



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Summer Term 2018 No: 4

12th June 2018

Learn to love + Love to learn

Dates for Your Diary

June 2018

- Wed 13th Phil the Bag - drop off donations
Thurs 14th World Cup/Sports themed Mufti Day & 9.00am-12.30pm Sports Field events for the children
Thurs 14th Y3/4 Mini Tennis at Shalford Tennis Club 3.45pm-6pm
Fri 15th Sports Day: parents welcome to watch
9.30am - 12.00pm: Lower school (Y3 & Y4)
1.00pm - 3.30pm: Upper school (Y5 & Y6)
w/c Mon 18th Well Being Week & Golden Boot Challenge Week (details to follow)
Mon 18th NSPCC Assembly
Tues 19th Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament 1pm-5pm
Wed 20th Year 6 School Speedwatch
Wed 20th Year 4 Multi Skills Festival at Broadwater School 1pm-2.50pm
Thurs 21st Year 6 School Speedwatch
Thurs 21st Y3/4 Tri Golf at Milford Golf Club 4.00pm-5.45pm
Fri 22nd Mufti day for Summer BBQ - sweets donations & reserve date for Sports day
Mon 25th NSPCC Fundraiser - Holloway House Charity day & Mufti day for Summer BBQ
Tues 26th Art Gallery Day - details to follow
Wed 27th Y6 Leavers' service at Guildford Cathedral for the children (details to follow)
Thurs 28th NSPCC Workshops for Y5 & Y6
New parents 'transition' tea 3.30pm- 4.00pm
Fri 29th Friends of BJS Summer BBQ 6pm-8pm

July 2018

- Mon 2nd Full Governing Body meeting 4pm-6pm
Tues 3rd Rodborough School Transition day Y6s
Wed 4th Transition day: Y6s at secondary schools / Welcome afternoon at BJS for new Y3s/ Bump-Up day to new classes for Y3s/Y4s/Y5s
Wed 4th New Y3 parents evening at 7pm
Fri 6th NSPCC Thank you assembly
Mon 9th District Sports at Charterhouse School
Wed 11th Year 6 play (evening performance)
Thurs 12th Year 6 play (evening performance)

SUMMER TERM 2018

16th April to 23rd July 2018

INSET Day Monday 23rd July 2018

AUTUMN TERM 2018

4th September to 19th December 2018

Half Term: 22nd October to 26th October 2018

INSET DAY Tuesday 4th September 2018

School starts back Wednesday 5th September 2018

****NEW INSET DAY - Monday 29th October 2018 ****

150th Anniversary Clay Tiles

On our first two days back after the half-term break (...which we hope you all enjoyed!) the Learning Lab became an artist's studio as the team from Watts Gallery helped us make our 150th anniversary clay tiles. Children, staff and some parents put their creative talents to work each designing their own individual tile. These have now been taken away to be fired in the Watts Gallery kilns and will then be installed on the outside wall of 5W's classroom. We will have a grand unveiling in due course - details to follow. Thank you to Gina McAdam (mum of Ted 6E) and the other artists from Watts Gallery who spent 2 days helping us all, to all the parents who dropped in to help the children make tiles, and to our brilliant children and staff for their enthusiasm in creating this fantastic clay tile mural for the school's 150th anniversary.



Art Gallery Day - Tuesday 26th June (change of date from 21st June)

The children have also been busy painting pictures which will be professionally mounted and displayed. On Tuesday 26th June our school hall will be turned into an Art Gallery displaying the children's artwork - watch out for the letter giving more details.

'Wear It Beat It' British Heart Foundation Charity Day

Well done to Busbridge house for organising the 'Wear It Beat It' charity day in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Thank you for all your donations - we raised a fantastic £140.36 from the ice lolly sales. A special mention goes to Rocky Smith who delivered an amazing assembly to the whole school. The confident way he shared his story and talked about the fantastic work the BHF does was admirable - we are very proud of him.



Maths Double Day

The last two days before the half term break involved lots of practical fun maths that engaged the children in a variety of ways. Musical maths, bottle rocket experiments on height and flight, and parabolic curves brought the subject to life. A huge thanks to all the parents who gave their time to come in to talk to the children about how maths helps them with their jobs which included Artificial Intelligence, market research, piloting a plane and architecture / design to name but a few. Thank you also to Mr Evans for organising the two days and the hotly contested maths quiz!

Phil The Bag - drop off Wednesday 13th June

Drop off any bags of unwanted textiles on Wednesday 13th June by the bike sheds for the Phil the Bag collection on Thursday 14th June about 9.00am - please do not drop bags off after this time. Please see the recent Friends newsletter for details of what can be donated.



Sports News: Sports Day - Friday 15th June: Lower School 9.30am - 12.00pm/Upper School 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Our annual sports day will take place this Friday 15th June when parents are invited to come and watch. The field sports event will take place on Thursday 14th June during the morning just for the children. On **Thursday we will be having a World Cup / sports themed mufti day - the children can wear this for the field events**, and on **Friday the children will need to wear their house T-shirts with their school PE kit**.



The Friends plan to run a refreshments tent for parents on Friday. Unfortunately they are lacking in volunteers to help so if you can spare an hour or so through the day, please email Emma Calderwood bjschair@busridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. Also donations of cakes and other treats would be greatly appreciated to sell on the day. Please bring donations in on Friday direct to the stall, or they can be left in the school hall on Friday morning - thank you for your support.

District Sports Update

After many weeks of trials, we are now in a position to select our squad for District Sports. This year Mrs Parsons and Bill Bingham have collected times and measurements for every child in the school, except for one or two with broken bones! It has been an interesting process and a good chance for those who may not have been confident in previous years to come along to trials and have the same opportunity as others. In fact the number of children out on the field at lunchtime engaging in athletic activities over the last few weeks has been impressive : inclusive as well as competitive. From the information gathered, some children were shortlisted and re-trialled to ensure that the selection has been as fair as possible in terms of weather and track conditions. As some of the children discovered, it's an amazing advantage when throwing if the wind's blowing the right way! As always there will be some children who will be disappointed, but we are planning on taking a larger squad this year even if some children are only competing in one event. The children who have been selected will be coming home with a letter today containing more information about the District Sports competition. If your child has been selected then please ensure they have their full PE kit in school all week from now until the competition on Monday 9th July.

Y3/4 Cross Country Competition

On Monday 14th May we took a group of Year 3 & 4 children to compete in a cross country competition held at Barrow Hill School. Each race involved about 40-50 competitors from other local schools and covered a fairly hilly course of about one mile around the school grounds. Although a little nervous before the races, the Busbridge children showed pure grit and determination as they fought hard to keep up a good pace throughout and produce some rather incredible sprint finishes. A huge congratulation to all the children who did us proud and the six children who gained places in the top five. A special mention must be given to Scarlett Muir who finished first in the Year 3 girls race even overtaking the Year 6 hare she was meant to be chasing!



Kwik Cricket Competitions

Before half-term we took three teams along to Kwik Cricket competitions against other local schools, hosted by Farncombe Cricket Club. In the Year 3 & 4 Competition, the children enjoyed a relaxed afternoon of mixed boys and girls team cricket. Kwik Cricket is a great inclusive form of the game whereby every child gets to bat, bowl and field thereby practising all the basic skills. The team did really well winning some of their games, but more importantly the encouragement they gave each other was superb. Well done to the team.

In the Year 6 girls competition, our team played three matches against other local schools giving them the opportunity to put into practise some of the skills they've learnt over the couple of weeks before the competition. Although the competition was high and they narrowly lost the first two games, the girls stayed positive resulting in a win in their last game. It has been lovely to see them grow in confidence over the last few weeks during the training sessions, and they are very keen to keep playing which is fantastic!



The year 6 boys attended their local schools' cricket tournament on Tuesday 22nd May and played brilliant cricket on a lovely sunny afternoon. We played four games and won three which resulted in us coming second overall - a brilliant result. All the games were very competitive (one match was decided by 2 runs!) and the boys played with great spirit and were a credit to the school. Well done to the team Neo, Casper, Edward, Tom, Charlie, Harry, Richie and Oliver.

Girls SCL Football After School Club

We are delighted to announce that the girls football after school club run by the coaches from SCL is up and running. The club has 15 girls signed up and started this week. The SCL coach said their first training session went really well and is looking forward to seeing the girls develop their footballing skills.

Children's Book Award Ceremony

Over the past 5 months, the children in Miss Warner's book club have read, and then voted on their favourite book from a series of shortlisted titles for the Surrey Libraries' Children's Book Award. On Tuesday 22nd May, the award culminated in a fantastic ceremony attended by all the other championship schools in Surrey alongside the excited authors eagerly waiting to find out if their book had been voted as the winner. Miss Warner was especially impressed with the fantastic group of girls who wrote and prepared their speech with a focus on their favourite books. They were the first group to speak on the huge stage and did so eloquently and proudly. We were particularly excited for the winning author, Maria Farrer, the author of 'Me and Mr P', as she was the author who came and visited our Year 4s earlier in the Summer term. Maria Farrer emailed the school to say a personal thank you for the lovely welcome she was given by the school, and how brilliant the children were on stage at the Dorking Halls. She said 'you are an inspiration to writers and other children and I will think of you every time I look at my award.' A huge thank you to the kind parents who helped transport us to the Dorking Halls, one of whom said, 'it was an absolute pleasure to accompany Miss Warner and the book club children to the Surrey Libraries book awards, and to see the Dorking Halls full to bursting with children demonstrating their enthusiasm for reading..noisily and often in song!..was fantastic'. A big thank you to Miss Warner for all her literary inspiration and for running the book club for the children.



Surrey Healthy Schools Golden Boot Challenge

This year we will be taking part in the Surrey Healthy Schools Golden Challenge over one week w/c Monday 18th June. This is the biggest school travel competition in the country! The annual Golden Boot challenge is designed to encourage children, parents and schools to choose sustainable travel alternatives to the car on school journeys. The Challenge for Busbridge CofE Junior School will run from Monday 18th June to Friday 22nd June. For more information visit the Surrey Healthy Schools website at <http://saferoutesto schools.com/> and click on the Golden Boot Challenge 2018 icon.



Parent Governor Vacancy

From September 2018 we will have a vacancy as a Parent Governor on the school's Governing Body. We will shortly be issuing information regarding this, but I would encourage you to consider whether this is a way that you can support the school and contribute towards the ongoing vision and excellence at Busbridge CofE Junior School. You may wish to informally find out more about the role by talking to existing Governors who are also parents : Mrs Sonia Alder (6E & 4L), Mr Alain Foussat (4W), Mrs Nicky Hemery (6E), Mr Javier Bajer (4W). You can of course also chat to either myself or Mrs Barker.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals Payment Amounts: The amount for the next half term Monday 4th June - Friday 20th July (Monday 23rd July is an INSET day) is:

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| Year 3 : | £76.50 (taking into account Look Out trip) |
| Year 4 : | £78.75 |
| Year 5 : | £76.50 (taking into account Winchester trip) |
| Year 6 : | £74.25 (taking into account Dapdune Wharf & Leavers Cathedral service trips) |

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".



Pilates Classes

Monday mornings 9.30am
Tuesday evenings 7.30pm

Classes held in Barn studio near Clockbarn Farm, Hambledon Road, Godalming GU8 4AY
All levels welcome.

First class free to Busbridge CofE Junior School mums (..and dads!) then £10 a class or £55 for 6 classes. Contact Ally Crane (year 6 mum) on 07796 295549 or email allytara@hotmail.com.

Classes run through some of the school holidays but it's fine for school mums to miss them!

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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