



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term 2019 No: 6

5th April 2019

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### Dates for Your Diary

#### April 2019

#### Easter Holiday Monday 8th April to Monday 22nd April

- Tues 23rd Back to school - summer uniform  
Easter Church Services at Busbridge Church: 9.30am - Y3/Y4, 11am - Y5/Y6
- Fri 26th Y6 Ice Lolly sale in playground 3.30pm
- Mon 29th School Photographer for Class and Y6 Leavers' Group photos
- Tues 30th Class 4P L1 Bikeability (change of date)  
Y5 Hockey Tournament at Broadwater School (PM)

#### May 2019

- Wed 1st Class 4WT L1 Bikeability
- Thurs 2nd & Thurs 3rd Space 'Man in the Moon' Double Day - see newsletter for dressing up details
- Mon 6th School closed - Bank Holiday Monday
- Thurs 9th Phil the Bag drop off
- Fri 10th Phil the Bag collection
- Fri 10th Class 4P assembly
- w/c Mon 13th Year 6 SATS
- Mon 13th to Thurs 16th Travelling Book Fair in school 3.30pm- 3.45pm
- Fri 17th Y4 trip to Nower Wood
- Fri 17th Y5 Greek Day in school
- Tues 21st Y5/Y6 Kwik Cricket at Godalming CC (PM)
- Wed 22nd Y3/Y4 Multi-skills at Tillingbourne (PM)
- Fri 24th INSET day 4

#### Half-term Monday 27th to Friday 31st May

#### June 2019

w/c Mon 3rd June Golden Boot Challenge (details to follow)

- Wed 5th Y6 Trip to Dapdune Wharf
- Fri 7th Y5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
- Mon 10th Y3 trip to Look Out Discovery Centre
- Fri 14th AM : Y3/Y4 Sports Day (parents invited)  
PM : Y5/Y6 Sports Day (parents invited)
- Mon 24th INSET day 5

#### 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



### Easter Pause Day and Easter Services

Our Easter Services at Busbridge Church have been scheduled for after the Easter break this year : Y3/Y4 at 9.30am and Y5/Y6 at 11am. You are welcome to join us across at Busbridge Church to join in with our Easter celebrations on Tuesday 23rd April.

Earlier this week we held our Easter Pause Day. The theme this year was 'Witnesses'. In Y5 and Y6 the children had the opportunity to explore the Easter story through the eyes of various characters, such as the Roman guards, and the Jewish leaders. They used drama and interviews to explore different viewpoints.

In Y3 and Y4 the children also reflected on the Easter events from various view points, also considering the theme of forgiveness. The Pause Days are a super way for the children to reflect on the Easter story through practical, creative activities and discussion.



### Lords Prayer Lent Project at Guildford Cathedral

Busbridge CofE Junior School is one of 12 Surrey schools to create a prayer cross to go on display at Guildford Cathedral during Holy week. The 12 crosses will be displayed around the walls of the Cathedral and will form 'Stations of the Cross' which will be used in services during the week enabling visitors (through an explanatory leaflet) to pray through the stations of the cross. Our theme was 'forgiveness' and year 6 deserve a huge well done for producing beautiful and thought provoking pieces of art, which created an effective montage. Do pop along to the Cathedral in the second week of the holidays if you get a chance to have a look.

### DoubleDay - Space : 'Man on the Moon'

Our Summer Term DoubleDay is taking place on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of May - the closest we can get to Star Wars Day, 'May the Fourth'!

Our theme is 'Man On The Moon' to tie in with the 50th anniversary of the first moon landings in July 1969. We have a range of activities planned around this theme. Regarding dressing up: Thursday 2nd May will be general Mufti, whilst Friday 3rd May will be a Star Wars themed dressing-up day - once again light sabres are welcome!

### Ambassadors

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

- 3A: Lucas Lindsay & Lucas Carey  
3G: Jean Grose & Harry Burton  
4P: Evie Whiteman & Murphy Thomas  
4WT: Scarlett Muir & Edward Jackson  
5L: Fraser Thomas & Emma Solomon  
5W: George Dyer & Bea Vocking  
6E: Amelie Dye & Harry Boparai  
6M: Isabelle Marsh & Miles Lowe



### Primary Schools Music Festival



This week our wonderful school choir under the expert guidance of our music lead Mr Pearne, took part in the Primary Schools Festival at the Princes Hall in Aldershot. It was a great experience for the young singers as summed up by Chloe and Emily in year 5:

“After a 40 minute coach journey we arrived at the Prince’s Hall for our singing festival. There were 7 schools there including us. In the auditorium we were allowed to listen to the band practising - they were amazing! The choirs then rehearsed and after tea the main performance started. It was very nerve wracking for some people as when we went on stage there were about 200 people in the audience. Halfway through we got a break and 15 Rodborough students sang to remind us that singing doesn’t stop at Y6, it goes on forever! The whole experience was magical and the live band just made it even better.”

Thank you to all Mr Pearne for all his hard work getting the choir ready over many lunchtime rehearsals, to all the parents who came to watch and to all our talented singers who we are very proud of.

### Trips and Visits Round up:

We’ve had a number of trips and visits this half-term starting with our Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft. Despite the rather wet weather, the children got stuck into all the outdoor activities and made the most of their time taking part in lots of activities like pond dipping, nature trails, blindfold maze, shelter building and orienteering. Thank you to all our staff and to our parent helpers Mrs Butt and Mrs Mead who accompanied us on the trip.

Year 5 were visited by Mr Naveed Arif who is an Imam at Woking Mosque. The children had prepared a number of questions in advance and then discovered that they had a whole load more following Mr Arif’s presentation. We are very grateful to Mr Arif for coming in and really enhancing the children’s learning of our Islam topic.

At the beginning of this half term, Year 6 had a visit from a couple of members of the Guildford Flames Ice Hockey team who come into schools to run a programme called ‘Drug Freeze’. The programme has had tremendous success highlighting the social, physical and legal implications of drug use to year 5 & 6 pupils, preparing them for the move into secondary school.

Also this half term Year 6 visited Godalming Museum as part of their current topic on ‘Godalming’. The children had a great time learning more about the history of the place in which they live including an artefact handling workshop, museum trail and workshops on Jack Philips and the Titanic. Thank you to parent helpers Mrs King, Mrs Rowan, Mr Dye and Mrs Hibbert, and to all the volunteers at Godalming Museum for making the visit possible.

### Sports Round-Up

**Y6 Netball** - Last week 10 of our Y6 netballers took part in Godalming Area schools Y6 Netball competition. The team came second in their qualifying group so progressed to the semi-finals. They almost progressed to the finals but the whistle was blown to deny a dramatic ending! Congratulations to every one who took part, and many thanks to Helen and Amanda who coached the team at the tournament (and on Fridays after school throughout the term).

**Y6 Quikstiks Hockey County Final Tournament** - Last week a team of Y6 boys and girls showcased their skill and determination at the Quikstiks Hockey County Final at Haslemere Hockey club against 11 other schools. With a great team spirit they scored some fantastic goals and performed with much skill when tackling. Well done to all that played! Thank you to Miss Mistry and one of our Y6 parents Mr Dye for coaching the team in school.

**Y3/Y4 Barrow Hills Cross Country** - A massive well done to all the children who took part in the Barrow Hills Cross Country competition last week with over 200 competitors from local Godalming and Guildford schools. The mile long course across grass, tarmac and gravel was tough and the competition high but our children did themselves proud. We had some great results but a special mention goes to three children who got in the top 5 of their age category: Luchia N 2nd, Oliver D 3rd and Thomas McW 4th.

**Y4/Y5 American Football Festival** - This week we took 18 children from Y4 and Y5 along to an American Football Festival in Haslemere. The aim of the festival 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 confidence grow as they got to grips with ‘Touchdowns’ and some of the other basic rules.



As always thanks to Clare Parsons and Bill Bingham for all their work with the children and to all the parents who helped with transport and supporting. We cannot keep the profile of sport high without your help!

### Class 3G & 5L Assembly

Class 3G did a fabulous job of performing their 'Water' assembly. They taught us about the water cycle and how to conserve water. Their performance of 'Rollin' on the river' was super - well done to all the children. Class 5L told us all about 'Democracy' in their class assembly with a 'Back to the Future' theme. The children made all their own costumes and props including protester signs, the DeLorean car and the 99p coin which the children wanted to get through Parliament as a new coin. Well done to all the children in 3G and 5L for these fun and informative performances and to Miss Gruzman and Miss Loudon for putting the assemblies together. We and the parents all very much enjoyed them.

### Digital Parenting

Digital Parenting is a free online safety guide created by the Vodafone Foundation and Parent Zone. It is packed with important safety information and expert advice on issues such as healthy screen time and sleep, how children can enjoy a safer start on social media and creating a better family digital-life balance. Please follow the link to find out more information: <https://parentzone.org.uk/digitalparenting>.

### Charitable Donation

We are delighted to be in receipt of a charitable donation of £2500 from The Mercers' Company who run a scheme whereby donations are made to charitable organisations, including schools, in recognition of members/staff who volunteer on a regular basis. One of our Governors Nicky Hemery made an application to The Mercers' Company, and in recognition of all the volunteered hours she has contributed to the school over the last year, they have made this very generous donation to us. We are extremely grateful to The Mercers' Company and to Nicky as this money will make a real difference to the school. Other companies and associations may run similar schemes/matched funding so if any parents/carers who volunteer in school are able to apply for such monies we'd love to hear from you!

### Friends Events

There have been two events this half-term organised by the Friends of BJS. The school Disco was another great success with the children enjoying showing off their dance moves. Today the children have been busy bouncing for books with class 6E winning the most bounces for both boys and girls - Toby 169 and Alexandra 159. Well done to everyone who participated and thank you for all the parental support to raise funds for the school. A big thank you to the Friends team and their army of parent helpers for all their hard work putting on these events, and to Philippa Currie for organising the disco and Jo Goodchild for managing the Bounce for Books with military precision!

### Gardening Club

Thank you to Penny Williams from the local bird watching society who yesterday very kindly gave the school a bird box. We have put it in the gardening area. Hopefully some blue tits will nest in there and we'll soon see some fledgling blue tits. Well done to our gardening club who grew daffodil plants this half-term and sold them in the playground raising £36. This money will be used to buy more seeds to plant and grow - do have a look over the fence at the garden to see what is growing! Thank you to Mrs Toulson who runs the gardening club and Mrs Mead who regularly helps in the garden.



Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

### School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 23rd April to 23rd May 2019:

Year 3 : £50.60

Year 4 : £48.30 (taking into account Nower Wood trip)

Year 5 : £50.60

Year 6 : £50.60

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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