school canopies in Surrey](#), is giving away a fabric canopy worth £15,000 to one school. Outdoor learning is a key component of our provision at Bushy Hill, and we are continuously developing ways in which to ensure a wide range of opportunities for our children. With a lack of shade in our grounds, the canopy will allow the children to enhance their learning safely throughout the school year. To win this competition we have to collect the most votes! [You can click here to vote for our school.](#)

Once you have voted, please spread the message on friends, parents and supplier's websites as well as social media to help us win!



## Vacancy - Clerk to Governors

We have a vacancy for a Clerk to the Governing Bodies of Merrow Infants and Bushy Hill Junior School. Please see below for details, and contact me if you have any questions about the role: The Governing Body work very closely with the Senior Leadership of the school, providing support and challenge. A knowledgeable and experienced Clerk is therefore required to support them in their work.

The main purpose of this role is to provide advice to the GB on governance, constitutional and procedural matters, and in particular:

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

This role is a permanent, part-time position (approx. 10 hrs per meeting to include attendance, pre & post administration). Please contact [sbm@bushyhilljs.net](mailto:sbm@bushyhilljs.net) if you are interested.

## Child Protection and Safeguarding

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/gaming-mods-what-parents-need-know>

[TikTots](#)

## Community News

I am writing to you from a local disabled children's charity called Challengers, and alongside Kelly's Storage, we work hard to promote the Kelly's Cycle Challenge – a fun, local, charity cycle event for all ages and abilities with a variety of routes available.



As an added incentive, all children that takes part will receive 20% off Go Ape's Treetop Challenge experiences at Alice Holt if you visit the cabin on the day!

For more information on [Challengers](#), please see our website, and more information on the event please see the attached information or [Kelly's Storage Charity Events website](#).

Kelly's Storage Charity Events very generously cover all the costs of the event meaning 100% of all money raised goes straight back to Challengers to provide fun and play for disabled young people! The event usually raises around £35,000!





## Part-Time Receptionists

We are seeking two reliable, enthusiastic people to join our Administration team.  
Full details and application form can be found here:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/receptionist-1222047>

Please contact Michelle Gallagher if you have any questions: [mgallagher@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mgallagher@st-peters.surrey.sch.uk)



All that remains is for me to thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with all our families again in the summer term.

Happy Easter!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dormer".

Mrs L. Dormer  
Head Teacher



**COVID-19 update; vaccinations for 5 to 11-year-olds**



COVID-19 is still prevalent in 2022 and causing some children to miss out on their education and the things they enjoy. The JCVI has recommended that 5-11-year-olds be offered the vaccine, which has been approved by the UK's medicines regulator, to boost immunity and increase their protection against any future waves of COVID-19.

The NHS wants to support families to make an informed choice, and to make things convenient and child-friendly for those who do decide to get the vaccine. Research around the world shows that the vaccine prevents the worst effects of COVID-19 and reduces the risk of infection to your child and those around them.

From early April, you can get your child vaccinated at a site and time convenient for you - at vaccination centres, pharmacies and GPs offering the vaccine for this age group. You can view these sites and make an appointment through the [National Booking Service](#) or by calling 119.

Some walk-in sites are also available to vaccinate this age group and older siblings, or other family members, can be vaccinated together at the same time. Simply check the [walk-in finder](#) website before attending to make sure they can vaccinate your child. Children aged 5-11 with no other underlying health conditions will be offered two paediatric (child) doses of the vaccine, with at least 12 weeks between doses.

A paediatric dose is smaller than doses given to those aged 12 and over. If a child has had COVID-19 they will still get extra protection from the vaccine, but they will need to wait 12 weeks before getting vaccinated. Those 5-11 year-olds who are more at risk from the virus can already get two paediatric (child) doses, eight weeks apart, and their GP or hospital specialist should be in touch to arrange this.

