

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Headteacher

I cannot quite believe we are at the end of this year, and what a year it's been! This journey has definitely been an unprecedented one and it feels like we have moved from one crisis to another! Typified by the questions that I have been asked, such as: What is a bubble? Can we sing? Why are we the Government's best track and tracers? I have a blocked nose; do I need to self-isolate? Despite the challenges, there have been many positives. We have learned that there is a solution for almost anything and there have been new levels of collaboration no matter what. Everyone at this school, no matter what their role is has been working towards the same goal – providing the best for our children and our school community! I cannot express how proud I feel to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school where the staff have shown true commitment and dedication. Despite the pressures, my staff have shown considerable resilience and creativity to provide children with the best experiences they possibly can. I would like to share my gratitude and appreciation to everyone who works at this school and to say a huge thank you for their hard work against all the odds!

We have accomplished a significant amount this term, and all of the children have settled in to school and have adapted to new restrictions and a very different way of learning within their own 'bubbles'. They have managed incredibly well and have demonstrated real resilience, responsibility and respect – they have been a real epitome of our school's values! We have accomplished home learning and homework via TEAMS, had an exceptional and unforgettable Black History Month, a virtual church service from Reverend Mark Meatcher, a visit from Santa and recordings of our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas songs. What great achievements by all!

Another key achievement and a real celebration for our school occurred last week. We were assessed for the Inclusion Quality Mark and were awarded with 'Flagship' status. The assessor recognised the high-quality provision that we have here at Bush Hill Park Primary School and praised the school's ethos and culture in providing the pupils with such an inclusive environment.

Congratulations to you all on reaching the end of a really challenging year! Sending wishes of good health, joy and tranquillity this Christmas break. My thanks to you as parents and carers for your continued support – we couldn't have done it without you.

**Anna Theodosiou**

## HEADTEACHER'S

### ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who achieved Headteacher Awards for exceptionally hard work and effort this term. Well done to Scarlett and Tyler in Year 2, Aili and Salam in Year 3 and Haydonne, Daniel, Janathon and Haci in Year 6.



**See you back at school on Monday  
4th January 2021**

### Message from the Chair of Governors

What a strange and difficult year this has been for everyone. Let's hope that the new vaccine will enable us to begin to get back to normal in the New Year. For me, the most difficult thing has been not being able to visit the school and missing out on all the Christmas activities. Christmas is a good time for me to be able to talk and listen to parents at the awards assemblies, Christmas performances and the carol concert at the church

I've been very pleased, though, to be able to see all the activities and achievements of your children on Twitter. These have really helped me to feel I'm keeping in touch with the school. And it's great to be able to see how, with your help, pupils have kept engaged with their school work even when they are studying at home. If you don't already, it's well worth following the school's Twitter account, **@Bushhillschool**

I know that, ever since the pandemic started, all the staff at the school have been working hard to continue teaching the pupils and keeping both them and the wider school community safe. But they couldn't have done this without your help and support so I'd like to thank you all for that. It is also likely that, despite having the vaccine, all our procedures for keeping safe will have to continue for a while. I know that I can count on you all to cooperate.

I hope you will be able to enjoy the Christmas break but please do stay safe!

**Roger Kingsnorth**

### Term Dates for 2020–2021

<b>SPRING TERM 2021</b>
School starts Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Half Term</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> February
School starts Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Term ends—Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April at 1.30pm
<b>SUMMER TERM 2021</b>
School starts Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Bank Holiday</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Term ends Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half Term</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June
School starts Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Whole School Sports Day</b> Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>INSET Day</b> Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Term ends—Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm



**There will be NO changes to the drop-off and pick-up times for all year groups**

Yr Grp	Drop-offs and Pick-ups	Start Time	Finish time
Nursery	Old Pedestrian Gate in Main Avenue	8.30am	3.30pm
Rec.	Annexe Gate in Main Avenue	8.30am	2.45pm
Yr 1	Annexe Gate in Main Avenue	8.45am	3.00pm
Yr 2	Green Gate in Ermine Side	8.45am	3.00pm
Yr 3	Black Gate in Ermine Side	8.45am	3.00pm
Yr 4	Black Gate in Ermine Side	9.00am	3.15pm
Yr 5	Green Gate in Ermine Side	8.30am	2.45pm
Yr 6	Black Gate in Ermine Side	8.30am	2.45pm

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Should a parent or child develop Covid-19 symptoms and are tested over the Christmas break please remember that you **MUST** contact the school to let them know if you have tested positive. Please use the email address below which will be monitored over the Christmas period. [c19response@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:c19response@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk)

**Just a reminder...**



### **IMPORTANT—PLEASE SEE CHANGES TO YOUR CHILD'S PE DAYS NEXT TERM**

<b>Ruby Class</b>	Mondays & Tuesdays
<b>Scarlet Class</b>	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
<b>Indigo &amp; Sapphire</b>	Mondays
<b>Turquoise</b>	Thursdays
<b>Year 2</b>	Friday
<b>Year 3</b>	Monday
<b>Apricot &amp; Orange</b>	Thursday
<b>Peach</b>	Monday & Thursday
<b>Year 5</b>	Wednesday
<b>Year 6</b>	Wednesday

### **All children should...**

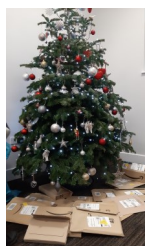
- Bring in a named water bottle to school every day.
- Bring a pencil case to school, consisting of pencils, black and blue biro, ruler, rubber and a pencil sharpener.
- Come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE days (see changes)



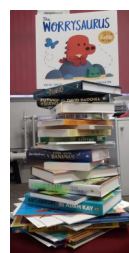
## **AMAZON WISHLIST**

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of books that the postman has been delivering each day. Thank you so much to each and every one of our parents who have bought a book from their child's class Amazon wishlist. We are so grateful!

BEFORE.....



.....AND AFTER!



There are still some books remaining on the Wishlists so if you haven't yet chosen a book for your child's class and would like to, there is still time. The links can be found on the school's website [www.bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk/school-information](http://www.bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk/school-information)

## **WORLD BOOK WEEK**

During World Book Week in March this year, Enfield Catering Services ran a menu competition, inspired by books. Due to the unsettling timing and the school being forced to close for Lockdown, the winners and the prizes were unfortunately overlooked.

But..... GOOD NEWS!!! we are now able to announce the results of the very worthy winner and three fantastic runners-up! Well done to all of them. Prizes to follow!

### **First Place—Ryan Sitch**

Street Child—by Berlie Doherty

*Meat & Gravy Pie served with Mash, Sweetcorn & Carrots*

### **Runner Up—Ryan Przytulski**

The Twits—by Roald Dahl

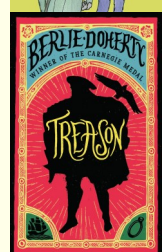
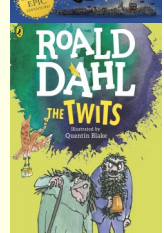
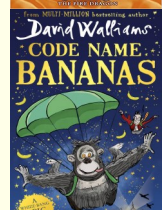
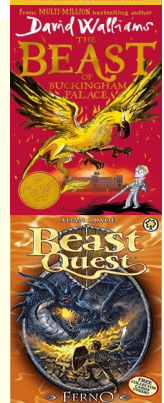
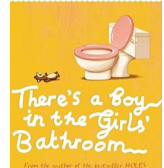
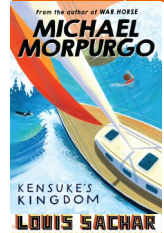
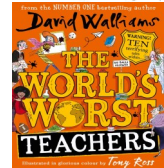
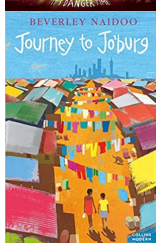
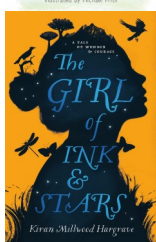
*Vegetarian Spaghetti Meatballs*

Charlie & The Chocolate Factory (suggested by Noemi Kurtaj)

*Chocolate Cake served with Chocolate Sauce*

Treason by Berlie Doherty (suggested by Najiib Yusuf)

*Sample of Bread & Butter Pudding*



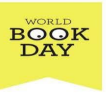


## Your Healthy School Menu for Spring 2021

Pupils can choose a school meal and have a selection of meals available in the PDF attached for your reference. All meat used in our meals is Halal. Parents who choose for their child to have a healthy school meal, must commit to a school meal for the current half term and cannot switch to a packed lunch mid-term unless you have a prior agreement from the School Office. **The amount due for the first half of the spring term is £71.10**



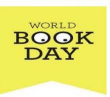
Parents may provide their children with a packed lunch from home if they prefer. Please do not include fizzy drinks, chocolate or sweets in packed lunches.

As we are a Healthy Eating school, we expect pupils to eat a range of foods. We encourage pupils to do this if they choose school meals and we expect pupils to bring packed lunches from home that reflect healthy eating. See our menu below, please note that it is *subject to changes*.

WEEK 1		THURSDAY	
<b>MONDAY</b> Macaroni Cheese With Homemade Garlic Bread (V) <b>OR</b> Shepherdess Pie (V) Seasonal Vegetables <b>Dessert</b> Organic Yoghurt Selection		50% Plant Protein Lamb Burrito or Chakalaka (V) (South African beans) Wholegrain Sunshine Rice Mini Sweetcorn Cobettes <b>OR</b> Jacket Potato Filled with Tuna <b>Dessert</b> Fresh Fruit Selection	
<b>TUESDAY</b> British Sausages (chicken) or Veggie Sausages (V) Mashed Potatoes Green Beans & Sweetcorn <b>OR</b> Winter Warmer Soup with Crusty Bread (V) <b>Dessert</b> Jelly Delight Pots		<b>FRIDAY</b> Classic Crispy Battered Fish or Cheese Flan (V) with Chips, Garden Peas Baked Beans <b>OR</b> Vegan Pasta with Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce (V) <b>Dessert</b> Apricot Flapjack with Organic Oats	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Sticky Chicken Drumstick or Quorn Roast (V) Roast Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli & Roasted Carrots with Gravy <b>OR</b> Vegan Pasta with Homemade Marinara Sauce (V) <b>Dessert</b> Peach Cake With Custard		<b>THEME DAYS</b> <div>    </div> <div>           "Veganuary" The Month of January            Chinese New Year, Feb 12th            World Book Day Mar 4th         </div>	



Each day our children can enjoy unlimited salad and fresh bread. A nutritious meat or vegetarian dish of the day is served with vegetables, or have something from the pasta / jacket station. Finish it all off with a yummy dessert or fresh fruit, washed down with a glass of milk or water

WEEK 2		THURSDAY	
<b>MONDAY</b> Singapore Veggie Rice (V) or Butter Bean Stew (V) with Crusty Bread Fresh Seasonal vegetables <b>OR</b> Jacket Potato Filled with Cheese (V) <b>Dessert</b> Organic Yoghurt Selection		Mild Chicken Curry & Rice Roasted Vegetable & Feta Pasta (V) Garden Peas <b>OR</b> Jacket Potato Filled with Tuna <b>Dessert</b> Cheese & Crackers Fresh Fruit	
<b>TUESDAY</b> Pasta Bolognese or Vegan Pasta Bolognese (V) with Fresh Carrots <b>OR</b> Winter Warmer Soup with Crusty Wholemeal Bread (V) <b>Dessert</b> Fresh Fruit Selection		<b>FRIDAY</b> 50% Plant Protein Beef or Lamb Burger Homemade Veggie Burger (V) <b>OR</b> Lemon Crumb Salmon with Chips, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans <b>OR</b> Vegan Pasta with Homemade Marinara Sauce (V) <b>Dessert</b> Carrot Cake	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Beef or Lamb Meatloaf or Quorn Roast (V) Roast Potatoes, Fresh Broccoli & Cauliflower and Gravy <b>OR</b> Vegan Pasta with Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce <b>Dessert</b> Cherry & Apple Cobbler With Custard		<b>THEME DAYS</b> <div>    </div> <div>           "Veganuary" The Month of January            Chinese New Year, Feb 12th            World Book Day Mar 4th         </div>	



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## COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS WINTER 2021

From 10.00am to 12.00pm – meet at the hut

**Sunday 10th January**

**Sunday 7th February**

**Sunday 7th March**

*For your own safety, please take a moment to read the guidance below*

- ◆ All volunteers participate at their own risk
- ◆ Observe social distancing rules and keep within your household groups/bubbles
- ◆ Use the litter pickers and sacks provided
- ◆ Do not pick up anything sharp, heavy or dangerous. If you spot such items, alert the organisers who will arrange safe disposal
- ◆ Disposable gloves and hand sanitiser are available on request
- ◆ We regret that no refreshments will be provided and the hut will not be open to the public
- ◆ Have fun! Thank you for helping to keep Bush Hill Park looking good

## HAVEN POWER DONATE £500

After making an application for a grant for funds to go towards devices pupils can use if they need to self-isolate at home, Haven Power has donated £500.

CEO of Haven Power, Will Gardiner said: “We’re very happy to help people in our communities by providing schools with the technology they need to get more students connected online so they can keep learning during the Covid-19 crisis and beyond.”

We are so happy to receive this kind donation from Haven Power. We will continue our efforts to source funds to provide a laptop for every child who needs one when working remotely during this pandemic.



## THANK YOU FOBHPS!!

As always we must thank our fabulous FOBHPS Team for providing hot chocolate and doughnuts at the school gates and for donating popcorn today.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their popcorn and movie morning. What a nice way to end the term!

## BUSH HILL PARK FOOD BANK

Huge thanks once again to everyone who has contributed towards the Bush Hill Park Food Bank, it is very much appreciated.



REMEMBER...if you require any support **AT ANY TIME** or if you know of someone who does, please do not hesitate to contact Sophie Smart on [s.smart@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:s.smart@bushhillpark.enfield.sch.uk)



Nursery had a surprise visit from a very special visitor. Thank you for coming Santa!

