



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2019 No: 2

25th January 2019

Learn to love Love to learn

Dates for Your Diary

January 2019

- Mon 28th Anti-Bullying Ambassador training at Godalming Junior School (invited children)
- Wed 30th Parent Evenings' Online Booking System open from 9.30am via eschools
- Wed 30th Sports Taster (Y5) event at Broadwater School 9.10am-12.00pm
- Thurs 31st Girls Football Match (Y5/Y6) at BJS against Godalming Junior 3.30-4.30pm
- Thurs 31st Year 6 SATs Information evening for parents at 6pm

February 2019

- Fri 1st Class 3A Assembly at 9.15am
- Fri 1st Dodgeball Tournament (Y4) at Glebelands School 1.00pm-3.00pm
- Wed 6th Dance Festival (Y3) at Broadwater School 9.45am-2.30pm
- Fri 8th Class 4WT Assembly at 9.15am
- Tues 12th Parents Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
- Wed 13th Parents Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm

Half-Term Mon 18th to Fri 22nd

Mon 25th Feb **INSET Day**

- Tues 26th DoubleDay ('Marvellous Me')
- Wed 27th DoubleDay ('Marvellous Me')

March 2019

- Wed 6th 'Ashing' Service at school
- Thurs 7th World Book Day
- Sat 9th Godalming Schools Swimming Gala at Charterhouse Club (details to follow)
- Mon 11th to Year 4 Residential trip
- Wed 13th to Sayers Croft
- Fri 22nd Class 5L Assembly
- Mon 25th Full Governing Body Meeting at 4pm
- Fri 29th Class 3G Assembly

April 2019

- Mon 1st Easter Pause Day
- Mon 1st Primary Schools Music Festival at Princes Hall, Aldershot (times tbc)
- Fri 5th End of term - break up at 2pm

SPRING TERM 2019

3rd January to 5th April 2019

Half term: 18th to 22nd February 2019

INSET Day Monday 25th February 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April to 24th July 2019

Half term: 27th May to 31st May 2019

INSET Days: Friday 24th May & Monday 24th June

The 6Rs - Behaviours for Learning: READY to learn

This year we are introducing our Behaviours For Learning initiative (our 6Rs) : "Since we cannot know what knowledge will be most needed in the future, it is senseless to try to teach it in advance. Instead, we should try to turn out people who love learning so much and learn so well that they will be able to learn whatever needs to be learned" (John Holt).

More details to follow - this information will also be available on our school website in the 'Pupils and Learning' section.

'READY':

Last week we considered what it means to be ready to learn. You can help your child with this by ensuring that:

- they have a **good night's sleep** and a **healthy breakfast**
- arrive at school with **all the tools they need** (pencils, eraser, ruler, etc). As a reminder please find attached a list of equipment that we expect the children to have in school every day
- they have a **full Busbridge Junior PE Kit/tracksuit in school every day**. PE is a statutory part of the national Curriculum and very important to the health and well-being of your child.



We advise **PE kits are kept in school every day**, and if worn home for any reason kit is brought back into school the next day. Everyday some children forget their kit making it difficult for them to access their PE lessons/other activities. This also wastes time asking the office for spare kit (of which we have very limited supplies). PE lessons are outside once a week so in this cold weather the children may wear the Busbridge Junior tracksuits to keep them warm.

- **warm/waterproof coat**. Again in this cold weather please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school every day as they are outside at break and lunchtime.

Spring Term Curriculum Sheets

The Curriculum and Learning plans for each year group are available to view on the school website in the 'Pupils and Learning' section (or a hard copy can be obtained from the school office). These provide parents with information about what the children will be learning this term/academic year as well as trips, visits and PE days.



Times Tables Rock Stars Learning Resource

As emailed earlier this week, the school has purchased a subscription to 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. This is an application to support your child's fluency with their multiplication tables in a fun and safe online environment. Your child has been given log-in details by their class teacher so if you haven't already done so explore it with them. You



can access the program via the internet <https://trockstars.com/login> or download the app by searching for Times Tables Rock Stars in the App store. Thank you for the positive feedback so far.



Collective Worship Themes until Half Term

In line with DfE guidance, we hold a daily time of Collective Worship. This provides an opportunity for the whole school to reflect on our values, spirituality, wider themes of morals, what they believe in and how belief / values can impact our daily lives at home and at school. This half term we will be spending time together considering the following:

Forgiveness ; 6Rs of Learning - Ready , Responsible ; Church-led theme - the Gospel Writers ; Our School Values and Vision. If you would like more information on any of these just ask.

Change 4 Life



Change 4 Life is a public health programme run by the Department of Health to help families make small, sustainable yet significant improvements to diet and activity levels to "eat well, move more, live longer". Childhood obesity has reached epidemic levels - sugar is a big part of the problem. Children aged 4-10 years are apparently consuming twice the amount of sugar they should. Your child will be bringing home a Change 4 Life booklet so the whole family can learn about healthier swaps they can make to help them lead healthier and happier lives. Surrey County Council is supporting this campaign to encourage families to cut back on sugar. To find out more information and a range of local services to help and support families visit the Healthy Surrey website <https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/> or the Change 4 Life website <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>.

Sportshall Athletics

Some of our athletes have been competing in the local schools SportsHall Athletics competitions. Our Year 5/6 competitors faced stiff opposition last week, but came through as joint winners (along with St Edmunds). This means that both schools will go through to a play-off to find out who represents our wider area in the Surrey Finals. Our Year 4 team had a wonderful time this week, showing plenty of grit and team-work in their heat. They came second, just pipped by St Edmunds. Well done to all the children who took part. A huge thanks to all parents who helped with transport and supporting on the day, and a huge thanks to Bill Bingham and Clare Parsons for making our participation happen.

Rainbow Theatre Workshops

Year 3 & 4 learnt about the Romans and Vikings respectively through the Rainbow Theatre drama workshops this week. The children dressed up in some very authentic outfits and Mrs Auger and Miss Gruzman were very impressed with the Y3 children's shields which they made for homework ready for their workshop - thanks for all your parental input.

"It was amazing - we enjoyed the acting!" (Year 4 children)

"I liked watching the play and it was good everyone had a part. We learnt that Romans eat with their fingers while lying on the floor!" (Year 3 children)



Parents' Evening Appointment Booking System - opens Wednesday 30th January at 9.30am

The online booking system (eschools not Parentmail PMX) for Parent Evenings' appointments coming up in February will open on Wednesday 30th January at 9.30am. Please check your eschools log-in details ahead of this date and contact the school office if necessary. We would highly recommend you sign up to the eschools app if you haven't already done so - more details to follow next week.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 3rd January to 15th February 2019:

Year 3 : £73.60

Year 4 : £73.60

Year 5 : £73.60

Year 6 : £73.60

Amount per day: £2.30 Amount per week: £11.50



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".

GET Teaching

with the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) and Winchester University. Get teaching with this one year School Direct programme. Training with the GLP offers the perfect combination of classroom experience in local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Self-funded (bursary/grant available) and salaried places are offered. Apply now to start teaching next September. **Find out more at www.getteaching.org**



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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