

Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2019 No: 4

7th March 2019

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Dates for Your Diary

March 2019

- w/c Mon 4th Fairtrade Week - sale after school
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 3.20pm-3.40pm
- Wed 6th Start of Lent & 'Ashing' Service at school
- Thurs 7th World Book Day & Book Character mufti day
- Sat 9th Godalming Schools Swimming Gala at Charterhouse Club 6pm-8.30pm
- Mon 11th to Year 4 Residential trip
- Wed 13th to Sayers Croft
- Mon 11th Year 6 Guildford Flames 'drugs awareness' presentation
- Tues 12th Y3 Barrow Hills Cross Country 2-3pm
- Wed 13th Y5/6 Football Tournament at St Barts 1pm-4pm
- Fri 15th Red Nose Day
- Mon 18th Y5 Netball Tournament at Rodborough
- Wed 20th Y4 Indoor Football at Rodborough (PM)
- Wed 20th Y3/5/6 Tag Rugby at Guildford Rugby Club 4pm-6pm
- Thurs 21st Class 6E trip to Godalming Museum
- Fri 22nd Class 5L Assembly at 9.15am
- Fri 22nd Second hand uniform sale 3.30pm
- Mon 25th Full Governing Body Meeting at 4pm
- Tues 26th BJS Friends School Disco
- Y3/4: 5.30-6.45pm / Y5/6: 7pm-8.15pm
- Thurs 28th Class 6M trip to Godalming Museum
- Fri 29th Class 3G Assembly

April 2019

- Mon 1st Easter Pause Day
- Mon 1st Primary Schools Music Festival at Princes Hall, Aldershot - Concert 7pm-8.30pm
- Fri 5th Friends of BJS 'Bounce For Books' (AM)
- End of term - break up at 2pm

June 2019

- Fri 14th AM : Y3/Y4 Sports Day (parents invited)
PM : Y5/Y6 Sports Day (parents invited)

SPRING TERM 2019

3rd January to 5th April 2019

SUMMER TERM 2019

23rd April to 24th July 2019

Half term: 27th May to 31st May 2019

INSET Days: Friday 24th May & Monday 24th June

Lent - Wednesday 6th March to Sunday 21st April

With the start of Lent this week, the children have been given a Lent Challenge 2019 leaflet from Busbridge Church with a variety of fun challenges for the whole family. This year it's a 40 day family photo challenge - to find out more information visit the Church website <https://www.bhcgodalming.org/living-lent>.

Shrove Tuesday - We held our inter-House Pancake Race on Shrove Tuesday. A host of skills were on display including pancake tossing. It's fair to say some were more adept than others with this life skill!

Ash Wednesday - On Ash Wednesday Rev Simon Taylor came into school to lead our Ashing Service. In this reflective assembly those children who wanted to received an ashen cross on their foreheads, courtesy of some of our Y6 children.

Parent Survey

At this halfway point in the school year, we like to give parents the opportunity to share their feedback about the school year so far in a Parent Survey. Earlier this week information about this survey was emailed to you, and we would appreciate it if as many of you as possible could fill it in to help inform us for our future planning. The link to the survey monkey Parent Survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z8Q3VT9>. Please can you complete it **by Friday 15th March** - thank you. Huge thanks to those who have already provided their feedback.

LSA Vacancy

We would like to draw your attention to the vacancy that we currently have for a Learning Support Assistant. The position is available to start as soon as possible for a fixed term until the end of the summer term 2019. The hours are Monday to Friday 9.10am to 1.35pm. If you are interested, please look on the school website for more information and to download an application form or contact the school office for a copy. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 12 noon.

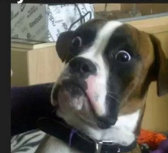
Double Days - Tuesday 26th/Wednesday 27th February

Our Marvellous Me DoubleDay was such a success. Thank you for your feedback, and thank you for the Encouraging Letters for your children. They helped to make it a very special time.

6R's - Resilience

The Behaviour For Learning that we are currently focussing on in school is 'Resilience' :
"I try my best, even when things challenge me: I don't give up. Getting 'hot' and 'bothered' doesn't help."

What? I couldn't do it the first time and now you want me to try again?



World Book day - with World Book day taking place today, this week we have been celebrating the world of books and reading. All the children and staff have gone to great efforts to dress up as many different book characters - a literary extravaganza! The children will receive a £1 World Book day token today so look out for these in their book bags to use in book shops or at the Usborne book sale (see below).

Great Read Bake Off - We started the week with the our first ever 'Great Read Bake Off' and a bake-tastic congratulations to everyone who took part in it. The range of culinary skills and imagination that went into each bake was outstanding. Thank you to those of you who donned their chef's hats and aprons over last weekend - your hard work was thoroughly enjoyed and marvelled at by all. Thank you to the many parents, carers and children who took part in this event and came to view the masterpieces at the exhibition. Here are just some of the creations exhibited:



Unwanted reading books - Thank you also for all the donations of unwanted children's reading books. If you have any appropriate aged 7-11yrs children's reading books in good condition, please drop them into the box in the school reception area.



Children from years 5 and 6 had a wonderful day of singing at Rodborough School yesterday. The event was organised by their Head of Music, Mrs Yeadon, who had arranged many well-known Disney and ABBA songs for the children to learn and perform. The children rehearsed all day learning to sing the songs in two-part harmony, and performed to parents and carers at the end of the day. The children should feel very proud of themselves as their behaviour was impeccable and they sung amazingly well all day. Thank you to Mr Pearne for accompanying them on this day, and to all the parents who came to the concert.

Y6 Football - A fabulous display of football by the Y6 boys yesterday produced an excellent win over local rivals Godalming Junior School. The whole team played very well - Jack in goal thwarted almost all attacks, and the defence, midfield and attack passed the ball beautifully. Well done to all the boys who played, to Mr Evans for coaching them and thanks to the parents who cheered the team on.

Y4 Football - in the same tournament we fielded a Y4 team. These players had not played together before, but they showed true resilience and kept battling to the very end. A big thanks to one of our parents, Richard Taylor for overseeing this team, and to all the parents who helped with transport and supported on the day.

For the second year in a row we have reached the Surrey County Final for Sportshall Athletics. Amazing! Our talented and dedicated Y5/6 Sportshall team had to battle their way through two qualifying rounds to reach the County Final at The Spectrum in Guildford. Huge thanks must go to Bill Bingham and Clare Parsons for all their work in prepping and organising the children.

Ambassadors

Congratulations to all the following children who received their half-term Ambassadors Awards last half-term:

3A: Eddy Holmes & Kitty McAdam 3G: Toby Smith & Oscar Newnes-Smith
4P: Harry Burden & Ellie Boardman 4WT: Mia Bartholomew & Amy Carroll
5L: Isaac Maurizi & Bethan Westbury 5W: Ben Hicks & Sasha Barrett
6E: Matthew Mead & Eleanor Troube 6M: Alma Bookes-Hefetz & Barney Walker



'Tiny Tickers' Cake Sale

At the end of last half-term one of our year 5 parents Mrs Smith and some Year 5 children kindly organised and ran a cake sale to raise money for the 'Tiny Tickers' heart charity. It raised an amazing £115 so thank you for your support and hope you enjoyed all the cakes!



Busbridge CofE Junior School Friends - events coming up...

School Disco - just a reminder that the school disco takes place on **Tuesday 26th March** from 5.30pm-6.45pm for years 3 & 4 and from 7.00pm to 8.15pm for years 5 & 6. To reserve a place for your child, please return the completed consent form with payment by Friday 22nd March. Offers of help will be greatly appreciated too!

Second hand Uniform sale - will take place in the playground after school on **Friday 22nd March**. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Tasker who have sorted through the lost property. All labelled clothes have been returned to the children's classes. Everything left in the lost property box is unlabelled and if not claimed by Friday 22nd March will be taken to charity or recycled into second hand uniform. We would **ask that all uniform is labelled** wherever possible to avoid it being lost. **Stikins labels** are available to buy and earn money for the school too - please see the Friends of BJS page of the school website for more information or www.stikins.co.uk (quote school ref 3307).

Bounce for Books - takes place on **Friday 5th April**. Look out for the letter and sponsor form coming home next week.

Committee Plea - at the end of this academic year, current committee members are stepping down after 2 years of gallant service. So the Friends of BJS can continue, we are **looking for a new Chair/Vice-Chair and, Treasurer and Secretary**. We cannot stress how important your support is to the school, as well as all the experiences we are able to offer the children especially in today's climate when school budgeting is becoming more challenging. If you are interested in any of the roles (these can be shared!), please do contact the Friends committee on bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk - we look forward to hearing from you.



Fairtrade Fortnight

This year we have been marking Fairtrade Fortnight in two ways : (i) discussing it in assembly (thank you Mr Evans), (ii) hosting a Fair Trade stall. It has been a joy to collaborate with June Higgins from Busbridge Church on this, and huge thanks must go to Belle, Bethan, Matilda and Ms Smith for manning the stall.



Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 26th February to 5th April 2019:

Year 3 : £66.70

Year 4 : £59.80 (taking into account Sayers Croft trip

Year 5 : £66.70

Year 6 : £64.40 (taking into account Godalming Museum trip

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".

GET Teaching

with the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) and Winchester University. Get teaching with this one year School Direct programme. Training with the GLP offers the perfect combination of classroom experience in local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Self-funded (bursary/grant available) and salaried places are offered. Apply now to start teaching next September.

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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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