



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018 No: 9

19th December 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

December 2018

Wed 19th End of term - school breaks up 2pm

Christmas Holiday

Thurs 20th Dec 2018 to Wed 2nd Jan 2019

January 2019

Thurs 3rd Back to school / PSCE focus Day

Fri 4th Reading focus day

Fri 11th Year 3 Fossil Workshop in school

Mon 14th Summer Mufti day

Tues 15th Closing date for Primary School

applications (Reception & Year3 Sept 2019)

Tues 15th Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential Trip

Information evening for parents (6pm)

Mon 21st Year 3 & Year 4 Rainbow Theatre

Romans and Vikings Workshops in school

Fri 25th Class 5W Assembly at 9.15am

February 2019

Fri 1st Class 3A Assembly at 9.15am

Fri 8th Class 4WT Assembly at 9.15am

Tues 12th Parents Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm

Wed 13th Parents Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm

Half-Term Mon 18th to Fri 22nd

Mon 25th Feb **INSET Day**

Tues 26th DoubleDay

Wed 27th DoubleDay

March 2019

Mon 11th to Year 4 Residential trip

Wed 13th to Sayers Croft

Fri 22nd Class 5L Assembly

Fri 29th Class 3G Assembly

April 2019

Mon 1st Easter Pause Day

Fri 5th End of term

SPRING TERM 2019

3rd January to 5th April 2019

Half term: 18th to 22nd February 2019

INSET Day Monday 25th February 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



It's really looking like Christmas now and the last couple of weeks in school have been full of Christmas festivities...

Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School Christmas Fair

A really big thank you to the Friends of BJS team led by Emma Calderwood and Lorraine Collins, and to everyone who came along to enjoy all the fun of the wonderful Christmas Fair a couple of weeks ago. A lot of hard work and time goes into the organisation before, as well as on the day of the Fair by the Friends PTA, class reps, parents, members of our staff and the church and local community - everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated. The final money raised total is still being tallied up and will be advised in the new year but above all the event was a resounding success!



Christmas Assemblies - Bah Humbug



This year we stepped back in time with our Christmas production, putting on Bah Humbug, a retelling of Dicken's famous A Christmas Carol. Weren't the performances fantastic?! The children certainly wowed us with their enthusiasm and ability whilst also reminding us of the spirit of Christmas. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Munstead House Charity Day and School Christmas Lunch

Last Friday we all enjoyed sharing Christmas lunch cooked and served by Jenny and the catering team - thank you to all of them for a delicious meal, and to the Friends of BJS for once again providing the crackers. Our wonderful staff entertained the diners with some Christmassy tunes - thanks to them too. On the same day Munstead House organised their Save the Children Christmas Jumper charity day raising around £120. The House Captains and Vice-captains did a brilliant job - thank you for all your donations.

School Choir Christmas Events

Following their successful performances at the Christmas Fair and at The Pepperpot on Saturday 8th December, the school choir rounded off their Christmas tour of 2018 this week with a performance at the 'Prime Time' Carol service at Busbridge Church. All those who attended the service very much enjoyed listening to their enthusiastic and enjoyable performance. The choir have all worked extremely hard this term and should be proud of themselves. Thank you to Mr Pearne for all his hard work rehearsing with the choir and conducting their performances.



Christmas Services at Busbridge Church



Thank you for joining us at our Christmas services on Tuesday which were lovely. The children once again sang and read beautifully - well done to them all. Thank you to Simon Taylor, Becky Bradley and Dave Preece for taking the services, and to our parents who helped walk the children across to church. You are all very welcome to join the Busbridge church over Christmas. They have a number of services over the Christmas period for all age groups - information can be found on the Church website.

Ambassadors

Congratulations to all the following children who received their half-term Ambassadors Awards in assembly yesterday:

3A: Scarlett Cooper & Logan Pearce	3G: Shannon Govier-Blinder & Jack Currie
4P: Henry Hayter & Laila Bance	4WT: Phoebe Glaysheer & Bertie LeMesurier
5L: Lucas Varley & Bethany Mitchell	5W: Isobel King & Matthew De Abreu
6E: Alice Hodges & Archie Rowan	6M: Liana Cannings & Oliver Pink



Wishing Service



For today's assembly we held our Christmas Wishing Service. Christmas is such a hectic time of year both in and out of school. The Wishing Service allows us to take a bit of a breather and think beyond ourselves to the world 'out there'. Each year group decided on their wish (or hope) for the world this Christmas. Often when we think of 'wishing' at Christmas it is all about presents for ourselves. The very act of discussing a wish for the world in class helped the children to think beyond themselves. Each wish was read out and then hung onto our Christmas tree in the school hall. Each year group also selected a carol they wanted the school to sing. Here are the Christmas Wishes shared by the children:

Year 3 - Care for our environment and recycle their rubbish so that we can keep our planet clean and healthy.

Year 4 - Be kind to each other.

Year 5 - That everyone has a safe place to go this Christmas so that they can feel cared for and loved in the company of others. To celebrate in comfort during this time of joy and good will. Help us to follow in God's footsteps to achieve this.

Year 6 - Have a peaceful and loving Christmas

My Christmas challenge to the children, and indeed all of us at any time of the year, is this : what will each of us do to make these wishes come true, as "God has no hands but our hands ..." (St Teresa of Avila).

End of term!

The Autumn Term is always a bit of a marathon, but we have reached the end! We have had another really successful term at school in so many ways. Thank you for your ongoing support of all we do. It's all about providing the very best that we can for your children. January 2019 will be with us before we know it, but I for one am looking forward to a few lie-ins!

Finally, a reminder we return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019

Happy Christmas from everyone at Busbridge CofE Junior School - have a restful holiday



Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 3rd January to 15th February 2019:

Year 3 : £73.60

Year 4 : £73.60

Year 5 : £73.60

Year 6 : £73.60

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".

Primary School Applications

Surrey County Council have asked if we could please remind parents with younger children that the closing date for Reception and Primary school (year 3) applications for September 2019 entry is

Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

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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