



## May & June 2021



Remember our Website at [www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bushprimaryschool.co.uk)

We are really glad to welcome all the children back to school. As further restrictions ease this weekend please continue to follow the guidance/ direction from the Northern Ireland Executive.

The Department of Education ask parents to maintain 2m social distancing from other parents when dropping off and collecting children and also to wear a face covering when in the school grounds.

Please continue to observe the parking restrictions within the school grounds. Within the school grounds and the vicinity of the school, please drive as slowly as possible, watch for children on the zebra crossing (between the Nursery and the Kitchen entrance) and always expect the unexpected!

### Farewell Mrs Cuddy!

Mrs Cuddy has recently informed the Board of Governors that she plans to retire at the end of this school year in June.

Mrs Cuddy has taught in this school for an amazing 35 years commencing with a composite P3/4/5 class when enrolment was lower and latterly with our P2 class. She was here when the then Prime Minister John Major came to visit, she remembers the very first BBC B computer arriving and has adapted to many other changes through her long and very successful career. Now, in 2021, she energetically and enthusiastically does the Good Morning wake up dance with P2!

Mrs Cuddy is a super teacher and colleague and we will miss her greatly. We do of course wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. Mrs Cuddy has many interests outside of teaching and we know that she is very much looking forward to pursuing these interests and spending more time with her family, especially her young granddaughter.



### COVID

Arrangements continue as they were before Christmas should there be a confirmed case within a class bubble, which might necessitate a class to isolate.

Please alert school ASAP to any confirmed cases within your household using either email to [pmcalister824@c2kni.net](mailto:pmcalister824@c2kni.net) or the jot form absence note on the Bush PS app.

**Individual school photos** will be taken on Friday 7th May. Please see details on website on how to register your child to have their photograph taken.

**Group photos** for Nursery, P1 + P7 will also be taken on Friday 7th May. There is no need to register for these.

### Holidays & Closings May & June

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Thursday 27th May - School Closed

Friday 28th May - School Closed

Monday 31st May - School closed

Friday 25th June - School will be closing at 12 noon. The school bus will be available.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS BAY**

Provisional Holidays for 2021/22 will be placed on the website shortly, but as this year has highlighted, are very much subject to change!

### Nursery (target age children) and P1 starting in September 2021

You should now have received confirmation though the portal and also by letter from school about the offer of a place. If you haven't please give school a ring on 028 87725102.

Further arrangements will follow over the next few weeks.

### Tests

Standardised Tests and some class tests are being carried out this month as part of normal class work, like many other assessments which take place throughout the year.

### Sports' Day:

We plan to run this at the beginning of June.

Due to Covid regulations we cannot invite you to attend; look out for lots of photos on the website.



**Uniform** The relaxations on uniform continue for the rest of the school year. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day. Please also apply sun cream to children on hot days.

**P7 pupils** will be informed of their Secondary School placement on Saturday 19th June via the EA portal through which you made your application.



**Best wishes** for the future go to all our leavers in P7; we look forward to hearing of your future success.

### Gifts to staff

Shortly, through the online payment system, you will be given an opportunity to contribute to a retirement gift for Mrs Cuddy, should you wish to do so.

I would ask again that you do not send thank you gifts to staff at the end of June.

The staff very much appreciate your generosity but would like to ask parents to consider donating to Mrs Cuddy's retirement gift instead.

Thank you all for your patience, adaptability and flexibility with the changes that occurred this year due to COVID.

Other events which we would traditionally hold in June eg Final Assembly are unlikely to go ahead in their usual format; I'm very much waiting to see what the regulations/restrictions are in June and will take it from there.

At this stage, I don't know if any of the changes needed this year will need to remain for the next school year. Please be assured that as soon as we are ready to firm up plans I will communicate with you.

Pauline McAlister

Principal

