

# **Busbridge CofE Junior**

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018 No: 8

7th December 2018

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#### **Dates for Your Diary**

Sat 8th Friends PTA Christmas Fair (12-2pm) -

School Choir singing at 1.00pm

Sat 8th School Choir singing at 'Churches

Together' at Pepperpot in Godalming at 2.00pm

Mon 10th Dress rehearsals for Lower school

Christmas assemblies

Tues 11th Dress rehearsals for Upper school

Christmas assemblies

Wed 12th **Christmas Assemblies:** 

9.30am - Lower School/ 11.00am - Upper school

**Christmas Assemblies:** Thurs 13th

9.30am - Upper School / 11.00am - Lower school

Fri 14th Munstead House Save the Children

Fundraiser - Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 14th School Christmas Lunch

Mon 17th Christmas Film whole school treat Mon 17th School Choir singing at Prime Time

Service at Busbridge Church 2.30pm-3.00pm

Tues 18th **Christmas Church Services** 

9.30am - Lower School / 11.00am - Upper school

Parents are welcome to join us

Wed 19th Wishing Service in school

Wed 19th Last day of term - school breaks up

2pm

#### **Christmas Holiday**

#### Jan 19

Thurs 3rd Back to school

Fri 11th Year 3 Fossil Workshop in school

Tues 15th **Deadline for Reception & Primary** 

Year 3 Applications for Sept 2019 entry

Mon 21st Year 3 & Year 4 Rainbow Theatre

Romans and Vikings Workshops in school

Fri 25th Class 5W Assembly

> Check the school website for dates and general school information

#### **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 Day: Friday 24th May 2019 INSET Day: Monday 24th June 2019

#### **Advent Prayer Space Day**

Our first school day in December was marked with our first Advent Prayer Space. Becky Bradley, the Busbridge Church Children's Worker, masterminded the sessions accompanied by a team from the church - thank you to all of them. Each class spent half an hour in the church engaging in a number of reflective activities. The children

showed amazing empathy and responsibility when undertaking the activities, and it was clear that it made them think deeply. The photos show the wall of 'big questions' generated by the children, as well as the 'fizzy forgiveness' activity.



Busbridge Church Centre has been turned into a giant Advent calendar with a new picture appearing in the window every day. Do pop along at any time to see what local groups and individuals have created. A picture from Busbridge Junior School is due to appear on Tuesday 18th December.

#### **Christmas Post Box**



The school Christmas post box will be up and running on Monday 10th December. Children are more than welcome to post their festive greeting cards to their Busbridge school friends. We also remind children that it is an internal postal service and not for sending cards externally - you may like to reinforce this message.

The next INSET day is next term on Monday 25th February 2019. We have now set the last two INSET days for this academic year. These will be in the summer term on Friday 24th May 2019 and Monday 24th June 2019. Please make a note of these dates in your diary. We have also set the first INSET day of the next academic year which will be Wednesday 4th September 2019. The children will return to school for the start of term on Thursday 5th September 2019.

#### **Christmas Assemblies -**

Our Christmas Assemblies take place next week on Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th December. Unless you have been contacted by the school to say otherwise, your first preference choice of performance time has been met. Tickets are in the process of being allocated and will be sent home with the children on Monday 10th December. From Monday we will be able to advise if there are any spare tickets available.

#### **Travelling Book Fair**

Thank you to all of you who supported and bought books from the Book Fair last week. All your sales amounted to £262.00 from which the school received £66.40 to spend on books. A big thank you to Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Cannings and Mrs De Abreu for running the sales for us and to their children who helped too.

#### Sports Round-Up

As a school we have taken part in a number of sporting activities this term. So far 62% of the children have represented our school at a sporting event.

#### **Badminton Festival**

A huge well done to the year 5 and year 6 children who attended the Badminton Festival at Broadwater School on Wednesday 7th October. The afternoon involved the children 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 them grow in confidence and have fun as well as remain determined to do their best.







#### **Netball Tournament**

On Tuesday 13th November, we took a Year 6 team along to a netball tournament held at Park Mead School in Cranleigh. In all there were 14 teams and in the heats our team either won or drew all their games securing them a place in the play-offs. The final was a very nail-biting game and even though it finished as a one all draw we were crowned as runners-up due to the overall goal difference throughout the tournament. The girls should be extremely proud of how they played, and it was great to see them so supportive of both their team members and the other school teams. AMAZING! A big thanks also goes to Amanda and Helen who coach our upper school netball club after school on Fridays for managing the team on the day.



#### **Tag Rugby**

On Wednesday 14th November, we took 30 children from years 3,4 and 5 to a Tag Rugby Festival organised by Joe Garner at Guildford Rugby Club. Busbridge School tool along the largest contingent of players, joining in the fun with Park Mead School (Cranleigh) and St Joseph's School (Guildford). Our players represented the school exceptionally well showing much enthusiasm and a real love of the game. A huge thanks to the parents who came along to support as well as the parents who coached on the day: Mr Pearce, Nr Newnes-Smith, Mr Taylor and Mr Wheeler.

#### **Football**

Our year 4 footballers and Year 3 & 4 girl footballers participated in a 7 a side tournament on 21st November. Both teams relished the opportunity to show off their skills and teamwork. The year 4 boys battled hard in a very tough qualifying group finishing third, just missing out on the semis. The girls were flying! They won their group and progressed to the semi-final in which they lost out to an injury time goal. On a chilly November day, all the players stuck to the task and produced progressively better performances throughout the afternoon.

#### **Cross Country and Benchball**

Our last sporting events of the term happened on Tuesday when a group of year 5 and year 6 children took part in a one mile cross-country at Barrow Hills school, whilst three teams of Y4, Y5 and Y6 children took part in a Benchball festival at Broadwater School (with the Y4s winning - congratulations!)

Elizabeth, Bea and Isobel in year 5 have written a few words about the cross-country:

'We hope that all of your children had a great time taking part in the cross-country. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents who helped at the event as well as helping with getting everyone there and Bill Bingham who coached us. Also we hope your children would want to do it again. They all did an excellent job representing Busbridge Junior School'.

For all of the above sporting events thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and supported on the day - we really do appreciate it.











#### **Christmas Tree**

The Christmas tree arrived in school on Monday and is standing proudly in the school hall. Once again, thanks to Mario for his expert decorating skills, and to Julie Wagerfield for arranging the donation and delivery of the tree from Oxenford Farm in Elstead. Oxenford Farm sell Christmas trees and is well worth a visit to see all the animals and the festive decorations on sale to get you in the festive spirit!

#### Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School

The Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School have done a fantastic job over this Autumn term. Following the spectacular Fireworks event, the recent Quiz night was a great success raising around £800 - thanks to Mr and Mrs Brown, Mrs Wheeler, Mr Kellett and Mrs Whiteman for organising it, and to all of you entered teams and tested your brainpower!



#### Christmas Fair - Saturday 8th December 12noon to 2pm



We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fair which takes place tomorrow - a lot of hard work and preparation has gone in behind the scenes for which we say a BIG thank you to Emma Calderwood, Lorraine Collins and the army of class reps and parent helpers. The Christmas wreath making in school today 🚲 was lovely to behold, as will many front doors who display them in the neighbourhood! Thank you to everyone for all their kind donations over the last few weeks and we look forward to seeing you all there.

#### After School Clubs

Please note that the following clubs have now finished for this term:

BoogiePumps (Monday), Waverley Vipers Netball (Tuesday), Computer Xplorers Y5&Y6 (Thursday), Netball Y5&Y6 (Friday) All the other clubs will finish next week w/c 10th December. However, please double check with the external club providers, and if your child is unable to attend the session please inform the club leader or the school office.

#### **School Admissions Consultations:**

Attached with this newsletter are consultation documents on Admission Arrangements for 2020/21 which we have been asked to publicise for Loseley Fields and Puttenham School. As a school we are also consulting on our Admission arrangements for 2020/21 which we will be sending out soon.

#### Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals Payment Amounts: The amount for the half term Tues 30th October - Wednesday 19th December is:

Year 3: £85.10 Year 4: £85.10

£82.80 (taking into account Preston Year 5: Manor)

Year 6: £82.80 (taking into account Haslemere

Please remember to regularly check and top up your school meal accounts.

We would like to remind you that it is Surrey 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".

### Easyfundraising - shop and raise money!

Use Easyfundraising to shop with over 3,300 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS and booking.com. When you shop you raise a free donation for Busbridge CofE Junior School every time

- it's that easy and completely free! So far 60 supporters have raised over £2000 for the school

just through their normal online shopping by registering with easyfundraising. Help support us: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/busbridgepta/

#### **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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