



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish + Challenge

Autumn Term 2019 No: 5

21st November 2019

Nov 2019

- Fri 22nd Mufti Day for Christmas Fair - Bottle & Jar Tombola donations
- Fri 22nd Flu Immunisations for all year groups (AM)
- Fri 22nd Class 5A assembly at 9.15am
- Fri 22nd Watts Gallery day (for invited children)
- Tues 26th Netball match at St James, Elstead (Y5/Y6) 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Wed 27th Orchestral day at Rodborough (for invited children)
- Wed 27th Stranger Danger talk by Surrey Police to Y3
- Fri 29th Mufti Day for Christmas Fair - Luxury Hamper Raffle donations

Dec 2019

- Mon 2nd Barrow Hills Cross Country (Y5/Y6) PM
- Tues 3rd Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme in school (AM)
- Tues 3rd Benchball competition at Broadwater (PM)
- Fri 6th Mufti Day for Christmas Fair - Sweetie Tombola & Cake Stall donations
- Fri 6th Parent Tour for 2020/21 Y3 intake 9.15am
- Sat 7th Friends of BJS Christmas Fayre 12noon-2pm
- Mon 9th Dress Rehearsals for Christmas Assemblies
- Tues 10th Christmas Assemblies:
9.30am - Lower School / 11.00am - Upper School
- Wed 11th Christmas Assemblies:
9.30am - Upper School / 11.00am - Lower School
Letter to follow to parents re tickets
- Wed 11th Sportshall Athletics (Y5/Y6) at Woolmer Hill 12-2pm
- Fri 13th Christmas Jumper/Reindeer Run charity day
- Fri 13th School Christmas Lunch
- Sat 14th School choir singing at Churches Together Day at The Pepperpot (time tbc)
- Mon 16th Prime Time Carol Service at Busbridge Church at 2.30pm - *parents/carers & family welcome*
- Tues 17th Christmas Church Services at Busbridge Church: 9.30am Lower school/11am Upper school - *parents/carers & family welcome to join us*
- Fri 20th End of Term - School breaks up at 2.00pm

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 20th December 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

Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

As we start the countdown to Christmas, this half-term has already started with a number of events and activities...

English Subject Information

On the INSET day the school hosted a training day for about 100 teachers from our local GLP schools. The focus of the training was on a teaching method for English called 'Talk for Writing'. Our teachers left bursting with new and creative ideas on how to make our teaching of English even more exciting!

Thank you to Miss Warner and Mrs Barrett for delivering our English information evening which was attended by about 70 parents. The evening focussed on the teaching of English at BJS and supporting your child with spellings. A copy of the presentation is available to view on our school website:

https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/homework_and_learning_guidance/241790

Anti-Bullying Week

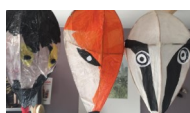
Last week we held our anti-bullying week to raise awareness of the anti-bullying message around the theme 'change starts with us'. The children carried out PHSE activities in class and wore odd socks on Tuesday to remind us that we are all different. On Wednesday our 8 new anti-bullying ambassadors received training for their new role. Oliver D & Ella B (Y3), Eva S & Oscar N-S (Y4), Amelia R & Ben S (Y5) and Rachel S & Rocky S (Y6) will soon be putting their plans for reinforcing the anti-bullying message in school into action.



Stranger Danger Talk

On Wednesday 27th November Surrey Police are coming into school to deliver a talk to our year 3s on 'Stranger Danger'. This will be the first of 4 talks to each year group around topical safety issues to help educate the children about how to deal with them.

Lantern Making and Lantern Parade



On Saturday 30th November Guildford is hosting a brand new Lantern Parade with the theme 'Town and Country Mouse'. As a school we are excited to be a part of this. Under the guidance of artist Mrs McAdam (mum in Y4), our year 4 children worked in pairs to create a fleet of 'Foxes and Badgers' lanterns for the parade.

If you and your child would like to attend the parade, it leaves the Electric Theatre in Guildford at approx 4.30pm on Saturday 30th November. Please arrive 20minutes earlier to collect your child's lantern, or adopt one of the many to carry in the parade. The parade will be accompanied by an ACM Samba band and walk a route through the town centre ending back at the theatre where there will be an outdoor market selling food, drinks and Christmas crafts. All the details can be found here:

<https://electric.theatre/light-sky-30th-november-2019/>

Other Events Round-Up:

The Big Sing and Christmas Choir Events

The school choir, along with choirs from other local schools, took part in an exciting day of singing hosted by St Catherine's School in Bramley. The children warmed up their voices with a number of fun and challenging vocal exercises and singing in the round. Director of music Matthew Blunt then introduced the songs *The Osprey* and *I See The Light* to the choir which had both been arranged to incorporate two part singing in harmony. The children then spent the day rehearsing both songs and finishing off with a fantastic performance to parents and carers. This time of year is a busy time for the school choir with them taking part in several Christmas events over this half-term including the Christmas Fayre, Churches Together day at the Pepperpot in Godalming and the Prime Time Carol Service at Busbridge Church. A letter will follow with all the details to those children involved but friends and family are welcome to come along and hear them sing at the various events - check the dates on the school calendar.



Poppy Collection and One Minute Silence



On Monday 11th November we joined with the rest of the country in commemorating Remembrance Day. Earlier in the day we reflected on those who have served our nation, as well how we can help peace to grow in the world around us. The whole school then came together in lines on the playground for a minute of silence and reflection. Thank you to all who supported the British Legion through purchasing a poppy.

Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability Training

Well done to all the year 6 children who undertook and successfully completed their Level 2 Bikeability Cycle Training over the last 3 weeks. Despite the cold and wet weather the children all persevered and honed their cycling skills under the expert guidance and tuition from the Surry CC Cycle Training team - our thanks to them. All the children received a badge, booklet and certificate for completing the training.

Sports Round-Up:

Football : The Year 5 and Year 3 football teams took to the field after the half-term break. Both participated in an inter-schools tournament at Tillingbourne School. The teams showed much endeavour and skill, scoring some real gems and showing great team work. Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and supported the teams on the day.

Badminton Festival:



On Wednesday 6th November we took two Year 6 teams along to a Badminton festival at Broadwater school. The afternoon involved working as a team around a carousel of mini drills and games to gain as many points as possible for their team. It was lovely to see the children grow in confidence and have fun, yet still remain competitive. Congratulations to the Busbridge 'Buswater' year 6 team who gained first place overall.



Netball:

Some of the Year 6 netball club girls travelled to Park Mead School to take part in a netball tournament last week. The tournament was split into 3 groups, each group playing 4 games. Busbridge started off extremely well with a strong defence and excellent scoring winning all 4 of their group games ensuring their progression to the semi-finals where they met Grayswood. After a hard fought match Busbridge scored the winning goal 2:1 to get to the final. In the final against St Edmunds, our girls kept fighting but were unfortunately beaten. Huge congratulations to all who competed - 2nd place out of 13 teams is a fantastic achievement especially as this was for some their first games in a competitive environment.



Glebelands Cross Country - Saturday 9th November (AM)

On Saturday 9th November (AM) the annual local primary schools Cross Country event was held at Glebelands School, Cranleigh. Over 50 of our children participated. In November 2018 the school won 5 trophies, so it was going to be tough to beat that. However this year we won 6 out of the 7 trophies (second in the trophy we did not win). Our runners won the following awards: Y3/Y4 Girls team, Y3/Y4 Boys team, Y5/6 Girls team, Overall Girls Winners, Overall Boys Winners, Overall Winners.

A huge 'well done' to all who braved the mud and chilly weather to give it their all. Special mention must go to the following who achieved a personal medal by coming in the top 6 for their race:

Y3: Gracie M (2nd), Lottie G (4th), James C (4th),

Y4 : Izzy W (1st), Isabel D (3rd), Oliver D (1st), Thomas Mc W (2nd), Alfie P (3rd),

Y5 : Luchia N (2nd), Scarlett M (5th), Isobel C (6th),

Y6 : Elizabeth G (1st for the fourth year in a row!), Isobel K (4th), Bea N-S (5th), Fraser T (1st), Harvey T (2nd), Oscar B(5th).

Huge thanks must also go to Bill for training and enthusing the children.

As always a big thank you to all our parents, carers and our sports coaches who have helped and supported in any way with all of these sporting, music and educational trips - we really do appreciate it!

Friends of BJS Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7th December 12pm-2pm

Plans are well underway for the Friends of BJS Christmas Fair coming up on Saturday 7th December. Here are a couple of reminders for how you can help support the preparations:



Mufti Days -

Friday 22nd November: for donations of bottles and jars (please ensure they are sealed!) for the tombola

Friday 29th November: for donations for the Luxury Hamper raffle

Friday 6th December: for donations of cakes and Christmas bakes - Y3 & Y4 / sweets for sweetie tombola - Y5 & Y6

Second-hand Toys and Books - there is a box in the school reception area for any donations of second hand toys and books (age 3+) in good condition. If you're having a clear out it's a perfect opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle!

Christmas Raffle - raffle tickets are coming home on Friday with the children to sell to friends and family. Please return all money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets to the school office by Friday 6th December. If you have a raffle prize you would like to donate please get in touch with Lorraine Collins bjsvicechair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Year 3 Pedlars - every year the Year 3 children have the opportunity (optional) to become a 'Pedlar' at the Christmas Fayre dressed up with a tray selling irresistible goodies. A letter will be coming home to the Y3s soon with all the details.

Christmas Wreaths - watch out for the email coming soon with how you can get involved making our Busbridge Christmas Wreaths to sell at the Christmas Fayre.

Friends of BJS Fireworks

A big thank you to Lorraine Collins and the Friends Fireworks team who put on a spectacular Fireworks evening on Tuesday 5th November. The event was a huge success raising a spectacular £2100! So many parents gave up their time to man stalls, etc. : so much work goes on behind the scenes and on the day by lots of helpers, for which we are all very grateful.



Health and Safety Matters:

Car Parking

During the Fireworks event it was evident that with cars parked in the layby and just outside the main school gates the fire engine/emergency vehicles are unable to access the school site. We will therefore shortly be placing cones to restrict parking in this area which you will appreciate for the safety of all of us at school is needed to be open and accessible for the emergency services at all times. A letter will follow with more details in due course.

Boaty Playframe - please keep all children off Boaty at pick-up time

As you are aware, we do not allow children to access Boaty before school. We maintain the same position after school. We do see younger siblings playing on Boaty at pick-up on quite a regular basis. Please ensure that your children stay off of Boaty and also do not play with the BJS playground equipment (e.g. balls). Thank you for your understanding.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 5th November to 20th December will be:

Year 3 : £79.90

Year 4 : £79.90

Year 5 : £77.55 (taking into account Y5 Preston Manor trip)

Year 6 : £77.55 (taking into account Y6 Haslemere Museum 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 PMX 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".

Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) GET Teaching Programme

The GLP run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University.

If you are interested in joining this successful **GET Teaching** one year school direct programme, apply now to start in September 2020.

Find out more about the course and how to apply at www.getteaching.org or email info@getteaching.org

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

Please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail - 07432 304562

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