



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2018 No: 5

23rd March 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

March 2018

Mon 26th Easter Pause Day
Mon 26th School choir - Primary Schools Music Festival, Princes Hall Aldershot
Rehearsal from 4.30pm / Concert 7.00pm-8.30pm
Tues 27th Easter Services at Busbridge Church
9.30am : Years 3 & 4 / 11.00am : Year 5 & 6
Wed 28th Class 3G Assembly (9.15am)
Thurs 29th End of term : break up at 2pm

Easter Holiday Fri 30th March to Friday 13th April

April 2018

Mon 16th Back to school
Tues 17th Y5/6 Sportshall Surrey Final at Xcel Leisure Complex, Walton 1-3.30pm
Wed 18th Indoor Football Festival (Y3/Y4)
Wed 25th Friends of BJS Meeting at 7.30pm
Mon 30th Class Photos in school taken by Imago School Photographer

May 2018

Tues 1st Y4 trip to Wisley (details to follow)
Mon 7th Bank Holiday - no school
Tues 8th & Year 5 Bikeability level 1
Wed 9th (details to follow)
Thurs 10th & Year 4 Bikeability level 1
Fri 11th (details to follow)
w/c Mon 14th Year 6 SATs tests
w/c Mon 14th Travelling book fair in school
Mon 21st Year 5 Greek Day workshop & feast (details to follow)
Thurs 24th & Maths DoubleDay
Fri 25th

Half-term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

SPRING TERM 2018

4th January to 29th March 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

16th April to 23rd July 2018

Half term: 28th May to 1st June 2018

INSET Day Monday 23rd July

AUTUMN TERM 2018

4th September to 19th December

Half Term: 22nd October to 26th October

INSET DAY Tuesday 4th September

Please note first day back of 18/19 school year will be Wednesday 5th September.

We have seen so much happening in school over the past couple of weeks including trips and visits, sporting activities, snow days, DoubleDay and our school's 150th birthday, so this newsletter is a bit of a bumper double edition!

Easter Pause Day and Church Services - Tuesday 27th March Years 3 & 4 at 9.30am / Years 5 7 6 at 11am

As we approach the end of term next week, we will be taking time on Monday to reflect on the Easter message with our Easter Pause Day. We will also be holding our Easter services at Busbridge Church next Tuesday 27th March at 9.30am for years 3 & 4 and at 11am for years 5 & 6. We extend a warm invitation to parents and carers to join us for these services.



150th DoubleDay & Coin Competition



Two weeks ago we were in the midst of our 150th anniversary DoubleDay celebrating 150 years of Busbridge CE Junior School. The children learnt about the history of our school through a range of activities, as well as what life was like in different decades. In our assembly we discovered what it would be like to be inspected as a Victorian school and enjoyed being put to the test by our very own inspector, Mr Catchpole! We also enjoyed exploring different past-times, and seeing what parents and grandparents would have watched when they were children. It was a real joy to see children from a range of year groups working alongside each other. We encouraged the children to take this time to reflect on where they would like to be in the future and what our school values mean to them. Thank you to everyone for the effort, time and creativity taken to make and find costumes for the two days – all the children and staff looked fantastic representing different fashions, trends and historical events. Thank you to Miss Mistry for all her hard work organising the two days which were reflected in all the positive comments we received from the children and parents.



"Just wanted to pass on a thank you – my daughter really enjoyed the last 2 days. Most notable was the effort all the staff went to as well with costumes and Victorian style lessons – I think she is mighty glad to be a pupil in 2018!"

"Pass on our thanks to Mr Catchpole and all the staff for the Double-Day – my son loved it!"

Reminder: 150th Commemorative Coin Design Competition - Children were sent home with a letter and template for the memorabilia coin competition on DoubleDay. A copy is attached with this newsletter. If your child would like to take part, entries must be handed to your child's class teacher by **Thursday 29th March 2018**.

Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential trip

Just before our DoubleDay celebrations, Year 4 took off to Sayers Croft in Ewhurst for their 3 day residential trip. After the snow days, the weather turned itself around and the children enjoyed lots of activities in more seasonal spring sunshine including pond dipping, Earthwalk, orienteering, maze and blindfold trail, climbing, a challenge course, being 'nature explorers', building shelters, a night walk and a presentation by Graham Cornick who runs a local animal shelter. One of the highlights was a disco for the children on the last night with some expert DJ-ing by Mrs Lucas! A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made this trip go so well and to all our Y4 children who were fantastic and a credit to the school on the trip.



4W Class Assembly



Thank you also to 4W for their lively and entertaining Anglo-Saxon & Vikings class assembly presented to parents and the school a couple of weeks ago. They sung and acted their way enthusiastically through the story giving lots of information about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings as invaders and settlers. Thank you to all the parents who provided costumes, and to Mrs Wright for all her hard work preparing the children for the assembly.

Music Works Lessons

The Music Works have been in school over the last 3 weeks giving the children free taster sessions on their chosen instrument. Please ask your child to tell you all about the songs they played! This year's music courses start at Busbridge CE Junior School after the Easter break and are £9 for a half hour group lesson (with approximately 4 students per group) which takes place during school hours. There will be 11 weeks of lessons in the summer term enabling us to offer catch up sessions for any lessons missed due to school timetable clashes such as Inset days and school trips. These unique Yamaha courses are full musicianship programmes designed for children, leading to RSL grade 1-8 exams. Have a look at the video clips at www.musicforschools.co.



Please note that places on all the music courses are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis. To book your child's place please call Music Works on 01483 516060.

Able Writers Literacy Workshop

A couple of weeks ago a group of Year 6 children attended a Literacy workshop with other local schools at St Edmunds. The workshop was led by Mr Parsons from Tormead School focussing on looking at what a writer is trying to portray when describing characters. The children looked at descriptive extracts of writing, breaking them down into 'point-evidence analysis'. They then studied 2 characters before finishing the session by describing their own characters using what they had learnt. Thank you to our parent helper Mrs Ford for accompanying the children for the afternoon who was very impressed with the children's level of engagement and concentration. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and we are very proud of them.

Year 6 DrugsFreeze with Guildford Flames

Last week the Guildford Flames Ice hockey team came in to talk to the Year 6 children about drug awareness and sporting excellence as part of the PSHE curriculum. The children had the opportunity to ask questions about the Flames / ice hockey sporting profession as well as try on some of their kit! Thank you to the Guildford Flames for an informative and valuable presentation.

Ratidzo Trust Update

Richard and Edline, from Ratidzo Trust have updated their website with news about their 'Bee Against Poverty' campaign and our school's link with St Charles Primary School in Zimbabwe. Children from Busbridge Junior have drawn pictures of themselves and written a class letter to children at St Charles Primary school. Richard and Edine spent an enjoyable few hours at St Charles school visiting each class where a pupil read out the letter to the rest of the class. They are hoping to bring similar pictures and letters back to Busbridge Junior School on their return. In a recent assembly, Mrs Lucas showed our children photographs of one of the classrooms at St Charles Primary School and some photos of the bee hives Richard has helped to make at the start of their 'bee against poverty' campaign. Do have a look at their website for further information on the work of Ratidzo trust.



Parent Survey

Thank you to all those parents who have responded to the parent survey we sent out recently. We are in the process of collating the feedback, however the survey is still open. **If you have not taken this opportunity to share your views then please do so asap.** Thank you.



Sporting News

This half term we have continued to participate in a number of sporting events - thank you to Clare Parsons and all our parent helpers for their support. Here is a round-up of how we've done!

Y5/Y6 American Football - a group of 20 children from Y5 and Y6 were invited to take part in an American Football festival in Haslemere on Tuesday 6th March. The aim was to give the children the opportunity to try this sport for the first time, or improve on their current skills through a carousel of activities and mini-games. The children had a great time and it was lovely to see their determination and confidence grow as they got to grips with 'touchdowns' and some of the other basic rules.



Godalming Schools Swimming Gala

On Saturday 10th March a team of swimmers from Busbridge CE Junior School met at Godalming Leisure Centre for the annual Godalming School's Swimming Gala. The evening is a mixture of novelty races, as well as freestyle relays and individual races. The Busbridge children did us proud! The team spirit among the children was exemplary with those who had experience of the gala in previous years supporting those for whom it was their first time. There was also a large number of BJS parents on hand to support our team as well as parent helpers who were poolside making sure that the children were in the right place at the right time. Many thanks to parent helpers Rachel Hargreaves, Vicky Moore, Emma Everest and Kirsty Morris, and to Mrs Barker and Mrs Parsons for their help with this event.



The Busbridge girls team achieved third place whilst the boys were placed FIRST out of the five schools taking part. This led to a few nail-biting minutes during which we were furiously calculating whether we had done enough to win the overall competition. Cheers erupted on the Busbridge team benches when it was announced that Busbridge Junior School were the overall winners! A huge well done to everyone who took part!

Year 6 Netball Tournament

Last week a group of Y6 girls from the netball club played in a tournament at Rodborough. After great attacking play, fantastic defending and some superb shooting we found ourselves 2nd in our group, putting us through to the Semi-finals. Unfortunately we were beaten in the Semi's by the overall winners. This did, however, give us a chance to play an extra game for 3rd place. After the final whistle it was still 0-0. We played another 5 minutes, eventually just losing out on 3rd. Helen and Amanda, our netball club coaches, were extremely proud of how the girls performed and 4th place out of 12 a great result. This tournament is always played at a very fast pace, is really tough and extremely competitive. The girls didn't shy away and they held their own against some tough physical play by some of the boys on the other teams. Both our attackers and defenders played fantastic netball. A big thank you to Helen and Amanda for coaching the girls on the day, to all the parents who helped with transport and supported at the tournament and well done girls!

Tag Rugby Competition

Over 30 rugby players from school descended on Guildford Rugby Club this week for their schools tournament. A huge well done to all the players, especially Year 3 and Year 4 who walked away with medals. Many thanks to the parents who coached the teams at the tournament—could not have done it without you!

Judo Success

A lot of our children take part in competitions outside of school and we are delighted to share with you that Amelia Alder won gold medal at the under 32kg category at the National School's Judo Championships last Sunday, held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Amelia faced some very stiff opposition but totally dominated. She won all of her fights with the maximum 'ippon' score, winning the final with a huge throw within 30 seconds. She is very grateful to Judo coach Pete Swettenham for coming to Sheffield on the day to coach her. Amelia started her Judo career in Y3 at the after school Judo club which Pete runs at our school. If your child is inspired by Amelia's story and would like to join the after school Judo club, please pick up a flyer from the school office or contact Pete directly at pete@academyjudo.com.



Sportshall Athletics

Yesterday a group of our Y5 and Y6 athletes competed in the Waverley area final for Sportshall Athletics. The children competed brilliantly and we are very pleased to announce that they won their through to the grand Surrey Final which will take place at the beginning of the summer term. We have not reached the County Final for 11 years, so a huge well done to all the children and Bill Bingham their coach.

Imam visit to year 5

On Wednesday afternoon Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Mr Naveed Arif, an Imam from Woking Mosque. The children had prepared questions in earlier RE lessons and Mr Arif was able to explain all about the 5 Pillars of Islam which is a topic the children have been studying this term. The children particularly enjoyed his memories of going on Hajj to Mecca and listening to a short passage from the Qur'an recited, of course, in Arabic. Mr Arif complimented both 5M and 5W on their excellent questions and impeccable behaviour and has promised to come back next year. Thank you to Mrs Alder for organising this visit and to Mr Arif for coming in to school.

Catering News

We are extremely proud of Jenny Welland and her team in the kitchen who have once again achieved a 5 star rating following the annual Waverley Borough Council Environmental Health Inspection. The inspector was highly complimentary about the cleanliness of the kitchen and the good job being carried out by the catering team. Thank you to them for all the hard work they do in the kitchen for us as a school.



Catering Assistant Vacancy at Busbridge CE Junior School

Are you are looking for term-time work? Come and work for Surrey CC's Commercial Services as part of our fantastic school catering team at Busbridge CE Junior School. Please see the attached flyer for more details or apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs (search under 'catering') or for an informal chat call 07773 535506.

Friends of Busbridge Junior School - Bounce for Books



There was excellent bouncing at the 'Bounce for Books' event in the school hall yesterday with especially fierce competition in year 5 and very high jump counts all round. Well done to Toby Page in 5M who managed 182 jumps in one minute which was the day's record. Many thanks from the Friends of Busbridge CE Junior for all the support, and to the parents for returning sponsorship forms in time for the jump. These have now gone home with the children to collect in sponsor monies - please return monies by Friday 27th April. Please can you attach the forms to the sponsorship money in named envelopes when you return it to the school office so we can collect the gift aid. Thank you to Jo Goodchild and her team of parent helpers for organising this fantastic event in aid of books for the school.

Class teacher vacancy

We have a class teacher vacancy live on eteach currently. Information is also available via our school website. Do spread the word, as we will be holding the interviews shortly after the Easter break. I do of course realise that this information will cause people to speculate. Please be patient—all will be revealed in good time!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 20th February to 29th March 2018:

Year 3 : £63.00

Year 4 : £56.25 (taking into account Sayers Croft trip)

Year 5 : £63.00



Year 6 : £60.75 (taking into account Godalming Museum trip)

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.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter holiday the children can wear summer school uniform – a full list is available on the school



website and can be purchased from our supplier Ballethoo in Godalming High Street.

Verucca Socks

Please can we ask that if your child has a verucca you provide them with non-slip socks to wear for PE.

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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