



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017 No: 9

15th December 2017

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Dates for Your Diary

December 2017

- Mon 18th School choir singing at Prime Time
Christmas Concert at Busbridge
Church leaving school at 1.50pm
- Tues 19th Christmas Church services:
9.30am - Year 3 & 4 / 11am - Year 5 & 6
Parents are welcome to join us
- Wed 20th Ambassadors Assembly
- Thurs 21st Wishing Service at school
- Thurs 21st End of term - school breaks up 2pm

Fri 22nd Dec 2017 to Wed 3rd Jan 2018
Christmas Holiday

January 2018

- Thurs 4th Back to school / PSHE Focus Day
- Fri 5th Maths Focus Day & Inter-house
Maths challenge
- Thurs 11th Year 3 Fossil Workshop in school
- Mon 15th Closing date for Primary School
applications (reception & Y3 Sept 2018)
- Thurs 18th Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Competition
at Broadwater School 1.00pm-3.00pm
- Wed 24th Class 5W Assembly at 9.15am
- Thurs 25th Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics
3.30-5.00pm
- Wed 31st Year 3 & 4 Rainbow Theatre Roman
& Vikings workshops in school (letter to follow)

February 2018

- Tues 6th Internet Safety day
- Wed 7th Class 5M Assembly at 9.15am
- Wed 7th Phil the Bag drop off
- Wed 7th KS2 Dance Festival
- Thurs 8th Phil the Bag collection

Mon 12th to Fri 16th Half-Term

Mon 19th Feb New date ****INSET Day****

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



Christmas Assemblies - Children of the World & Stable Manners



Over the last couple of weeks the children have been busy preparing for our Christmas celebration assemblies with their class teachers, and they have certainly wowed us all with their live performances this week! The Lower School children took us on a Christmas journey around the world, while the Upper School told us the Christmas story in 'Stable Manners'. Well done to all the children for their enthusiastic, joyous singing and acting. Thank you to all our teachers and support staff for their hard work to get these enchanting Christmas shows on stage, and to all our parents for providing some wonderful costumes. We had over 430 audience members over the 4 shows come to watch, and received lots of positive comments, which have been lovely to hear.



Friends of Busbridge CE Junior School Christmas Fair - a big thank you!



Our Christmas Fair well and truly kicked off our Christmas festivities, and a big thank you to everyone involved to make it such a resounding success. The preparations and work on the day took an amazing amount of teamwork from our Friends PTA, parents, members of the church and local community - we greatly appreciate everyone's efforts and time given. Thank you to all our families for their very generous mufti day donations. Some special thanks go to...

- *Nicky Hemery who led the Christmas Fair team, and Friends Treasurer Jon Hart and daughter Ruby for their sterling efforts counting up the takings!
- *Lorraine Collins and Clare Parsons for their work putting together the amazing hampers and selling the raffle tickets.
- *Emma Calderwood and Jenny Glaister for organising and selling the Christmas puddings with exclusive Y6 label designs!
- *Vic Hicks and the team of helpers for making and selling the festive Christmas wreaths.
- *the team of class reps and parent helpers who: ran the catering and refreshments including the bar, created and ran a wonderful secret shopping room, manned the tombolas, lucky dip, face painting, Christmas crafts and toy stalls amongst many others!
- *the elves who helped set up and assist Father Christmas in his grotto...and special thanks to Father Christmas for a great job handing out the presents!
- *Martha Dyer for running the second hand uniform stall - if you missed the fair please contact Martha if you need any.
- *Emma Calderwood for organising the external stall holders and Bill Bingham from Waverley 365 for running their sporting activity.
- *Mrs Barker for her help organising our fantastic Y3 pedlars who peddled their wares so expertly, and to their parents for helping make their costumes and trays of goodies to sell.
- *Mrs Lucas and the school choir for rehearsing hard and providing some Christmassy musical entertainment.
- *...and to all the school staff and Governors who manned the cake stall and helped on the day....and anyone else we may have missed.

A big thank you once again to everyone involved, and to those who came along to enjoy all the fun of the fair!

Coat reminder in cold and wet weather

In the cold and wet weather, please could you ensure that **your child has a coat in school every day**. The children are outside at break and lunch time so do require a warm coat to wear. Even if it is damp or slightly raining we go out to enjoy the fresh air.

Munstead House Charity Day, School Christmas Lunch and Film

Today in assembly Mrs Forder (one of our Y3 parents), who works for Save The Children, came in to tell the children all about their work and the Christmas Jumper fundraiser. Everyone looked fantastically festive in their Christmas mufti and thank you for all your donations. As in the words of the charity **'Make the world better with a festive sweater!'**



At lunchtime today we have been treated to a wonderful Christmas meal cooked and served by Jenny, Jess and the catering team which we thank them all for. Thank you to the Friends of Busbridge CE Junior School for providing the crackers, and our wonderful staff for providing some musical entertainment. We rounded off our Christmassy day with the children watching the film 'Nativity'.

School Choir performances



This is a busy time of year for our school choir. Under Mrs Lucas' expert guidance they have been singing at different events at school and in the local community. Choir members Susannah, Liana and Saskia (Y5) said: "Singing at the Christmas fair was a lovely experience and it was great fun. It was a good opportunity for our family and friends to listen to what we do in choir. It was really enjoyable to sing to an audience and some of our teachers! At Godalming Baptist Church we sung to the elderly during their Christmas party. We also sang songs with them and it was a pleasure to sing to them. Afterwards they gave us biscuits and orange juice, and we played bingo!" The choir also treated shoppers to some Christmassy singing in Godalming High Street at the Churches Together event last Saturday. Thank you to all the children for bringing some Christmas musical cheer, and to Mrs Lucas for all her hard work and time spent with the Choir.

Year 6 Bikeability

Over the past few weeks, the Y6 children, under the expert instruction from the Surrey CC Cycle Training team, have braved the cold and completed their Level 2 Bikeability training. Well done to all the children who took part. They will be presented with their certificates of achievement next week.



Travelling Books result

Thank you to our gallant parent helpers Mrs Mead, Mrs De Abreu and Mrs Mitchell who kindly gave up their time in the cold to man the Travelling Book Fair stall after school a couple of weeks ago. As a result of the books that you kindly bought, we have about £75 to spend on some new books for our school.

Year 5 trip to Busbridge Church



Over the last two weeks, Y5 have had a wonderful time visiting Busbridge Church to examine and sketch some of the church's William Morris artefacts as part of their Victorian topic. One of the most exciting of these was an altar cloth designed by William Morris in 1870 which took over 600 hours to embroider! The children were amazed at the detail of the designs and produced some beautiful sketches. A heartfelt thanks to Becky and Janine at Busbridge Church for opening our eyes to the intricate detail and the intriguing history behind these famous artefacts. A huge thanks to all the parent helpers who assisted us on these trips.

**Next week we have our Church services on Tuesday 19th December at Busbridge Church.
Lower school 9.30am/Upper School 11.00am - parents and carers are very welcome to join us.**

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the half term 31st October to 21st December will be:

Year 3 : £85.50

Year 4 : £85.50

Year 5 : £83.25 (taking into account Y5 Preston Manor trip)

Year 6 : £83.25 (taking into account Y6 Haslemere Museum trip)

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".



Sickness & Good Hygiene Guidelines

48 hour rule - if your child is off with sickness (vomiting and/or diarrhoea) please ensure they are **off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.**

Coughing and Sneezing - please encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue.

Handwashing - please talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands to help control the spread of infections.

Thank you for your support with good hygiene practice.

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

*****Please note After School Club is cancelled on Tuesday 9th January 2018 due to staff training*****

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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