



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish + Challenge

Autumn Term 2019 No: 6

11th December 2019

Dec 2019

- Fri 13th Christmas Mufti & Reindeer Run Charity Day
Fri 13th School Christmas Lunch
Sat 14th School choir singing at Churches Together Day at The Pepperpot at 2pm
Mon 16th Prime Time Carol Service at Busbridge Church at 2.30pm - *parents/carers & family welcome*
Tues 17th Christmas Church Services at Busbridge Church: 9.15am Lower school/11am Upper school - *parents/carers & family welcome to join us*
Thurs 19th Angel Storytelling at Busbridge Church at 3.45pm
Fri 20th Wishing Service at school for children & staff at 10am
Fri 20th End of Term - School breaks up at 2.00pm
Christmas Holiday

Jan 2020

- Mon 6th Return to school
Wed 15th Closing date for Reception & Year 3 Primary School Applications
Mon 20th Year 3 & 4 Rainbow Theatre Romans & Vikings Workshops in school (AM)
Tues 21st Sayers Croft Residential Trip meeting for Year 4 parents at 6pm
Fri 24th Class 3W Assembly (parents/carers invited)

Feb 2020

- Wed 5th Class 4WT Assembly (parents/carers invited)
Tues 11th Safer Internet Day
Tues 11th Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
Wed 12th Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
Fri 14th INSET day 3

Half-Term

- w/c Mon 24th One World Week
Wed 26th Year 4 Internet Safety talk (PM)

Mar 2020

- Fri 6th Class 5L Assembly (parents/carers invited)
Mon 9th Year 4 Residential trip to Sayers Croft
Wed 11th
Fri 27th Class 4P Assembly (parents/carers invited)

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020

INSET Day 3: Friday 14th February 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2020

INSET Day 4: Monday 20th April 2020

May/VE day Bank Holiday: school closed Friday 8th May 2020 (note moved from Monday 4th May 2020)

INSET Day 5: Friday 22nd May 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Christmas is coming and has definitely arrived in school ... !

The children have been practising hard since half-term for the Christmas Assemblies and they have performed 'Tinsel and Tea Towels' brilliantly to parents and carers over the last 2 days. Their enthusiasm and talent have been a joy to behold!

Christmas Tree



The Christmas tree arrived in school last week. Thanks to Mario it is beautifully decorated and standing resplendent in the school hall. Thanks to Mrs Pearson for organising the delivery of the tree, and to Oxenford Farm in Elstead for donating it to the school. Oxenford Farm have trees and decorations on sale along with animals to see so pop along as it's well worth a visit.

Christmas Fayre - a big thank you!

We would like to say a big thank you to the Friends of BJS for a very festive Christmas Fayre last Saturday. A huge amount of work went on behind the scenes to prepare and run the Fayre so thank you to the organising team led by Lorraine, Sarah and Jackie, all the class reps and the many parent volunteers, to Father Christmas for dropping by on his busy travels, our year 3 pedlars and school choir, our staff team and everyone else involved. And of course thanks for all your parental support with donations galore and coming along to enjoy the Fayre!



Christmas Post Box



The Christmas Post box is now available in the school reception for the children to send cards to their friends and teachers. Just a reminder this is an internal postal service and not for sending cards externally!

Christmas Mufti and Reindeer Run - Friday 13th December

Don't forget the Christmas mufti day and Busbridge House Charity Reindeer Run on Friday 13th December Please bring in the completed sponsor envelopes and monies on the day in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice in Farnham. We have spare sponsor forms in the office if your child needs one.

The Busbridge Church Angel Story -

You may have seen the spectacular Advent Angel flying outside Busbridge Church which was installed on Advent Sunday. The Angel was created by the contemporary congregation, and it's feathers made by our children in school - thank you to David, Anto and Lisa for helping them with this. The Angel is a great sign which is seen by so many as they walk by between the Infant and Junior schools. It's building excitement for the **special storytelling event taking place after school at 3.45pm on Thursday 19th December** round a campfire in the churchyard (or in the church if wet!). Please see the flyer the children brought home or as attached.



Anti-Bullying Policy Review

Our Anti-Bullying Policy is due to be reviewed next term. Part of the review process involves gathering the views of all stakeholders. Our newly appointed and fully trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be gathering thoughts from their peers and providing the children's viewpoint, and we would also like to involve parents from all year groups in this process. This will involve reading the existing policy and dedicating some time to talk with Mrs Barker about this, as well as supporting work on the new policy. If this is something you would be interested in then please contact Mrs Barker via email: rbarker@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.



Events Round Up: Our children have taken part in a few events and trips this half-term as follows..

Watts Gallery Day

Some of our children recently visited Watts Gallery in Compton and had the opportunity to take part in their 'Kids in Museums Takeover Day'. During their visit they learnt historical facts about the gallery and the Watts family. The staff at the gallery commented on the children's excellent behaviour and knowledge. The children really enjoyed the day: Ruby said *"An amazing adventure. I loved the artwork and the backpack trail was exciting"*. Milly said *"I enjoyed learning about the Watts family and planting bulbs in the garden"*. Thank you to our LSA Mrs McElroy and our parent helper Mrs Taylor for accompanying the children on the day, and of course Watts Gallery for hosting our children.

Maths Challenge

On Monday 11th November 30 children from year 5 and 6 took part in a national Primary Maths Challenge with Mrs Auger. The children demonstrated resilience when faced with some really challenging questions. Congratulations to all those who took part and a particular well done to Darcy (Y6) and Daniel (Y5) who achieved a gold award for their exceptionally high scores.

Year 5 Preston Manor Trip

On Friday 15th November year 5 travelled to Brighton and back in time as Victorian servants to spend the day at Preston Manor. They met the butler and other servants who taught them how to perform their daily duties including setting the table, preparing jam tarts, making a scented pomander, polishing the silver and doing the laundry. The children also visited Hove Museum where they were fascinated by the huge array of Victorian household items. The curator of the museum was very impressed by the children's enthusiasm, curiosity and interesting ideas about what the items could have been used for. What a great trip! Freya said *"I enjoyed setting up Mr and Mrs Stanford's breakfast tray with all the beautiful crockery and cutlery"*. Molly said *"I loved that the head housekeeper and butler were really strict and I liked making the jam tarts and doing some sewing"*. Thank you to our parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip and to everyone for providing the children's Victorian costumes.

Class 5A followed up the trip with a class assembly on their Victorian experience. Well done to Mrs Auger and all the children for a Dickens of a performance!



Future Class Assembly dates

The remaining class assemblies will take place on the following dates - all assemblies will start at 9.15am:

Class 3W	- Friday 24th January	Class 4P	- Friday 27th March
Class 4WT	- Wednesday 5th February	Class 3B	- Friday 19th June
Class 5L	- Friday 6th March		

Sports Round-Up: This half-term we have taken part in the following sporting events...

Barrow Hills Cross Country

We are very grateful to Barrow Hills School for opening up their grounds and hosting this race. It's real cross country - mud, woods, brambles. We took a strong team to the annual Barrow Hills Year 5/Year 6 inter-school cross country event, and once again our runners did themselves proud. The field is always very competitive so a huge well done to everyone who took part. The children (and adults) also enjoyed the sports tea provided by Barrow Hills.

Benchball -

Last week 2 teams of 8 year 5 children took part in a Benchball competition at Broadwater School. After just one training session at school they took part in a competition against 3 other local schools showing great resilience and teamwork. Both teams came joint 3rd and enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Miss Loudon and Miss Luff for coaching the children on the day.

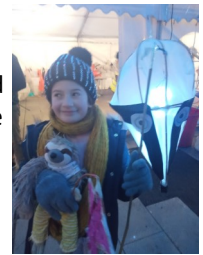
Sportshall -

On Wednesday 11th December our year 5 / year 6 athletics team trekked down to Woolmer Hill School to compete in our area qualifying round for Sportshall athletics. The event was great fun especially as they had a national organiser of Sportshall there with his microphone, sound system and bangin' tunes. Our talented team won and so qualify for the Surrey Finals in February (third year on the trot!). Huge thanks to Bill for training the children.



Lantern Making and Lantern Parade

On Saturday 30th November Guildford hosted a brand new Lantern Parade with the theme 'Town and Country Mouse'. As a school we are excited to have been part of this by helping to make some of the 200 lanterns on display. Mrs McAdam, who helped our year 4 children, very much enjoyed working with us on this project and hopes we can get involved with more workshops next year as the event grows.



Orchestral Day at Rodborough School

Some of our children who play a musical instrument took part in an Orchestra Day at Rodborough School at the end of November. The day started with some warm-up exercises, followed by learning and rehearsing 6 new pieces of music. Morale was high, effort was great, laughter was frequent and support for fellow musicians was strong. After only a few hours of rehearsals, the children performed in a concert to parents and went home filled with pride and enthusiasm. One of our Surrey Arts woodwind teachers told us how inspiring the day had been for her students, helping them learn notes they didn't know already and encouraging them with their playing through meeting other musicians and having the opportunity to play in an ensemble. This inspired and encouraged our pupils which has resulted in an extra level of performance from them following the orchestra day.



Thank you to Mrs Summerhayes for accompanying the children on the day and well done to them all.

After School Clubs

Please note this is the last week for after school clubs to run except for BoogiePumps and Little Musketeers who finished last week, and Computer Xplorers who are running a last catch up session next Tuesday 17th December.

A letter and clubs list for next term will follow when the children return after the Christmas holiday. Flyers giving information for the external clubs and booking details for the Spring term will be available on the clubs page of the school website from next week: <https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/clubs/150320>.

Car Parking

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our changes to car parking which we informed you of in the last newsletter and by email. We do appreciate the notice that has been taken of our request to not park in the area in front of the school gates. Just to remind you, this is so that emergency vehicles can access the school grounds quickly and easily should the need arise.

Picking up early on last day of term

Term finishes at 2pm on Friday 20th December. From time to time parents ask if they can take their child(ren) out of school early on the last day of term. Hopefully this will not be the case on Friday 20th as we are finishing early anyway. Not many sleeps until the end of term, and then a few more and it will be Christmas Day. Exciting!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 6th January to 13th February 2020 will be:

Year 3 : £68.15

Year 4 : £68.15

Year 5 : £68.15

Year 6 : £68.15



Amount per day: £2.35 Amount per week: £11.75

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 Parent-mail PMX 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".

Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) GET Teaching Programme

The GLP run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University.

If you are interested in joining this successful **GET Teaching** one year school direct programme, apply now to start in September 2020.

Find out more about the course and how to apply at www.getteaching.org or email info@getteaching.org

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

Times and costs 2019/20:

Breakfast Club from 7.50am - 8.45am @ £5.50

After-school club half session 3.30-4.45pm @ £7

After-school club full session 3.30-6.00pm @ £14

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