



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish + Challenge

Summer Term 2019 No: 4

5th July 2019

Dates for Your Diary

July 2019

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| Fri 5th | BJS Friends Summer BBQ 6pm-8pm |
| Mon 8th | Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre |
| Tues 9th | Tuesley House Mufti/CoinTrail Charity Day |
| Wed 10th | District Sports at Charterhouse 9am-12pm |
| Tues 16th | Year 6 Leavers' Service at in school hall at 9.15am - parent/carers welcome to join us |
| Wed 17th | Year 6 Leavers' Production 6.30-7.30pm |
| Thurs 18th | Year 6 Leavers' Production 6.30-7.30pm |
| Fri 19th | Thank You Tea 10am-11am |
| Mon 22nd | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for the children |
| Mon 22nd | Open Afternoon for parents at 2.30-4pm |
| Tues 23rd | Year 6 Leavers' Party 6.00pm-7.30pm |
| Wed 24th | End of term - break up at 2pm |

Summer Holiday

Sept 2019

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| Wed 4th | INSET day |
| Thurs 5th | Children return to school |
| Fri 6th | Friends of BJS Coffee Morning 9am-10am |
| Mon 9th | Year 4 Swimming lessons start (PM) |
| Tues 10th | Year 3 Welcome service at Busbridge Church at 9.30am - parents welcome to join us |
| Tues 10th | Curriculum Evening: 6pm - Y3 / 7pm - Y4 |
| Thurs 12th | Curriculum Evening: 6pm - Y5 / 7pm - Y6 |
| Mon 16th | School Photographs |
| Tues 17th | Friends of BJS AGM at 7.00pm (tbc) |
| Thurs 19th | Parent Tour for 2020/21 Y3 intake 9.15am |
| Mon 23rd to Fri 27th | Year 6 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill |

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Wednesday 4th September to Friday 20th December 2019

INSET Day: Wednesday 4th September 2019

School starts back Thursday 5th September 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

School starts back Tuesday 21st 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 approach the end of the academic year this half term has been, and continues to be, a busy yet highly enjoyable one!

Transition Day and New Classes for September 2019

It was such a pleasure to meet our September 2019 Year 3 intake at the Treasure Hunt and on Bump-Up Day. There were plenty of smiles, especially from our Year 5 children when they met their Year 3 Buddy. We will of course miss our current Year 6 children, but we are also excited about having our new Year 3s as well.

Open Afternoon - Monday 22nd July between 2.30pm and 4pm

You are warmly invited to pop into school on Monday 22nd July between 2.30pm and 4pm for our 'Open Afternoon'. It is a time for your child to show you their work and talk about their memories and learning from this year. It is a golden opportunity to sit down and spend time with your child. Enjoy!

Thank You Tea - Friday 19th July from 10am to 11am

We can't do school without you! So many of you help us in so many ways, and the Thank You Tea is a small way of us saying "Thank You". There is an open invitation to all parents, friends, relatives who have helped us in any way this year. Just come along for a cuppa with scone, jam and cream, a relax and a chat.

Friends PTA Committee from September 2019

You have hopefully seen my email. The current committee are standing down at the end of this academic year so we are very keen to find people to run the PTA after them. If you are at all interested do please chat to Emma or Lorraine for a heads up on what is involved. You may see them at the Friends PTA BBQ this evening (6pm to 8pm)....look forward to seeing you all there.

Summer Concert

My word. What an uplifting morning we had today bring thrilled by the Summer Concert. The music ranged from 'Back In Black' to 'Nocturnal', all played by your children with composure, confidence and talent. It was such a treat. A big thank you to Mr Pearne for all his hard work putting it together.

Expertise in Photovoltaic / Solar Power?

We are very keen to install photovoltaics on our large hall roof, but we know very little about them. If you do, please speak to us. Thank you.

Community Litter Pick

Yesterday some Year 7 students from Rodborough came to our school to take part in a community litter pick. Thank you to four of our Eco warrior children who helped them too - Joey, Austin, Izzy and Zak.



Year 6 Leavers

As we welcome our new year 3s and get them ready for joining the school in September, the year 6s are preparing to leave Busbridge Junior and move onto Secondary school.



Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral: Last week the Year 6 children enjoyed a reflective afternoon of activities at Guildford Cathedral. They thought about their time at Busbridge CofE Junior School, pausing to take stock of the journey they have taken here and thinking about their next step as they move to secondary school, followed by a more formal service with other local schools in the Cathedral. This was a perfect finish and very special way to mark the end of their Junior school journey.

Leavers Service at BJS Tuesday 16th July: We will have a Leavers' service on Tuesday 16th July in the school hall at 9.15am led by David Preece from Busbridge Church which Y6 parents and carers are invited to. This usually takes place in the Church but due to the refurbishments being undertaken this will take place in our school hall.

Leavers' Play Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July: The Year 6 children are now rehearsing hard for their Leavers' play 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' which will be performed to Year 6 parents and carers on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July at 6.30pm. Please return your ticket requests by Friday 12th July when tickets will be sent home with the children.

Leavers' Party Friday 23rd July: The final celebration for the Year 6 Leavers will be the party on Tuesday 23rd July from 6.30pm to 8pm. Please return consent slips with £5 donation by Friday 12th July - thank you.

Trips & Visits this half-term...

Year 3 had a fantastic day at The Look Out Discovery Centre to learn more about some of their science topics including forces, magnets and light. They enjoyed experimenting with a variety of hands-on science exhibits. Harrison from 3A said: "The plasma ball was epic and I loved how the electric lines met your fingers when you touched them". The children also went bug hunting in the forest - the rain didn't dampen their enthusiasm!

Y5 Royal School Challenge - Eight of our Y5 children excelled at the Royal School Challenge day which saw schools compete against each other in a number of topic challenges. These included 'build a catapult' (Science), facts on the Black Death quiz (History), ball skills (PE) and perform a small play (Drama). BJS had one of the smallest teams in number but the girls came joint 1st with St Edmunds and the boys came 3rd. A brilliant result and a trophy will follow as we are sharing it with St Edmunds! Thank you to Mrs Ellis-Cope for supervising the children on the day and was very proud of the team's performance as we all are.

Year 6 took part in the School Speedwatch initiative run by Surrey's Speedwatch team and local community police officers. Over the course of the day, 49 drivers were stopped for speeding outside the school and given questionnaires by the children which they found a very interesting exercise. Joining all the children for lunch in the dining hall, the police officers happily spoke to the children about their work as real life police officers which the children were very excited to learn about. Thank you to Cheryl Faure from Speedwatch and to the police officers for coming in.

Apollo Presentation

Last Friday we had a very special visitor at BJS who gave a fascinating talk to the whole school – really out of this world! Our visitor was Pat Norris who worked in space technology industries for many years and was involved in the NASA Apollo missions. He told us all about the launch and flight of the Apollo 11 rocket, and shared pictures of that wonderful event, including playing actual footage taken from the Eagle as she came slowly down to settle on the surface of the moon. Buzz Aldrin sounded amazingly calm as he counted out the distance, and then we heard the iconic statement from Neil Armstrong 'the Eagle has landed'! The children asked many questions and quite a few put up their hands when asked if they would like to go into space. Maybe one day ...



Charity Fundraising

This half-term we have supported several different charities so thank you for all your donations. Our Sports day **Toilet Twinning events raised **£189.36**** which means we have raised enough money to twin 3 toilets which is brilliant news.

Some of our year 5 girls held a **PomPom Sale and raised pom-tastic **£30.65**** in aid of RSPCA so well done to those girls.

Tuesley House Mufti Charity Day - Tuesday 9th July: as emailed earlier today, Tuesley House is running a charity day in aid of Farncombe Day Centre on Tuesday 9th July. The children can come in mufti and we are asking them to bring in silver coins for each class to create a coin trail on the day in the playground. The class with the longest coin trail will receive some extra playtime and all of the coins will be donated to Farncombe Day Centre.

Sports Events Round-Up

This half-term we have had a number of sporting events including our own Sports Day which we were able to successfully hold between the rain showers! As usual the houses hotly competed against each other over lots of races resulting in a clean sweep triumph for Holloway house for both the Lower School and Upper School.



Thank you to all our parents and carers who came to cheer on their children on the day, and for viewing the amazing photos the children submitted for the 'Beauty in the Small Things' Photo Exhibition.

On Wednesday 19th June 13 of our year 4 children went to Broadwater School for a multi-skills tournament. They played cricket, rounders, hockey, benchball as well as 'cups and saucers' and 'foxes and rabbits' games. Unfortunately the rain stopped play early but that didn't dampen the children's enthusiasm and enjoyment!

A huge well done to our two year 4 mini-tennis teams who took part at the local schools festival in Shalford on Thursday 20th June. They battled through numerous matches with a mixture of results and demonstrated increasing skill and confidence. Out of 13 teams the Busbridge 'B' team came in 5th place overall, with the Busbridge 'A' team taking first place and crowned as overall winners! Congratulations to Evie, William, Laila, Henny, Cody, Mia, Jake and Tabby.



On Thursday 27th June it was perfect weather for 20 of our year 3 and 4 children to take part in a Tri-Golf event at Milford Golf Club. The event was aimed at children trying the sport for the first time using oversized golf balls and clubs to aim for a selection of targets and challenges. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and have been enthused to try golf out as a sport.

Thank you as always to all our wonderful staff for all their coaching skills and to all our parents for helping with transport and supporting encouragement.

District Sports at Charterhouse School - Wednesday 10th July 9am-1.00pm

District Sports is fast approaching and Bill and Clare are working hard with the children to prepare them for this event. We will be taking a squad of about 70 children and we know they will all do us and themselves proud. The event lists are up on the Clubs noticeboard if you want to double-check the events your child is doing. The transport information and programme of events has been emailed to all the parents of the children taking part but please contact Clare Parsons on sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk if you have any queries.

Golden Boot Challenge



Our annual Golden Boot Challenge was a lot of fun again. Well done to everyone who was able to 'green-up' their journey to school. There was a noticeable increase in scooters and bikes on site, and Ruby (5W) was spotted riding her horse into town. Of course the challenge is to keep up the good green habits - Golden Boot is not just for one week in June but for all year round. It is good for your health, good for parking and good for our planet. Here are the results:

The Greenest Class on Baseline Day was 6E (80% of school commutes were 'green')

The Greenest Class in Walk to School Week was 3G (88% of school commutes were 'green')

The class with the most 'green improvement' was 5L (40% more journeys were 'green' compared to on baseline day).

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 3rd June to 24th July:

Year 3 : £82.80 (taking into Look Out Discovery Centre trip)

Year 4 : £85.10

Year 5 : £82.80 (taking into Winchester Science Centre trip)

Year 6 : £80.50 (taking into account Dapdune trip & Leavers'

Service at Guildford Cathedral)

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".



School Dinner Money

Please could you **check your dinner money balance and ensure that any outstanding monies have been paid** particularly for Year 6 children. Should there be a credit for Year 6 children, this will be refunded or credited to a younger sibling. From September 2019 the price of a school meal will increase to: £2.35 per child per day and £11.75 a week

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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