



## Welcome to Bushes Primary's **February and March** Newsletter!

### Staffing



After 17 years of service as a Classroom Assistant and Additional Support Needs Assistant here at Bushes, Ann Monaghan has decided to retire from her post. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest thanks to Ann on behalf of all of the staff and pupils here at Bushes for her hard work and the impact this has had on the lives of our children. She will be missed by us all. Ann is very excited about spending more time with her husband, her children and her grandchildren and I am sure you will join me in wishing Ann 'all the best' for her future.

Soon Mrs Robertson will be stopping to begin her maternity leave. We are in the process of recruiting a temporary replacement for Mrs Robertson and I will inform you once I have further news on this. All of the staff are very excited to meet 'baby Robertson' and wish Mrs Robertson a healthy and happy time on maternity leave. Enjoy your sleep while you still can Mrs Robertson!



### Bushes is 60!

As part of our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, all of our classes have chosen to learn all about a decade between the 1950's and the 2010's during this term. Children will learn about different aspects of their chosen decade and share their learning with you, their families, at a whole school open day on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March starting at 1.15pm and continuing until 2.45pm**. We look forward to welcoming you into all of our classrooms and there will be tea, coffee and biscuits available in the dinner hall.

On **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1.15pm** pupils will attend a special assembly to celebrate 60 years since the school's ceremonial opening on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1959. Pupils from each stage will perform a song from their chosen decade and children will learn about the history of Bushes Primary School.

In term 4 plans are underway to create a time capsule as well as taking a whole school photograph to mark our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Golden Time Activities



Classes have resources and activities for children to use during Golden Time and in our continued efforts to make Golden Time a productive and rewarding time for pupils we are investigating purchasing some new games and activities. If your child chooses to bring in their own activity/toys for Golden Time, I am asking for your continued support to ensure it is appropriate for school. A number of activities/toys I have seen recently have either been too dangerous for school (e.g. toy guns that fire foam bullets) or have encouraged children to play by themselves. Golden Time is an opportunity for children to interact positively with their peers through activities for which, they share a mutual enjoyment.



### Parent Council

Our Parent Council have run a number of successful events so far this year and are a credit to our school. The money raised from these events goes directly to improve the educational experiences of all pupils funding new resources, trips and visitors to our school. Our next disco will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February** and our Easter family movie night will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**.

Our Parent Council are always looking for new recruits so if you are interested why not come along to one of their meetings?! These usually take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm. The next meeting of 2019 will take place in the staff room on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**. I look forward to seeing you there!

### Staff Car Park



Please remember that the school car park is for staff use only. Parents should not be using the car park at the beginning and end of the school day. I appreciate your understanding and support in this.

# I ♥ PE P.E. Lessons

A reminder that we strongly recommend that for best health and safety practice, children do not wear earrings to school on days they have P.E. However if this is not possible, parents wishing their children to wear earrings must ensure that they are studded and not hooped. Parents must also ensure that earrings are either taped up before the start of the school day, provide tape to your child to administer the tape if you feel they are capable of doing so independently or that the pupil is able to remove the earrings by themselves. Please note that adults in the school do not take responsibility for taping up pupil's ears and that pupils are responsible for the safekeeping of their jewellery.

Children will also be asked to remove watches and other jewellery during P.E. lessons as per council policy.



## World Book Day



This year we will once again be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book and will take part in activities linked to World Book Day in their classes. There is no need to buy anything new for this event, the best costumes I have seen previously have been made using items that children already had in their house. It is an excellent opportunity to spend some time with your child creating their costume.



## Dates for your Diary

February	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Inservice Day (school open only to staff)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	P6a and P6b Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Night 3pm-9pm (P1-P7)
March	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	P2a, P2b and P2c Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Residential Trip Parents' Night 6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	P4/5 and P5 Assembly 9.30am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Movie Night 6.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Whole School Open Day 1.15pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	P1a and P1b Assembly 9.30am
April	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> -Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	Holiday
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> -Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> inclusive	Holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> -Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	P6s on Residential Trip
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Council 6.30pm
May	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Council Disco
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Inservice Day (school open only to staff)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Nursery Parents' Night 5pm-7pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	Holiday
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Sports Day
June	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council 6.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Party
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Presentation Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	P7 School Show
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	P1-P7 Sports Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Prom
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Awards Ceremony

**Please note some dates may be unavoidably changed**

If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

*Craig McCrorie*