

Our Vision  
At Bushmead, children are empowered to be active, confident learners where they are  
inspired to be creative and excel.



## Bushmead Primary School Newsletter

**4<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Our Value for November is **RESPECT**  
Our well-being theme this half- term is **Learning Something New**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. As you will know from our Parent Teacher Conferences, learning is in full swing and the children are settled into their classes. The rain held off sufficiently for us to enjoy some Outdoor Learning yesterday. Wonderful.

Following the recent request for nominations to fill the two Parent Governor vacancies, we received two valid nominations and therefore Tasneem Parkar and Afsana Khanom have been appointed Parent Governors. Thank you in advance, we very much appreciate the time and effort you will be giving to support our school. I would like to thank Adam Badi for his wonderful work as a Governor over the last five years. Thank you for listening and for your advice.



Poppies and other Remembrance items will be sold in aid of the British Legion next week. Will hold a minute's silence on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November as a mark of respect, this month's value.

We have had a few incidents where parents have contacted other parents about things they think have happened or have seen in school. The intention may be good but it has had the opposite effect. In such cases parents have been given partial or incorrect information which has caused worry and distress. Please leave the communication to us, if something has happened in school, if a child has had a problem, we will contact parents directly. Or, if you have a worry, or concern please contact us. Many thanks.

It is with great sadness I inform you that Pat Farmer, a Bushmead teacher who many of you will know, passed away recently. Pat was a phenomenal teacher whose heart was always with the children in her care. She will be greatly missed by many of us.

**Upcoming dates.** Please see our website [calendar](#)

- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Governors Day in school
- w/c 14<sup>th</sup> November Anti Bullying Week - **odd socks can be worn on Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day. **Children can dress up on the Friday the theme for this year is [SPOTS!](#)**

Have a lovely weekend.

Joanne Travi  
Headteacher





## FOBS Update

Thank you FOBS for raising money for our ICT Equipment.



**FOBS, our PTA, do tremendous work.** We all enjoy our community events and the children benefit from our fundraising. We have a brilliant core team but we need new volunteers and supporters. Please email [fobs@bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:fobs@bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk) if you can help in anyway – even if it is to volunteer for an hour at an event.

Information was sent via ParentMail or can be seen on the FOBS Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/1FOBS> do befriend for details and links.



And, if you use **Amazon**, please select [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and choose Friends of Bushmead School as your charity. This will automatically generate a donation at no cost to you. Thank you.

## Event Dates 2022/23

Event	Date
Christmas Disco	Times vary – Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Christmas Shop	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Easter / Spring Raffle & Fair	15.30 – 17.30 - Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer Disco	Times vary - Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Raffle & Fair	15.30 – 17.30 Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July





### **What?: Book Sale**

**When?: 3.30-4.30pm- Tuesday 15th November**

**Where?: Key Stage 2 Library (The Miller Hub)**

As part of our school Anti-bullying week, we wish to raise the awareness that everyone is unique and special in their own way-this should be celebrated and understood. At Bushmead, we are delighted that Next Page Books, an independent bookshop based in Hitchin, will be visiting on Tuesday 15th November.

Next Page Books stock a wide and inclusive range of exciting and current texts for children from reception age to pre teens. These will be available to browse and purchase.

Any books you purchase will help go towards restocking the school library.

Tea and refreshments will be available for a small donation.

As space is limited in the library, we ask that pushchairs/buggies are to be left outside the library whilst visiting the book sale.

Example of some of the texts Next Page Books stock;



Thank you for your continued support.





## Experiential learning in Year 2. The Firefighter visit.





## Outdoor Learning in Reception





**1 Maple enjoyed Outdoor Learning Day by pretending to be squirrels, hiding and then finding acorns (duplo blocks), inspired by the book The Leaf Thief.**





**Year 1 also enjoyed Outdoor Learning Day by working as a team to build a 'leaf bonfire' and then using coloured crepe paper to pretend to be fireworks and flames shooting out of the top.**



## Our English National Opera Project in Year 5! Composing music.







**Yr 5's outdoor learning. We took part in an outdoor orienteering activity to solve maths problems whereby the children needed to find the code to open the key safe to get into the prize box - they did amazingly. We also took part in lots of STEM challenges such as building towers and creating mini waterproof shelters.**





## When the Owls Came to Visit – a favourite day in Reception.





**Year 4's outdoor learning. We did science investigations about methods of measuring the height of trees. Also, each class produced a piece of natural art.**





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# LUTON TOWN LADIES V COLNEY HEATH LADIES

**SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2022**  
**KENILWORTH ROAD**  
**KO: 2PM**

**ADULTS: £3 | UNDER 18S £1**



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# Stopsley Christmas Market

80 stalls selling a range of Christmas gifts, treats & more!

At Stopsley Baptist Church and St Thomas' Church

From 11am - 4pm on Saturday 3rd December!

Free Entry

Follow on Facebook for more information:  
**@StopsleyChristmasMarket**

BBQ & Festive Refreshments  
@ St Thomas' Church

Santa's Grotto &  
The Market Café  
@ Stopsley Baptist Church



Grotto  
Booking



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