

# Newsletters

Weekly Newsletter



This month's value is **Co-operation**

Our well-being theme this half-term is **Connecting  
with Others**

**22nd September 2023**

Dear parents & carers,

Our **Curriculum Framework**, outlining what we teach at Bushmead, is available on our website. Our teachers and curriculum leaders have worked extremely hard to ensure that we have the best possible coverage, a broad curriculum and, year-on-year, we build on children's skills. We have made adjustments in each year group and subject; we have a whole new PE curriculum too. This is a dynamic document and subject to some change as we continue to strive for improvements. For example, our focus this year is a new framework for writing.

#### Bushmead Curriculum Framework

**Every family needs to make the utmost effort to have their children in school as much as possible.** The best curriculum and teachers in the world can't help children if they are not here. There are 13 weeks (a quarter of the year) for you to take holidays and travel.

We understand that children are sometimes unwell, but please follow the NHS guidance. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

**Bushmead families travelling abroad during term time is significantly above national averages.** We appreciate that many of our families have relations overseas. However, we cannot approve travel in term time and parents have a responsibility to ensure that children are in school whenever possible. Our level of persistent absence is unacceptable and is having an impact on learning and emotional well-being. Please work with us to ensure that we don't have to apply for fixed penalty notice fines.

Our new [Application for Leave of Absence](#) is on our website. This explains the process.

The most important part of attendance is honest communication. Please let us know what is happening!

Have a lovely weekend,

Joanne Travi

Headteacher

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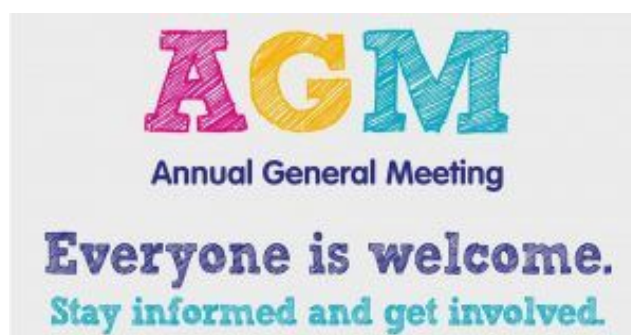
FOBS meetings will take place the second Thursday of each month at 2.30pm. Our first meeting will be **Thursday 12th October.**

**All welcome.** Thank you.

You can contact our committee on:  
[FOBS@bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:FOBS@bushmeadprimaryschool.co.uk)

Our FOBS AGM will take place on **Tuesday 3rd October at 9.00am.**

Please come along. We would be grateful for any support. We are particularly looking for parents with grant / bid funding expertise.



**Our new Year 6 roving reporters are Seren, Zamin, Mikael & Zoe - we can't wait for their first news report next week.**

**Newsround Club** meets every Monday morning to discuss school, national and international events.

The club decides the themes for reporting. *All words are their own.* **Copyright: #bushmeadnewsroundclub**

**Staying Safe online**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging: WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
16+  
In UK and Europe:  
rest of the world 13+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

### 'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

### CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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### Bushmead Book of the Week

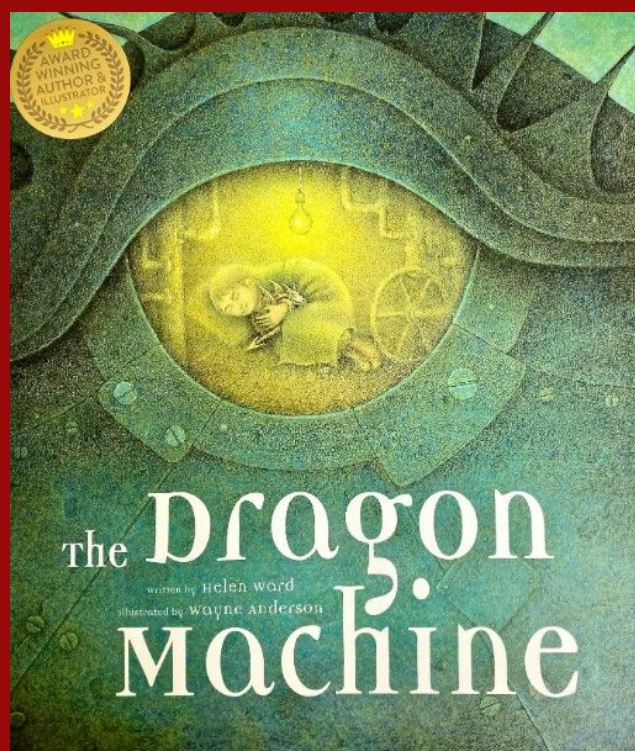
A little inspiration and some ideas for books for your children.

And for all reading support,  
try <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/><https://www.booktrust.org/>

### Book Review

An amazing book aimed at KS1 & 2 with wonderful vocabulary and the illustrations are a talking piece in itself. A beautiful book.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/book/the-dragon-machine/>



**Year 3's Wolf Project - English, Science and Art!**





**SPRING INTO MOVEMENT.  
LET'S DANCE!**

# **DANCE CLUBS BUSHMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Get in the right groove!  
Enrol now for September**



PERFORMING ARTS  
COLLECTIVE LIMITED

**Autumn Term -**

**KS1 Dance Club -  
Wednesday  
8am - 8:40am  
£3.50 per session (paid  
termly)**

**KS2 Dance Club -  
Thursday  
7:55am - 8:35am  
£3.50 per session (paid  
termly)**



**TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL:  
CONTACT@PACOLLECTIVE.CO.UK**

**AUTUMN TERM -  
27TH SEPTEMBER TO 14TH DECEMBER**



**LUTON TOWN HOCKEY CLUB**

**FREE  
SESSION**

# **JUNIOR FUN DAY**



**SUNDAY**  
24 September



**LUTON SIXTH FORM**  
BRADGERS HILL RD,  
LUTON, LU2 7EW



**10:00am**  
**11:30am**



**Drinks**  
on sale

**SPEED GUN  
& GAMES**

**VIP  
GUESTS**







If you are experiencing financial difficulties, Luton Foodbank can provide you with food parcels.

Each food parcel lasts up to three days, and is nutritionally balanced.

We can also help you get wider support with:

- rent and council-tax arrears
- poor housing
- debts and rising bills

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Rising**

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**FREE**  
**Dental**  
**pop-up**  
**clinic**  
**for Under 8s**

**Thursday 28 September, 1pm to 4.30pm**  
**Bury Park Community Centre, LU1 1BW**

Access to  
Obex dental  
services

Fluoride  
available

Oral  
health  
advice



**Flying Start**



**Luton**

**B**EDFORDSHIRE  
**ALLERZ**  
FOOTBALL ACADEMY

# U6 ACADEMY DAY

YEAR 1 ONLY

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER



**10:00AM TO 2:00PM**  
**£12.00 BOOKING FEE**

**ATTEND A MORNING OF TECHNICAL BASED TRAINING  
FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON OF FOCUSED  
GAME-BASED PLAY DELIVERED BY EXPERIENCED  
COACHES.**



**FLITWICK FOOTBALL CENTRE**



**VISIT [CREATIVESPORTSCACHING.CO.UK](https://creativesportscaching.co.uk) OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!**





# RAYNHAM WAY OCTOBER HALF TERM PROGRAMME

24th October - 10-3pm

25th October - 10-3pm

26th October - 10-3pm



Scary Shakes

£3PER CHILD PER DAY.

LIMITED SPACES - 1ST COME 1ST SERVE, MONEY NEEDED UPFRONT TO  
SECURE A SPOT.

TO GET YOUR BOOKING FORM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CHARLEY COURTNEY @

CHARLEY.COURTNEY@LUTON.GOV.UK / 07712512741



Halloween Party

Raynham Way Community  
Centre,  
66 Eaton Green Rd, Luton  
LU2 9JE



Pumpkin Carving



Leaf Art.  
Conker Wars  
And so much  
more!

**Luton**



# RAYNHAM WAY YOUTH CLUB



Junior Sessions - 8-12yrs -  
Times - 5.30 - 7pm

Join us on the following dates:

12th September  
19th September  
26th September  
3rd October  
10th October  
17th October



**October Half Term - No club**

31st October - Halloween Party

7th November  
14th November  
21st November  
28th November  
5th December  
12th December

19th December - Christmas Party

**Christmas - No club**

For more information contact:  
Charley Courtney - 07712512741

**Luton**



## Upcoming Events

### Year 5 Trip to Wardown Park

ALL DAY

25  
September

### Newsround Club with Ms Travi

8:15AM – 8:45AM

From 18 Sep and on Monday each week

25  
September

### Year 5 trip to Wardown Park

ALL DAY

26  
September

### Netball Club

7:45AM – 8:30AM

From 19 Sep and on Tuesday each week until 17 Oct

26  
September

### Smart Raspberry Cookery School

3:30PM – 4:45PM

From 19 Sep and on Tuesday each week until 05 Dec

26  
September

### Boys Football Club Years 3 & 4

3:30PM – 4:35PM

From 19 Sep and on Tuesday each week until 17 Oct

26  
September

### Year 5 Film Club

3:30PM – 4:30PM

From 19 Sep and on Tuesday each week

26  
September

### School Library Open to families

3:30PM – 4:30PM

From 10 Jan and on Tuesday each week except for 14 Feb

26  
September

### Year 4 Multisports Event

9:30AM – 12:00PM

27  
September

### Girls Football years 3 - 6

3:30PM – 4:30PM

From 20 Sep and on Wednesday each week until 19 Oct

27  
September



## Year 2 Multisports Club

3:30PM – 4:30PM

From 20 Sep and on Wednesday each week until 18 Oct

27  
September

## Smart Raspberry Cookery School

3:30PM – 4:45PM

From 21 Sep and on Thursday each week until 07 Dec

28  
September

## Boys Football Club Years 5 & 6

3:30PM – 4:35PM

From 21 Sep and on Thursday each week until 19 Oct

28  
September