

AUTUMN 2021 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

We hope you have enjoyed the summer break and are happy to welcome all the children back into school ready for the autumn term. A special welcome to all those families who are starting at Bushfield Infants for the first time.

As pupils all over the country return to school, we are happy that The DFE have announced fewer restrictions for schools. At Bushfield there will no longer be staggered start and finish times and no more class bubbles, meaning that children will be able to play together at playtimes and eat a hot lunch or their own pack-up in the school hall with their friends. We will inform parents of individual decisions throughout the term, for example whether there can be a whole school Harvest festival/Christmas concert.

Contact Tracing

There is a change to the arrangements for contact tracing and close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test & Trace. From August 16th the new guidance states that:

"Unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months, and fully vaccinated adults are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Those identified as a close contact with a positive case of COVID-19 will be advised to take a PCR test." Providing their PCR test is negative, children can return to school and adults may return to their place of work.

If your child is a close contact, but has tested negative and returns to school, please be aware that if they start to develop any symptoms, we ask that you complete a Lateral Flow Test immediately before sending them into school. This will help in reducing transmission of the virus.



Congratulations

Please join us in congratulating our business manager Ms Bradley who got married during the summer and is now Mrs James.

Celebration Assembly

In school we frequently recognise and praise the children's achievements and we feel it is important to celebrate those achievements and successes that happen outside of school too.

If your child receives an award for something they take part in out of school, for example swimming badges, new karate belt, musical certificate, we would like them to bring these into school on a **Tuesday** to share during the whole school assembly.

Homework

This year in Year 1 and 2, we will be using Microsoft Teams to send out weekly homework. Each Friday a homework task will be posted on your Year group Teams page. You will not be required to upload, download or print any documents. The children will bring home a homework book which will be used to complete the task in, and which will then need to be returned to school by the following Wednesday to enable the teacher to mark the task. If you have forgotten your log in, please contact the school office.



Reading Books

We are now changing books on a Monday and when children individually read to us. Your child will be issued two books to become familiar with, and learn to read fluently over the week.

Please encourage your child to read each book a couple of times. The first time your child will be working hard to decode any unfamiliar words, using their phonetic knowledge. The second time they will be reading the text more fluently, trying to remember some of these new words by sight. Reading a third time helps them to really understand the text and be able to recall it in detail.

Please remember that 'Reading for Pleasure' is really important. We highly encourage children to have a try at reading their favourite books from home too.

PE Kits/Clothing

Please ensure your child's clothing, PE kit, PE bag, shoes etc. are clearly labelled with their full name.

PE bags with kit should be brought to school every Monday and taken home each Friday to be washed. Thank you.