



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2018 No: 2

26th January 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

January 2018

- Wed 31st Year 3 & 4 Rainbow Theatre Roman & Viking workshops in school
Wed 31st Sports Taster event (Y5/Y6) at Broadwater School 9.10am-12.15pm

February 2018

- Tues 6th Internet Safety day
Tues 6th Sayers Croft Residential Trip meeting for Y4 parents at 6.00pm in class 4L
Wed 7th Class 5M Assembly at 9.15am
Wed 7th Dance Festival (Y3) at Broadwater School 10.00am-2.30pm
Wed 7th Phil the Bag drop off bags
Thurs 8th Phil the Bag collection 9.15am
Thurs 8th BJS Friends PTA School Disco
Years 3&4: 5.30-6.45pm / **Years 5&6:** 7.00-8.15pm
NB. Combined Judo Club running 3.40pm-4.30pm
Fri 9th School finishes at 3.30pm for half-term

Mon 12th to Fri 16th Half-Term

Mon 19th Feb ****INSET Day****

- Tues 20th Children back to school
Wed 21st Basketball festival (Y5/Y6) 3.30-5pm
Tues 27th Parents' evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
Wed 28th Class 4W assembly at 9.15am
Wed 28th Parents' evening 4.00pm-6.30pm

March 2018

- Thurs 1st Double Day - BJS 150th Birthday!
Fri 2nd Double Day
Mon 5th to Year 4 Residential trip to
Wed 7th Sayers Croft, Cranleigh
Tues 6th American Football festival at Woolmer Hill School 9.15-11.30am
Sat 10th Godalming & District Schools Swimming Gala at Broadwater Leisure Centre start 6.00pm (details to follow)
Mon 12th Full Governing Body meeting 4.00pm

SPRING TERM 2018

4th January to 29th March 2018

Half term: 12th to 16th February 2018

INSET Day Monday 19th February 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

16th April to 23rd July 2018

Half term: 28th May to 1st June 2018

INSET Day Monday 23rd July



We really are flying through January - only two weeks to the February half-term. The children have made a really positive start to 2018, and it is inspiring to walk around the school and feel the tremendous work ethic which our children show.

Sport at Busbridge CE Junior School

We have continued to broaden the scope of and participation in sport this term. Miss Green has introduced a Dodgeball Club for Y3 and Y4, recently taking two teams to an inter-school Dodgeball festival. Some of our Y4, Y5 and Y6 athletes have been participating (with much success) in our District Sportshall Athletics Competitions. Our Y4 team came second and our Y5/Y6 team came first. Wahoo! We will be sending out a round up of events so far and more info next week, but a huge well done to all the children who took part.



I wrote above that the children participated 'with much success'. What do you feel constitutes 'success' in sport? It's clearly not all about coming first and winning, although that is always gratifying. I could write a thesis on 'success in school sport' as it has so many contributing factors. It's about representing your school, learning the value of preparation / training, seeing your own performance improve over time, being part of a team, winning together, losing together, encouraging each other, learning to value each other's contribution, respecting others, taking responsibility for your actions, and of course having fun - so much!

We are really pleased that Mrs Clare Parsons, one of our school parents, has agreed to join our staff, taking on the role of Sports Event Coordinator. Mrs Parsons and I taught together last century (!). She is a very talented teacher with a passion for sport, so with her on the staff team we will be able to widen even further our sport participation. Although Mrs Parsons will be organising and taking children to many events, our class teachers will still be involved - they do not want to miss out on the fun that can be had taking your children to festivals and matches.

We select children for these events in different ways:

- (i) sometimes we open the event up to a whole year group(s) and take everyone who is interested
- (ii) if we give an open invitation but have too much interest we draw names out of a hat whilst also considering what other sporting events the children have participated in
- (ii) sometimes we select using certain criteria. These criteria might be ability (yes, competition and winning is okay in Junior school sport!), a focus on those who might not perceive themselves as 'sporty', children with an interest in that sport, and so on.

Our intention is to be fair and to maximise participation in sporting events across the school. We also want to win, but bear in mind that not every sporting event is about winning, and 'success' has a very broad definition.

Waverley 365 Athletics



In addition to Mrs Parsons, Bill Bingham who runs the Waverley 365 after school athletics club, has also been helping to train and coach our children in school which is great. Some of our children are also members of Waverley Harriers which is an external club Bill coaches at. Congratulations to their Under 11 girls team who won silver medals at the Surrey Sportshall competition a couple of weekends ago. The team, made up from 6 local schools, included two of our Y6 girls Lucy Thomas and Olivia Parsons, Liana Cannings from Y5 and Elizabeth Gilligan from Y4. Well done to them all winning 1 lap relay, vertical jump, speedbounce and chestpush.

Friends' PTA School Disco: Thursday 8th February - please note timings below

Years 3 & 4: 5.30pm to 6.45pm **Years 5 & 6:** 7.00pm to 8.15pm

Thank you to everyone who has returned permission slips so far. Please note if your child would like to come to this fun event, the **permission slip and payment needs to be returned to the school office by Monday 5th February.** The Friends' PTA team who are organising the disco are still in need of volunteers to help, particularly for the lower school disco. If you can offer to help either from 5.00pm to 6.45pm for the lower school session, or from 6.50pm to 8.30pm for the upper school session, please email our Friends' PTA Chairman Emma Calderwood on BISChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk - thank you for your support.



The School's 150th Anniversary

On March 1st 2018 the school will celebrate it's 150th Anniversary. To commemorate this significant milestone we have a number of activities planned. We are grateful to the Friends for providing funding to facilitate them. Firstly, on March 1st and March 2nd we will be holding a 150th Anniversary DoubleDay - more info to follow (dressing-up will be expected!). In June we will be holding an anniversary Tea/Street Party. Watts Gallery are also going to help the children create an external tile installation, and we will be issuing commemorative coins to the children. Lots going on. If you would like to help us plan and participate in some of our celebratory activities then please do let me know (via the school office).



Trees to celebrate our 150 Years

We would like to plant a few trees in the school grounds to mark our anniversary. If you have access to free or reduced price trees / saplings then please do let me know. Thank you.

Ballast—free(ish) to a good home

We have a large dumpy style bag of ballast languishing in the school grounds. It was delivered by mistake a while back. If you would like some ballast for a patio, etc then feel free to have a look, make a donation and cart off whatever you can carry! Please let the school office know if you are interested.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 4th January to 9th February 2018:

Year 3 : £60.75

Year 4 : £60.75

Year 5 : £60.75

Year 6 : £60.75



Please remember to regularly check and top up your school meal accounts.

We would like to remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please remember to top up your account on Parentmail regularly.

We prefer you to pay through ParentMail PMX but if you wish to pay for school meals by cheque these should be payable to "Surrey County Council".

Important Notice re Dinner Money Payments

As we are coming to the end of the half-term, there are parents who still have outstanding dinner monies.

Please can we remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals are paid for in advance.

Please remember to regularly check and top up your school dinner money on Parentmail PMX.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

Times and costs:

Breakfast Club from 7.50am - 8.45am @ £5

After-school club half session 3.30-4.45pm @ £6.50

After-school club full session 3.30-6.00pm @ £13

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