



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish  *Challenge*

Autumn Term 2019 No: 3

10th October 2019

Oct 2019

- Fri 11th Class 6E assembly at 9.15am
(parents/carers are invited to come & watch)
- Fri 11th Parent Tour for 2020/21 Y3 intake 11.00am
- Mon 14th Parent Tour for 2020/21 Y3 intake 9.15am
- Tues 15th Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- Tues 15th Hockey tournament at Broadwater School
3.30pm-5pm (Y6)
- Wed 16th Football Tournament at Tillingbourne
School 1pm-4pm (Y6 Boys & Y6 Girls)
- Wed 16th Friends of BJS Meeting 7pm at Rose &
Crown, Godalming
- Thurs 17th & SOS Planet Earth DoubleDay
- Fri 18th SOS Planet Earth DoubleDay
- Mon 21st to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-2.45pm
- Fri 25th (groups 1 & 2)
- Tues 22nd Parents Evenings 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Wed 23rd Parents Evenings 4.00pm-6.30pm
- Fri 25th Class 6M assembly at 9.15am
(parents/carers are invited to come & watch)

Half-Term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November
Nov 2019

- Mon 4th INSET day**
- Tues 5th to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
- Fri 8th (groups 3 & 4)
- Tues 5th Mufti Day for Fireworks Night
- Tues 5th Football Tournament at Tillingbourne
School 1pm-4pm (Y5 & Y3)
- Tues 5th Friends of BJS Fireworks Night 6pm-8pm
- Fri 8th Parent Tour for 2020/21 Y3 intake 9.15am
- Sat 9th Cross Country at Glebelands School (AM)
- Mon 11th to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-2.45pm
- Fri 15th (group 5)
- Tues 12th English Subject Information Evening at 7pm
- Fri 15th Year 5 Victorian trip to Preston Manor
- Fri 22nd Flu Immunisations for all year groups (AM)
- Fri 22nd Class 5A assembly at 9.15am
(parents/carers are invited to come & watch)

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 20th December 2019
Half term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019

INSET Day: Monday 4th November 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020
Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020

INSET Day: Friday 14th February 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2020

INSET Day: Monday 20th April 2020

May/VE day Bank Holiday: school closed Friday 8th May
2020 (note moved from Monday 4th May 2020)

INSET Day: Friday 22nd May 2020

Harvest Church Services at Busbridge Church

Yesterday we celebrated harvest at Busbridge Church. Many thanks to Simon, Anto and David who led the service - do ask your child about the story of the mustard seed! Thank you for all the harvest gifts which will be passed onto the Godalming Foodbank to be distributed in the local area. It was lovely to see both services so well attended by parents and carers. We all very much enjoyed the new harvest song which Mr Pearne taught the children - even Simon hadn't heard it before!



Year 6 Trip to Windmill Hill

Year 6 had an incredible time on their residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill in East Sussex. They faced many different challenges (including the wet weather) that encouraged team work and built their resilience:

"My most memorable moment was falling off the raft and my friends helping me get back on" (Chloe).

"In abseiling, I was really nervous but my friends encouraged me to have a go and I actually really enjoyed it!" (Isabelle)

The children were enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyed themselves completing all the planned activities.

"The instructors cared about us on each activity we did which meant we had a wonderful time" (Thomas)

Thank you to all our wonderful staff team and our parent helper Mrs Butt who helped us on the trip.

SOS Planet Earth DoubleDay



A letter will be emailed out later today with full details of our first DoubleDay of this academic year. Please note that the children can wear themed 'Planet Earth' mufti on the Thursday and Friday (details will be in the afore-mentioned letter).

Glebelands Cross Country - Saturday 9th November (AM)

Our programme of sporting activities is starting to get under-way with Sports Crew training, Football and Hockey tournaments this half-term. Children taking part in sporting events will receive a letter home with details.

On Saturday 9th November (AM) there is the annual local primary schools Cross Country event at Glebelands School, Cranleigh which many of our children have taken part in before. If your child would like to enter please sign up on the clubs noticeboard and they will receive a letter next week with more details.

Christmas Assemblies ****date change****

We have had to make a change to our Christmas Assemblies dates. These will now take place as follows:

Tuesday 10th December: 9.30am Y3 & Y4 / 11am Y5 & Y6

Wednesday 11th December: 9.30am Y5 & Y6 / 11am Y3 & Y4

There will be no assemblies on Thursday 12th December as originally planned.



Attendance Policy, Attendance Leaflet and Leave of Absence

Please note that our Attendance policy has been updated and can be viewed on the school website (hard copy available from the office). Leave of absence forms are also available on the school website or from the school office.

Reporting Absence: If your child is absent from school, please telephone the school office by 9.15am at the latest on each day of absence giving reason for absence - if necessary leave a message on the answerphone.



Attendance Leaflet: Please find attached with this newsletter a copy of our Attendance Information leaflet which explains why high attendance is so important for your child and their schooling. Please also see below information we have been asked to communicate from our school Inclusion Officer regarding penalty notices for unauthorised absences:

Penalty Notices: Please be aware that *The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013* state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless the reason is considered to be exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. This absence can be for any reason not considered to be exceptional circumstances by the Headteacher.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. Government Regulations state that parents who take their child out of school during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority, and in Surrey it has been agreed that Penalty Notices will only be issued where 5 days or more unauthorised 'leave of absence' is taken. These absences do not have to be consecutive but could be accumulated over a 3 month period.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority will prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child under section 444 Education Act 1996. Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and two children, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices.

Godalming Learning Partnership's **GET Teaching** programme

Why not **Get Teaching** with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. The GLP run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are now inviting applications to what will be our second training cohort, starting in September 2020.

The one year Get Teaching programme offers a combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our 7 current trainees are teaching in 7 of our local schools but visit many more for their training sessions ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings. We offer self-funded places : bursaries and grants may be available.

If you are interested apply now to start in September 2020. Find out more about the course and how to apply at www.getteaching.org . Find out about our GLP at: www.godalmingconfed.org (soon to become godalminglearning.org).



Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 5th September to 25th October:

Year 3 : £84.60 (taking into Butser Ancient Farm trip)

Year 4 : £86.95

Year 5 : £86.95

Year 6 : £75.20 (taking into account Year 6 Windmill Hill trip)

Amount per day: £2.35 Amount per week: £11.75



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 Parent-mail 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".

Secondary School Applications

Is your child currently in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place **by 31st October 2019.**

You can find out all you need to know about school admissions in Surrey and applying online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call 0300 200 1004

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

Times and costs 2019/20:

Breakfast Club from 7.50am - 8.45am @ £5.50

After-school club half session 3.30-4.45pm @ £7

After-school club full session 3.30-6.00pm @ £14

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