



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017 No: 8

1st December 2017

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Dates for Your Diary

Dec 17

Sat 2nd Friends Christmas Fair 12pm - 2pm
Mon 4th Full Governing Body meeting 4pm
Thurs 7th Class 5W to visit Busbridge Church
Sat 9th School choir to sing at 'Churches Together' at the Pepperpot at 2pm (choir to arrive at 1.50pm)

Wed 13th Christmas Assemblies
9.30am - Year 3 & 4 / 11.00am - Year 5 & 6

Wed 13th School choir to sing at 'Senior Moments' Christmas party at Godalming Baptist church
2.30pm-3.30pm (leaving school at 1.45pm)

Thurs 14th Christmas Assemblies
9.30am - Year 5 & 6 / 11.00am - Year 3 & 4

Fri 15th *change of date*
Munstead House Fundraiser

Fri 15th School Christmas Lunch & Film

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

Thurs 21st End of term - school breaks up at 2pm

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

Jan 18

Thurs 4th Back to school

AUTUMN TERM 2017

4th September to 21st December 2017
INSET day Monday 30th October

SPRING TERM 2018

4th January to 29th March 2018
Half term: 12th to 16th February 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

16th April to 23rd July 2018
Half term: 28th May to 1st June 2018
INSET Day Monday 23rd July

****One remaining INSET date to set**
for 2017/18 to follow****



The School has been a hive of activity over the past couple of weeks with educational trips and activities, sporting fixtures and all the preparation for the Christmas Fair!

Year 5 Preston Manor trip

The Year 5s were transported back to 1897 and Victorian times with a trip to Preston Manor, the first in Brighton to receive electricity. The children demonstrated their skills in activities such as polishing silver, laying a 5 course place setting and even preparing jam tarts! Half of the day was spent at the Hove museum where real Victorian artefacts were available for the children to explore and experience. A fantastic day was had by all, especially as the children were such an asset to the school through their engagement and behaviour! A tremendous thank you to all the parents/carers at home for preparing the children's brilliant costumes.



Year 6 trip to Haslemere Museum

Year 6 were transported back even further in time on Wednesday when they visited Haslemere Museum to learn all about the Egyptians. The children were fascinated to see the process of mummification using the museum's life-sized doll, and they even had the opportunity to handle genuine Ancient Egyptian artefacts.

Both excursions were a great success - thanks to the year 5 and year 6 teachers and support staff, and to all the parents who gave up their time to help with the trips.

Year 6 Hindu Speaker

Yesterday the year 6s had the opportunity to listen to Mr Pandya, a Hindu speaker, during their RE lesson. The children had prepared a number of questions on Hindu belief including God, prayer, festivals, marriage and the afterlife. Mr Pandya (who usually only visits secondary and sixth form students) presented the school with a bag full of Hindu artefacts and remarked on the intelligent responses and outstanding behaviour shown by 6E and 6P. The visit was very successful and Mr Pandya was so impressed, he has offered to organise a visit to a Hindu Mandir in the future! Thank you to Mr Pandya, to Sonia Alder for arranging the activity, and well done to Year 6 for their commendable participation.



Maths Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came to the Maths Workshop evening with our resident Maths subject leader Mr Evans. About 85 parents attended and we have had some very positive feedback including "inspirational" and "I wish he had taught me!". The Calculations Guidance and Calculations Flow Charts material Mr Evans used on the evening is on our school website for parents to refer to. Go to the school website www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk and look under 'For Parents', 'Homework & Learning Guidance'.

Sporting Activities - Netball, Football and Cross Country

Over the last couple of weeks the school has taken part in a number of sporting activities...

Football - last week a group of Y3 and Y5 boys represented the school at Tillingbourne's Football Tournament. An eventful afternoon resulted in the Y5 team finishing a creditable 3rd from 12 teams. They came 2nd in their group and drew the 3rd place play-off 1-1. The Y3 children also did themselves proud winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1 match. They narrowly missed reaching the semis but certainly put their all into it and impressed us all with their skills. Both teams played fantastically well - the passing and teamwork was a joy to behold. Well done to all the children who took part, to all the parents who provided transport and supported on the day, and to Mr Evans for joining me in managing the teams!



Cross Country - on the same day as the netball I took a group of Y5 and Y6 runners to Barrow Hills Schools in Witley for the inaugural inter-schools cross country event which they were hosting. This was a REAL cross country event: mud, damp leaves, slippery tree roots, taxing climbs and gloopy downhill. Our valiant team of cross country runners performed splendidly, and although exhausted after the 1.8Km run they agreed that it had been great fun. The event was capped off by free hot dogs for all competitors. This alone made it an afternoon well spent! Barrow Hills are organising a Y3/Y4 race in March, so we plan to take another team to that race. Many thanks to the parents who helped with transport and cheering on the runners.

Netball - Last Monday 22 Y5 and Y6 girls had the wonderful opportunity to play in a tournament at St Hilary's School. Our girls were put into a team consisting of a mix of Busbridge Junior and St Hilary's girls, and were given the responsibility to organise their own positions. It was absolutely inspiring to see how quickly the girls came together as a team calling each other by their names as they began to play their matches. All the games were highly competitive and fast-paced with high quality netball being evident throughout. "It was great to meet the other girls and have the opportunity to play on a team with Busbridge Junior school girls and St Hilary's girls" quoted Ellie Forshaw 6P, who was one of the players at the tournament. Thank you to Mrs Pike who happily accompanied and umpired at the event, to all the parents and carers who came to support on the bitterly cold winter afternoon, and to Miss Warner for organising the teams on the day.

The school has been on a mission to increase our participation in inter-school sporting events. This term, 45% of our children have represented the school in some way at a sporting event/fixture. This is an impressive percentage, but our target is 75% by the end of the year.



Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December 12pm to 2pm



We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair tomorrow. A big thank you for all your mufti day donations which have been very generous, and for all the behind the scenes hard work and preparations that have been going on by the Friends of Busbridge CE Junior School.

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".



Christmas Tree and Angels in School...

Christmas Tree - the Christmas tree has arrived in the school hall and has been expertly decorated by Mario! Thank you to Jo at Oxenford Farm in Elstead for kindly donating the 9ft tree, and to Julie Wagerfield for organising the delivery. **Oxenford Farm** sells Christmas trees and other festive decorations, as well as having lots of animals to look at so it's well worth a visit.

Angels - our Church Children's & Family Youth leader Becky has been working with the children at lunchtimes to create some beautiful models of Angels. They look amazing and have been taken up to the display at Guildford Cathedral - do pop in and have a look.

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

Mrs Jackie McPhail - **07432 304562**

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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