



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Summer Term 2018 No: 6

20th July 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

July 2018

Mon 23rd INSET day



Summer Holiday



Sept 2018

Tues 4th INSET day

Wed 5th Return to school

Fri 7th New Year 3 Parents Coffee Morning
at 9.00am

Mon 10th Year 4 Swimming lessons start

Tues 11th Year 3 Welcome Service in Busbridge
Church at 9.30am - parents welcome to join us

Tues 11th Curriculum Evenings
(6pm : Year 3 / 7pm : Year 4)

Thurs 13th Curriculum Evenings
(6pm : Year 5 / 7pm : Year 6)

Mon 17th School photographer in school

Wed 19th Headteacher welcome to the
New Academic Year (all parents invited) at 7.00pm
followed by Friends of BJS PTA AGM at 7.30pm

Mon 24th - Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill

Fri 28th

Oct 2018

Mon 2nd Parent Tour - Prospective Y3 Sept 2019

Fri 5th Year 6 Egyptian Workshop in school

Tues 16th Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

Wed 17th Class 6M Assembly at 9.15am
Parents' evening 4.00pm-6.30pm

Thurs 18th Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm

Half-Term 22nd to 26th October

Mon 29th INSET Day

Wed 31st Year 3, 4 & 5 Nasal Flu Immunisations

Nov 2018

Mon 5th Friends PTA Fireworks Night

Wed 7th Class 6E Assembly at 9.15am

Fri 16th Year 5 trip to Preston Manor

Sat 24th Friends PTA Quiz Night

Sat 8th Dec Friends PTA Christmas Fair

AUTUMN TERM 2018

4th September to 19th December 2018

Half Term: 22nd October to 26th October 2018

INSET DAY Tuesday 4th September 2018

School starts back Wednesday 5th September 2018

INSET DAY - Monday 29th October 2018

End of the school year -

... and so we come to the end of another school year. Is it just me or are these school years flying by nowadays?

I have so appreciated the many, many kind and encouraging words regarding the changes and innovations that we have made to Busbridge CE Junior School over the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here, and the ongoing welcome and support from staff, pupils, parents and Governors has been touching.

We have made huge strides with participation in sport. The creative and collaborative learning in the DoubleDays and other events has been exciting to see. However there have been other more subtle changes in teaching and learning, for example the implementation of Growth Mindset principles across the curriculum. As Henry Ford said way back in the 1900s, "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't - you're right". We want children who approach everything with a positive attitude, and if they are stuck say "I can't do this - yet".

Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to seeing you in September. We have so many more plans for next year!

Farewells - after nearly 20 years teaching at BJS, we are saying adieu today to Mrs Stephanie Lucas who leaves us to pursue work for the Raditzo Trust in Zimbabwe which her brother and wife run, and to do part-time supply and tutoring. We'll hopefully see her back in school from time to time to tell us about the St Charles Primary school we support as a school charity as well as to do some supply teaching! Steph has done so much for the school and all the children she has taught over the years who have all flourished through her teaching. In addition to this she has worked tirelessly with the school choir and musicians as well as introducing the Raditzo Trust to the school. As 'Charlie the Buzz-Bee' represents the 'Bee Against Poverty' work we have supported, she has gifted some bee hives to St Charles on behalf of our school, and some seeds for our gardening club to grow to encourage the bees to visit! We will all miss Mrs Lucas very much but wish her well in her new ventures. If you would like to know more about the work of the Raditzo Trust and how you can sponsor their work, please see the attached information.

Congratulations... to Miss Green who is getting married in August and will return to school in September as Mrs Auger!

Thank you to our Friends PTA, parents and clubs -

Our amazing Friends PTA run and support lots of events through the year. It takes a lot of hard work by so many of our parents and carers so a BIG thank you to you all. A special thank you to the committee, the class reps and to all of you parents/carers who give so much of your time to support us in school in so many ways which we greatly appreciate.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Thank You' Tea this week. Thank you to Sue Keen and Debbie Terry for setting up the beautiful café and putting on a fantastic strawberry cream tea!

Surrey Youth Games

In a recent assembly, Emma Das (Waverley Leisure Development Officer) presented certificates to 9 of our children for taking part in the Surrey Youth Games competition on 23rd/24th June across a number of different sports: Susannah Lyon, Bea Newnes-Smith, Kitty Newman, Jacob Williamson, Sam McWilliam, William Horstead, Toby Taylor and Evie Whiteman. Well done to these children and everyone else who registered. Busbridge Junior had the second highest percentage of school children taking part and were 3rd most improved from last year. Registrations for next year will start in February 2019, training starts after Easter and the competition is on 15th/16th June 2019 - watch out for details in the New Year!

Year 3 & 4 Tri-Golf Competition

On Thursday 21st June, we took twenty Year 3 & 4 children along to Milford Golf Club to compete in a Tri-Golf competition along with 80 children from other local schools. It was a fantastic event which was both fun and action packed as the children took part in a carousel of ten mini games. They competed as a team to get as many points as possible through a range of target-focused activities which were accessible to both experienced and non-experienced golfers. It was lovely to see the children grow in confidence as they went around the course and the encouragement they gave each other was great to see. Well done to both teams!

Year 5 Kwik Cricket Competition

On Tuesday 19th June, our Year 5 boys cricket team took part in a Kwik Cricket competition against other local schools for a place in the district finals. Their first two matches were tough, especially the second game against Chandler where the Busbridge team were told they had won by just three runs. Due to the close result, a recount was declared and unfortunately for the boys they were then told they had actually lost the game! Nevertheless, with their heads held high, they managed to secure an excellent win in their next game earning them a place in the semi-final. After a very exciting and somewhat nail-biting game, they were not quite able to get the number of runs needed to secure a win, but to their credit they never gave up trying. A massive well done to the boys for their determination and team-work.

Year 6 Rounders Match

Last month we were invited to take a Year 6 team to Rodborough for a "friendly" game of rounders although, according to our team there's no such thing as a "friendly" game! Even though we had to play our first two matches back to back in the soaring heat, we looked strong and were able to apply effective tactics to the game. At the end it was announced that both Busbridge Junior and St.James, Elstead were in joint first place so there would be a final. Captained by Arran Glen, the Busbridge Junior team were united in their determination and worked incredibly hard as a team to support each other when both fielding and batting. It was neck and neck throughout the final but St.James just managed to pip us to the post winning by just 1 ½ rounders! An exciting afternoon and an excellent demonstration of team work at it's best. Well done Busbridge Junior!

Year 3 & 4 Mini-Tennis Competition

On Thursday 14th June we took two teams along to a Mini-Tennis tournament held at Shalford Tennis Club. Mini-Tennis is pretty much the same as normal tennis but played on a much smaller court with a simpler scoring system. It was quite impressive to see 12 singles matches being played simultaneously across three full sized courts; you can only imagine the number of balls flying in all directions! Although the children played singles matches, the points went towards their overall team which consisted of 2 boys and 2 girls. Although a little nervous at first, they played incredibly well and grew in confidence the more matches they played. At the competition there were 15 teams and our Busbridge Junior teams came an impressive 6th and 7th place overall. A massive well done to all the children.

Year 5 Cricket at Hambledon Cricket Club

The girls had a great afternoon at the Hambledon Cricket Club festival this week and it was lovely to see lots of smiling faces and laughter. Ingram, the coach who lead the session, is very keen to promote girls cricket so has invited the girls (and any others who may be interested) to play in a cricket match on Sunday 22nd July morning. If your daughter is interested in taking part then please contact Ingram directly at ingramjones@gmail.com or his number 07804475422 to confirm as soon as possible.

District Sports

We had been training long and hard under the expert coaching skills of Bill Bingham and Clare Parsons, so it was with great anticipation that we took along about 70 of our athletes to the 'large school' District Sports event last week. Our children competed with dogged determination. The true grit shown on their faces as they competed was quite remarkable. Every child who came along can be proud of their performance representing the school. In a way final placings are not important, but when you come second overall just missing out on top spot by 3 points then that is worth celebrating. Congratulations to our girls team who came first overall in the girls rankings.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Year 6

We say goodbye and send our best wishes to our year 6's as they prepare to move onto their new secondary schools. They have been a super group of children - kind, caring, helpful, hardworking are just a few words that leap to mind to describe them. They performed brilliantly in the Year 6 production of the Robin Hood musical. Thank you to Mr Evans and Mr Pearne for their superb directing skills, to Sue Keen for all her hard work producing the staging set and costumes and to everyone who came to watch the shows...shame about the football result but the year 6's were triumphant! They all enjoyed their Leavers' party last night - thank you to Emma Calderwood, Lorraine Collins and all the other mums for setting up the hall, organising the entertainment and catering. A link for the photos taken at the party will be emailed to parents in due course.

Godalming in Bloom & Gardening help

Fantastic news...following the Godalming In Bloom judging our Gardening club won the Mayor's Award and a silver cup to add to our trophy cabinet in the school reception! Congratulations to Mrs Toulson, Mrs Mead and all our green fingered children - all the hard work has paid off. If any parents/carers are interested and able to lend a hand with the garden please email Mrs Toulson etoulson@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Summer Concert - Tuesday 17th July

Our talented musicians entertained us magnificently earlier this week. Sitting in the hall listening to the choir and instrumentalists was such a pleasure. I know that the children will have spent many hours preparing and practising, and it certainly showed in the confidence with which they played. Huge thanks to all the children involved and to Mrs Lucas who once again masterminded and organised a truly memorable and heart warming summer concert.

Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Open Afternoon earlier this week. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to take some time and look through your child's work, hopefully at leisure. It was lovely to see the children sharing their work with you in the sunshine in the playground and around the school. We will give more notice of the date in 2019.

Stones and Shells

In September we will be creating a whole-school art installation to celebrate Busbridge CofE Junior School being back together for the new school year. Whilst you are out and about in the summer holidays please encourage your child to find an interesting small stone or shell that they are taken by. These will then be brought into school in the first week back and glued onto a wooden cross as a way of celebrating our uniqueness and unity.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals Payment Amounts: The amount for the next half term Wed 5th September - Fri 19th October is:

Year 3 :	£73.60 (taking into account Butser trip)
Year 4 :	£75.90
Year 5 :	£75.90
Year 6 :	£64.40 (taking into account Windmill Hill)

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".

School Dinner Money

Please could you check your dinner money balance and ensure that any outstanding monies have been paid particularly for Year 6 children.

Should there be a credit (for year 6 children this will be refunded or credited to a younger sibling.

From September 2018 the price of a school meal will increase to £2.30 per child per day and £11.50 a week.

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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