



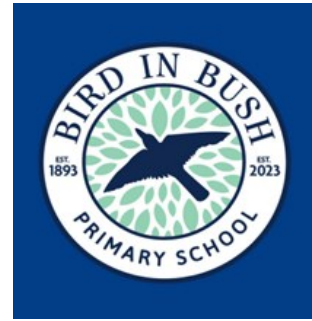
The Bird in Bush School Newsletter

September Four Edition

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Autumn Term Parents Evening

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th September

Tuesday 26th 3.20 p.m.—6.00 p.m. & Wednesday 27th 3.20—4.30 p.m.

How Autumn Term Parents Evening works

- Parents/carers collect children from school at 3.10 p.m.
- Parents/carers let into the school from 3.15 p.m. if attending a 3.20 p.m. meeting
 - Gates reopened from 3.30 p.m. for all other appointments
- Parents/carers move between appointments and wait at chairs outside classes
- English, Reading, Maths, History, Art books will be available to look at outside classes
- 15 minute timeslots. Teachers to split time between two parents/carers attending.

School Street introduction and Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

Warning to all drivers

Messages from the council

1. *“Thank you for your email regarding school street cameras . Please note, the scheme is not yet operational and we will be in touch with you and local residents before it goes live with more information.”*

This means, the school street camera on the corner of Bird in Bush Road near Commercial Way is not live at the present but that it is about to go live. When it does, fines will be sent out if you drive into this area between 8.00—9.00 a.m. and 3.00—4.00 p.m. Monday—Friday

2. The Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is planned to go-live by 2 October 2023. After this date, parking will be payable at the specified times.

Any problems to Southwark Highways

An explanation on how communication/this newsletter needs to be followed:

1. The newsletter is emailed to parents/carers on the same day that the front page is circulated in paper copy. Please look out for your email.
2. The newsletter is displayed on the Parents Noticeboard near the main school gate and in the school office for ease of access to the information shared
3. The newsletter will share the PE days for each year group—the school needs to be able to adapt PE days and needs Parents/Carers to check each week
4. Parents/carers can text Mr Robinson on 07944720606 to ask for any clarity

PE days for week commencing Monday 25th September:

Year 1—Monday (Dance) only next week; Year 2—Tuesday and Friday (Dance); Year 3—Wednesday and Friday (Dance)

Year 4—Tuesday and Friday Year 5—Friday Year 6—Thursday (8.00 a.m. lesson only)



Please find below our School Development Plan Priorities for the year ahead which we present to governors for their approval



Bird in Bush School

School Development Plan (SDP) Priorities Academic Year 2023-2024

Taking appropriate and timely action to address the identified priorities for the school to secure swift and sustainable improvements



Securing striking improvements in Pupil Outcomes across all areas of curriculum & all year groups.

Key considerations:

- By the end of 2023, end of KS2 projections to exceed or be on a trajectory to exceed national averages for all year groups
- Phonics fluency, provision and success for all pupils to exceed 2023 national expectations
- Raising standards in writing through responding to internal and external support in this area
- Raising standards in Maths particularly through developing pupil fluency/times tables
- Raised focus on GD outcomes
- Targeting rates of pupil progress as key driver in teacher appraisal and self-evaluation evidence



Ensuring the school's curriculum approach is enriching the quality of education and is impacting on pupil outcomes.

Key considerations:

- Developing assessment practices across curriculum subjects to feed into outcomes focused actions
- Ensuring curriculum entitlement through increased provision
- Developing pupil and staff awareness of utilising prior knowledge to improve outcomes across curriculum
- Broadening staff confidence and knowledge for teaching across the curriculum
- Offering greater opportunity re subject specialist teachers



Developing the whole staff team to deliver the school's shared improvement priorities.

Key considerations:

- Increasing staff confidence in securing pupil outcomes through developing prior knowledge/reflective practice
- Staff roles and responsibilities developed through appraisal process to utilise experience across team
- Developing impact of leaders across the school in target areas, e.g. EYFS; T&L; English & Inclusion
- Continuous professional development opportunities provided



Expanding the capacity of the school to continue to develop its inclusive provision for all its pupils.

Key considerations:

- Audit needs across new pupil intake including from the new EYFS intake
- Assess pupil needs and staff skills/training to match provision where possible
- Expand the capacity of the staff team for ensuring extended provision for all the pupils at the school, incl. vulnerable/SEND
- Develop role of senior leaders in putting in systems to monitor consistencies across school that encourage & prioritise inclusion in all school areas



Perfecting the integration of the new school without losing sight of key quality of education offers to our community & pupils.

Key considerations:

- Continuation of rates of pupil attendance exceeding national outcomes
- Continuation of provision as Southwark's Racial Literacy Hub School
- Continuation of school's role as a flagship provider for Free School Meals as well as Holiday Club provision
- Repeated surveying of pupil and parent body regarding new school's start
- Calendar of celebrations developed to foster new school culture

Please tell us you are not losing out on free £150 cash every term for your child?

Giving your child packed lunch is the same as turning down a free offer of £150



Congratulations to Southwark and where congratulations are due. Our local authority may frustrate us on occasions but they have repeatedly delivered on promises regarding Free School Meals; Holiday Food Vouchers and supporting Free Holiday Provision. Living in neighbouring boroughs in recent years would not have brought such benefits. Congratulations where they are due.

A decade of free school meals in Southwark: healthier children with better results for schools and families

& we should not forget that it is the Southwark Council's Cost of Living Fund that has provided every child with their free uniform items at the start of the term. Another round of applause is due for this exceptional support.

This September marks ten years since Southwark Council began providing universal free school meals for all primary school children.

It coincides with the Mayor of London rolling out universal free school meals (UFSM) to all primary schools in London.

In Southwark, we know how life-changing this move will be for the capital's children given the impact we've seen in Southwark and the three other boroughs who have long-term UFSM schemes (Newham, Islington and Tower Hamlets):

- **Improved health outcomes for children:** prevalence of obesity among reception children down by 9.3 per cent and 5.6 per cent among year 6 children on average
- **Extra support for low-income families through austerity and now the cost of living crisis:** families with two adults and two primary-aged children save approximately £37 per month in total on food spending, equating to £3,330 over the 10 years of free school meals during term-time in Southwark
- **Super-charged school performance:** Southwark's schools have gone from joint bottom to 97 per cent Ofsted rated good or outstanding, with free, healthy school meals playing an important part of school improvement success

Southwark has high levels of deprivation with 38 per cent of the borough's children living in poverty. The current household income threshold for government-funded free school meals (£7,400) excludes many children in the borough whose families are struggling financially.

Our Bird in Bush School way of celebrating Black History and ensuring our children grow up as racially literate in all areas of their lives....

International Food!

At Bird in Bush School we believe that Black History lessons should not be limited to a one month focus every year and then ignored for the rest of the year. At Bird in Bush School we have adapted our curriculum so we celebrate the contributions of every member of our school community for every day across the year. In this way, we celebrate Black History and our cultural diversity every month, as well celebrating all cultural backgrounds in our school.... which we refer to as being racially literate.

We are therefore asking parents/carers to support sharing our plans for International Days and International Food celebrations with our children on set days across the term ahead. Please see overleaf for our ideas



Please can you sign up for the International cooking days that we would like to offer to our children to celebrate our International diversity at Bird in Bush School.

The idea is on this day in the playground, we share with our children foods of this country.

International Celebration – October and November 2023

If you are willing to cook dishes on a set date please inform Miss Patrice in the school office. Thank you

Week commencing	Wednesdays	Thursdays
Monday 2 nd October	04.10	05.10
Monday 9 th October	11.10	12.10
Monday 16 th October	18.10	13.10
Monday 30 th October	01.11	02.11
Monday 6 th November	08.11	09.11
Monday 13 th November	15.11	16.11
Monday 20 th November	22.11	23.11
Monday 27 th November	29.11	30.11

We hope that we will have contributions from you should you not be able to attend on the actual day. For example, dropping off a dish to contribute. We will need flags and decorations as well if you can contribute these.

We hope that we will have you signing up for countries represented in our school such as Afghanistan; Algeria; Bangladesh; China; Colombia; Ecuador; Eritrea; Ghana; Greece; Guyana; India; Ireland; Jamaica; Morocco; Nigeria; Poland; Portugal; Romania; Sierra Leone; Somalia; Spain; Syria; Ukraine; Uganda and Vietnam amongst others. All countries are encouraged to be celebrated by signing up for a special day. Mr Robinson and Miss Eastwood have promised to lead the England day!

Parents/Carer Survey Autumn 2023

For 2023-2024, Bird in Bush School will undertake termly surveys to ensure we are taking your feedback about our priorities at the time.

The Autumn Term focus will be providing for pupils' mental health and well being at this time of considerable change for us all.

What's new at Bird in Bush School?

Our aspiration to be even better in our school attendance... our target is now 97%

New payment method

Tap and Pay in the school Office & available on the School's Management Information System, Arbor. Ready for paying for clubs, trips and pre/after school provision



Bird in Bush School has

- ... new school uniform
- Thank you for your support
- .. new school contact details—office@birdinbush.southwark.sch.uk
- new website
- www.birdinbushprimary.co.uk
- new X and Instagram
- [@birdinbushSE15](https://www.instagram.com/birdinbushSE15)
- same exceptional quality of education

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**YEAR 1
PHONICS MORNING**

Information session for parents

How is Phonics taught in Year 1?
Find out the best strategy to support your child

COME AND FIND OUT MORE :

- Date: Thursday 5th October
- Time: 8:50-9:10 a.m.
- Place: Rio Hub

**YEAR 2
PHONICS MORNING**

Information session for parents

How is Phonics taught in Year 2?
Most effective strategy to support your child.

COME AND FIND OUT MORE :

- Date: Friday 6th October
- Time: 8:50-9:10 a.m.
- Place: Rio Hub