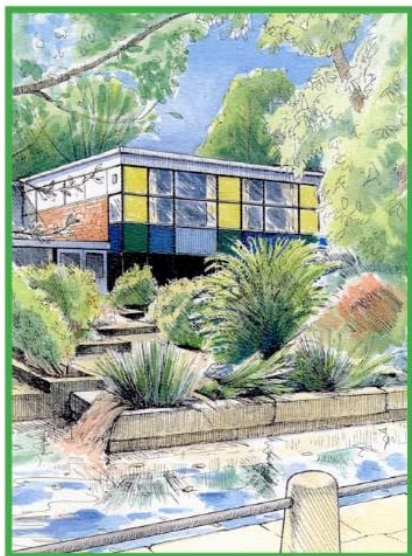


BOUSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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HEADLINES



Dear Parents / Carers

In this newsletter, I have included information about events taking place this term, as well as some reminders, requests and thanks.

Yours sincerely,

*Helen Swain
Headteacher*

GOVERNORS NEWS

Governor Monitoring

As part of their role as Governors, Barbara, Gwen and Juliette, met with Graham Marriner (School Improvement Advisor) and myself on the 14th January to review our 2019 reading data and conduct a learning walk. Please read the report of their visit in the Governors' section of the website.

Message from Felicity Buchan

As a result of my election to Parliament, I am no longer going to have the time to continue as Chair of Governors of Bousfield.

It has been an immense pleasure and honour to serve as a Governor at Bousfield.

Bousfield is a remarkable school and I will always have very fond memories of my time there. I wish the school all the best wishes going forward.

Message from Helen Swain

On behalf of Bousfield School, I would like to thank Felicity for her incredible contribution to the school. She has upheld the vision and values of Bousfield, and offered the right support and challenge required to ensure Bousfield continues to provide the best possible education for every child. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her all the best in her new role.

HEALTH AND SAFETY DATES

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 11th February

Throughout the year, we have been doing various activities in school about empowering children to take control of their digital lives. We continually update our website with information for you - please check it regularly.



FIND YOUR BRAVE

It is Children's Mental Health Week 3rd to 9th February. The theme of the national initiative is Find Your Brave. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Finding your Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

For more information please see

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

In addition to lots of information on the internet, our website has a Mindfulness section (in Parents, Emotional Health and Wellbeing) detailing Daily Intentions and Daily Thankfulness. I would encourage you to take a look and have a go.



NOTABLE DATES

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Please make sure you register online for an appointment to meet your child's classteacher. This will become live on Monday 27th January. The deadline for booking an appointment is the end of the school day Friday 7th February.

The meetings are taking place Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February from 3.45 – 6.00 pm.

Please do not swap your appointment time with another parent, as teachers will prepare your child's books ready for the appointment time you have registered.

Parents who have already received a letter inviting them to a SEN review meeting need not attend a second Parent-Teacher Meeting, unless that would be the only time they were available.

There will be a Governors' Stand in the Reception area, if you wish to ask any questions about the school or the role of governors. Date to be confirmed.

COFFEE MORNING – READING WORKSHOP

Wednesday 26th February
in the Extension at 9.00 - 9.45 am



YEARS 5 & 6 SCHOOL JOURNEYS

Please note that final payment must be made as follows:

Year 6 PGL – Friday 27th March

Year 5 – Sayers Croft – Friday 7th February



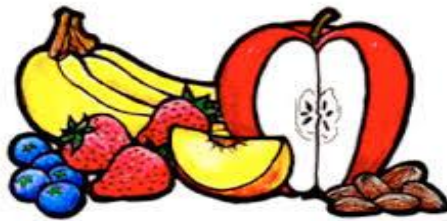
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

END OF DAY SNACKS

Healthy snacks are important to establish good eating habits and re-fuel children during the day.

Class teachers in the Infants have noticed that children's first question to their parents when being collected from class is often: 'What have you got for me?' Parents or carers then produce snacks such as sweets, chocolates and biscuits that the child eats whilst walking along the corridor. We would prefer you to wait until you are out of the building before giving your children snacks. We also prefer children to eat healthy snacks, such as fresh or dried fruit, carrots or celery, in the playground.

If you have a child in the Juniors, they should only bring fruit for their morning snack.



Birthdays

If you wish to bring individual cakes or biscuits for your child's class on their birthday, please drop these off at 9.00am, or bring them to school at 3.20pm.

Please remember: no products containing nuts, sesame or marzipan
(Note - variety packs of Krispy Crème Donuts contain nuts)



PARENTAL INPUT

FINAL AMOUNT RAISED

Thank you again to Anoushka, Laura and Olivia for organising the highly successful Mingle and Dance and to all those who attended and gave generously. The event raised £22,000 for the school. This money will go towards the refurbishment of both halls by replacing the IT hardware (computers, projectors and visualisers) and the blackout curtains, so that the spaces can continue to be used for our excellent teaching and learning, and wonderful productions.

PARENT VOLUNTEER READERS

A big 'Thank you' to all parents who currently volunteer to hear children read.

We would be grateful for more volunteers, in particular in Years 1 & 2. If you can commit to a time on a weekly basis, please speak to Ms McGrath.



PHILOSOPHY for CHILDREN

Here is the next question for you to discuss with your child.

28th question: If you had to be one colour, which colour would you be?

Remember to listen and respect each other's views



PARENTAL INPUT

A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

A good bedtime routine is important for health, well-being and learning. We have noticed that a number of children arrive at school on a Monday morning feeling very tired. Please make sure your child goes to bed early, and that electronic equipment is removed before bedtime. It is also important that children have a good breakfast before coming to school.

Recommended hours

Age	Hours of sleep	Bedtime
3 – 6 years	11 – 13	6pm – 8pm
7 – 12 years	10 – 12	7.30pm – 9pm



ENCOURAGING INDEPENDENCE

Please encourage your Year 3 child to be independent by saying goodbye to them downstairs, and letting them take off their coat, hat, scarf, gloves etc on their own.

INFORMATION for PARENTS on the BOUSFIELD WEBSITE

You will find Class Newsletters in the **PARENTS** section. These will contain details of trips and other key information for specific year groups.

You will find Curriculum Maps in the **CURRICULUM** section. These give details of what the children are learning in each subject this term.

Information about each subject area has been updated and you will find this in **CURRICULUM**.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

Attendance Statistics

School Target 96% - National Average 96%

Whole school average attendance from September to December was 95.8%

Whole school attendance on Tuesday 17th December was 92.6%

Whole school attendance on Thursday 19th December was 89.9%

Whole school attendance on Friday 20th December was 71.5%

Whole school attendance on Tuesday 7th January was 90.1%

Whole school average attendance for the week beginning 13th January was 96.6%

Did you know..?

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	Your child will have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

Getting your child to school really matters

Please read our Attendance and Punctuality Policy which is on the school website.

TERM DATES

BOUSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

2019 – 2020

PLEASE NOTE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO TERM DATES

These are due to The London Mayoral Elections and a change to the first May Bank Holiday to mark the anniversary of VE Day.

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 3rd April

Half-term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April – Tuesday 21st July

School closed on: Friday 8th May - VE Day Bank Holiday

Half-term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

N.B. All dates are inclusive

INSET DAYS & Bank Holidays 2019 – 2020

Monday 6th January 2020 - INSET (staff training)

Thursday 7th May 2020 - INSET (staff training and Polling Day)

This is a change from Monday 1st June due to the London Mayoral Elections.

Friday 8th May – VE Anniversary Bank Holiday

This is instead of Monday 4th May.

Children will now return to school after half term on Monday June 1st not Tuesday 2nd June.

TERM DATES

BOUSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2020 - 2021

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September – Friday 18th December

Half-term: Monday 26th October – Tuesday 3rd November

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – Wednesday 31st March

Half-term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July

School closed on: Monday 3rd May - May Day Bank Holiday

Half-term: Monday 31st May – Monday 7th June

N.B. All dates are inclusive

INSET DAYS & Bank Holidays 2020 - 2021

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 - INSET (staff training)

Monday 2nd November 2020 - INSET (staff training)

Tuesday 3rd November 2020 - INSET (staff training)

Monday 4th January 2021 - INSET (staff training)

Monday 3rd May 2021 - Bank Holiday

Monday 7th June 2021 - INSET (staff training)