



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2019 No: 1

11th January 2019

Learn to love Love to learn

Dates for Your Diary

January 2019

- Mon 14th Summer Mufti day
Tues 15th Closing date for Primary School applications (Reception & Year3 Sept 2019)
Tues 15th Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential Trip
Information evening for parents at 6pm
Thurs 17th Sportshall Indoor Athletics (Y5/Y6) at Broadwater School 12.30pm-3pm
Mon 21st Year 3 & Year 4 Rainbow Theatre
Romans and Vikings Workshops in school
Tues 22nd Friends of BJS PTA meeting at 7pm
Thurs 24th Sportshall Indoor Athletics (Y4) at Rodborough School 3.30pm-5pm
Fri 25th Class 5W Assembly at 9.15am
Thurs 31st Year 6 SATs Information evening for parents at 6pm

February 2019

- Fri 1st Class 3A Assembly at 9.15am
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
Wed 27th DoubleDay

March 2019

- Thurs 7th World Book Day
Mon 11th to Year 4 Residential trip
Wed 13th to Sayers Croft
Fri 22nd Class 5L Assembly
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

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



Welcome back and Happy New Year...

Start of term Subject Focus Days

PSCHE Day

Our new term started off with a very positive PSCHE reflection day. The children carried out many activities. For example in Year 3 the children made Positive Boxes, placing affirmative comments in each others box. A few days later I chatted to a Year 3 child who was feeling a bit low, so they decided to reread the positive comments from their peers in their Positive Box. The impact was heart warming to see - the things we say to each other are significant!

Reading Day

On the second day of the new term, each year group carried out work based around a picture story book. Assembly saw us playing 'Book Quote' Bingo: each member of staff wore two quotes and 'hid' around the school site. Each child had a bingo card containing 16 quotes then hunted down the staff members to collect their quotes. Brilliant! Big thanks to Miss Warner who organised this day.

Books for School

To support our reading in school, last week we took delivery of these eight big boxes of books which have been purchased through funds raised by the Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School - thank you to the Friends. Two of our Year 6 boys stamped them with the school stamp (thank you Barney and Archie), and now they are in use around the school.



Summer Mufti Day - Monday 14th January

As emailed earlier this week, on Monday 14th January we are having a 'Summer Mufti Day' to chase away the winter blues! Your child is invited to come to school wearing bright summer clothes...think layers!...along with their winter coat. We have arranged for a dance teacher to come in to lead Summer dance workshops for each class which should be a lot of fun.

The Meath and Little Musketeers Assembly



Earlier today we hosted Helen Jackson from the Meath Epilepsy charity and James from Little Musketeers (Fencing). They each shared a little about their charity and sport respectively. A team of our Year 5 girls raised £180 for The Meath last term, and they presented this to Helen today which she was very grateful for. If you want to learn more about The Meath charity please pick up a leaflet from the school office. Little Musketeers run a fencing club at school on a Wednesday before school - if your child wants to join please sign up via their website www.littlemusketeers.com, see the flyer on the clubs page of our school website or pick up a flyer from the school office.

Year 3 Fossil Workshop

This morning Year 3 were privileged to be visited by zoologist, nature writer and author Jules Howard who shared his love of fossils with the children. They were able to experience finding fossils and handling models of stone-aged bones including a cave bear skull! They especially enjoyed searching million years old tree sap and discovered tiny, beautiful insects preserved within it. Ted from 3G said "I loved finding the teeth and the belemnites because there were loads of them! The microscope showed us inside the tree sap and I could see the million year old insects in them". Isabella from 3A added "I've always wanted to hunt for fossils and it's amazing how many you can actually collect. I couldn't believe that Jules had collected all of them. He really inspired us to be a zoologist". Thank you to Jules for coming into school to present his inspirational workshop. He commented what lovely classes they were and lots of great questions!



Surrey Arts Music Ensembles - Open evening Wednesday 16th January

Surrey Arts would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at an open evening on Wednesday 16th January - times as follows: 5.15pm - 6.30pm South West Winds - Woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4), Prima - String players (beginner to grade 2), Opus - String players (grade 2- 4)

6.45pm - 8.45pm South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - Strings, Wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+). All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne school and the open rehearsal and first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just bring along your instrument! For more information, please contact Alison Harding - Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk or contact Surrey Arts on 01483 519303.



Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School - PTA meeting on Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm.

We are so pleased to announce that the Christmas Fair raised an amazing £3200. A lot of hard work went into this event so this is a fantastic result. The next meeting of the Friends of BJS PTA will be on Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm - all welcome to come along to plan and get involved in whatever way you can with the upcoming events.



Young Ambassadors for Specsavers Surrey Youth Games (SSYG)

Waverley are looking for young people between the ages of 7-16 years who have previously taken part in SSYG or who have a keen interest in sport to become a Young Ambassador to promote the next Youth Games. Young Ambassadors play a really important role in promoting SSYG among school friends and family, and is an opportunity for young people to develop their leadership skills and confidence. For more information and how to apply please go to www.waverley.gov.uk/syg or contact Tom Crowe (Assistant Leisure Development Officer) on 01483 523169. Applications will close on Friday 1st February 2019. Last year two of our Y6 children took on this role and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Behaviours for Learning - READY to learn

This year we are introducing our Behaviour For Learning initiative (the 6Rs). More details to follow. Next week we are considering what it means to be ready to learn. You can help your child with this by ensuring they have a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school with all the tools they need (pencils, eraser, ruler, etc).

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".

Primary School Applications

Surrey County Council have asked if we could please remind parents with younger children that the closing date for Reception and Primary school (year 3) applications for September 2019 entry is

Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

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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