

Working Together, Learning Together, Growing Together

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year! A particular warm welcome to all our new families joining us this year. It has been great to see everyone over the past couple of days and we have all settled back into routines really well.

This (very long!) welcome letter contains a lot of very important information, so please take time to read through it carefully and action or take note of any key points.

To start, it is with sadness that we learnt about the passing of our Queen, Elizabeth II yesterday. Her life, and reign is an inspiration to us all. We understand that for many children, they may not have experienced death in their lives, and even those who have, it is a difficult time to understand our feelings. Today we had a lovely assembly learning about and celebrating the amazing life of Elizabeth II.

If children and young people are upset, [Minded](#) is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss.

<https://www.ok.co.uk/lifestyle/queen-death-talk-to-children-27945095>

Federation update:

Whilst it is not yet official, the staff and governors are working very closely together to ensure the federation between Merrow Infants and Bushy Hill Junior School is on track and ready when the paperwork is signed! I will be based at Merrow on Thursdays and Fridays, but around at Bushy at the start of the week. Our Strategic Leadership Team, with Mrs Aldridge as Deputy will be in school all week.

The staff have already been planning lots of events and opportunities for your children this year, please take note of the 'Dates for your Diary' attached as well as checking our website:

<https://www.bushy-hill.surrey.sch.uk/>

Next week will be our '**Meet the Teacher**' events - we hope you can join us in the hall. The presentations and information will be sent to those unable to attend.

Year Group	Date	Time
3	Held in July	
4	Tuesday 13th	9am
5	Monday 12th	9am
6	Wednesday 14th	9am

Art Day: We are going to have an art day on Friday 16th September. On this day we are going to suggest that the children come to school dressed as a favourite painting, a favourite artist or they could come dressed in their favourite colours. During the day they children will learn about and complete some art activities.

Bushy Book Swap: Mrs Friend-Smith is starting a book swapping project....



A book trolley that will be set up with both children's books and books for adults. This will go out on a Friday and we encourage people to take a book and donate books to this.

It will go out with the stationery shop on a Friday and then go back in at the end of the day. We hope you will engage and enjoy!

Attached to this newsletter are a number of documents for your reference. Please take time to read through these and complete the following Google Forms to confirm that they have been read and you/your child will follow the guidance.

Agreement	Links
Safeguarding Children	Year 3 - https://forms.gle/2WyVYMthqmgum9r27 Year 4 - https://forms.gle/aYNas9mJYnYh6H6g6 Year 5 - https://forms.gle/PZBRQJ33J383xGg59 Year 6 - https://forms.gle/Rq3XiVuFVGpuaXQa9
Home/School Agreement	Year 3 - https://forms.gle/Cb329aG9xmc1khM9A Year 4 - https://forms.gle/MzZQyou1ZRcqB8vT7 Year 5 - https://forms.gle/vcrNTF1YH6ohskFn7 Year 6 - https://forms.gle/ohhJESCxnEJvLjT97

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Both of these remain our number one priority at all times. This week on our INSET day, 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 topic to ensure our knowledge is up to date and we are able to provide the care and support required as necessary.

Related policies are available on the website. I attach our **Internet Acceptable Use** and **Mobile Phone policies** that require your action.

All children across the school have regular online safety and lessons through assemblies, PSHE etc. to learn how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they see anything that concerns them.

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://tacklechildabuse.campaign.gov.uk/>
- [Child to Parent Abuse](#)
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>

➤ [Eating Disorders](#)



If you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dormer or Mrs Aldridge.

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**

Stationery Shop

Stationery shop will commence on Friday 9th September 8.40-8.50am, and every Friday, to replenish any pencil case items taking payment in cash, however please ensure that your child comes to school on Monday with a fully stocked pencil case ready to learn.



Reminders

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

The following rules are in place for every child in the school as we strongly believe in the sense of community and the pride a uniform provides. In all establishments there are guidelines that need to be followed and we are helping to teach our children to respect these. Thank you for your support in ensuring these are followed at all times.

Polo shirts: 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 school shoes and black, white or grey **plain** socks. This week there have been a number of children in school in patterned socks and some wearing trainers. Trainers only on PE days please.

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.

Year 3 - Mondays and Wednesdays

Year 4 - Tuesdays and Fridays

Year 5 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 6 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Hair: must be tied back with a **plain** band if shoulder length or longer.

No dyed hair or extreme haircuts/styles. Hair should be no shorter than Grade 2 please. **Plain** Alice bands are allowed, but no hair wraps during term time.

Jewellery: For health and safety: only stud earrings that must be removed for PE/swimming. No necklaces or bracelets.

Timings: Thank you to everyone for being on time at drop off and collection this week.

Drop off is from 8.40am (**gates/doors closed at 8.50am**) and collection for all at 3.15pm. Children should go through these entrances:

Year 3, 5 and 6 - Playground gate

Year 4 - Gym

Homework: Homework is set on a Wednesday and is due in on a Monday. Please ensure you sign the google form to say you have read and will support your children with this: <https://forms.gle/7vT8QrQA1dj7NUta6>

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.

Named water bottles to be in school daily - no squash or juice!

Safety First:

- **ONLY** Year 6 children are allowed to walk, cycle/scoot to school unaccompanied. If they cycle/scoot a helmet must be worn. Please let the school office know that you give permission for your child to walk home.
- All families are encouraged to walk to school.
- Please park considerately and show respect for our neighbours - do not park over driveways or leave your car idling.
- Dogs should be kept on a lead and not brought on the school grounds.

Medication:

Please ensure labelled medication is given to the office. They will ensure this is logged and appropriately stored and relevant items will be sent to the classrooms.



We have been thinking about our Behaviour Policy and have renamed it our 'Ready to Learn' Policy that will be in operation across Merrow and Bushy. The children will be introduced to our Golden Rules and understand how we celebrate when these are followed, and how they will be supported if they make the wrong choices. Please take time to talk through these with your children.

Golden Rules

- treat others how you wish to be treated, in your words and actions;
- show respect towards ourselves, others, belongings and the school environment;
- listen carefully and follow instructions from all adults;
- walk sensibly and move quietly around all parts of the school;
- try to make the right choices;
- be honest and take responsibility for my actions;
- celebrate others' efforts, successes and achievements;
- I will try to do my best.

Above and Beyond: This is a phrase you may hear a lot when we praise and use positive recognition and this will be in place of 'Star of the Week'. It is for children who go over and above what is expected and not just for behaviour but for learning too. Learners immediately try to stretch – to go a bit further to get their positive recognition. In the classroom expectations are instantly raised. Instead of praising children for doing the basics, we think about thanking learners for minimum standards and praising them for going above and beyond. Even in these first few weeks of using this language and setting this higher expectation from the children we are already beginning to see children stretching themselves.

Welcome back from the PTA

The PTA is looking forward to another successful year of events and fundraising. So let's kick off straight away with some events:

- **Wednesday 14 September at 9am** Coffee morning - a chance to meet other parents. All year groups. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Friday 16 September from 2:30pm.** Afternoon Coffee plus Uniform Sale. All year groups. Please bring cash for the uniform sale.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter: @bushyhilljs

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support this week and I look forward to working with you this year. Have a lovely weekend!



Mrs L. Dormer
Head Teacher





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2022**

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BETWEEN 3 AND 18 YEARS**

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CLASSES

- BALLET
- TAP
- MODERN
- MUSICAL THEATRE
- ACTING
- STREET DANCE
- SINGING
- JAZZ/CONTEMPORARY

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TO APPLY

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