



# Busbridge CofE Junior

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018 No: 5

2nd November 2018

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### Dates for Your Diary

#### Nov 2018

Mon 5th	Friends PTA Fireworks Night 6pm-8pm
Wed 7th	Class 6E Assembly at 9.15am
Wed 7th	Y5/Y6 Badminton Tournament (PM)
Thurs 8th	Phil the Bag drop off
Fri 9th	Phil the Bag collection at 9am
Fri 9th	Parent Tour (Y3 entry for Sept 2019) at 9.15am
Fri 9th	Cake sale by Y5s (details to follow)
Sat 10th	Glebelands Cross-Country event 9.30am-11.30am
Mon 12th	Y6 Level 2 Bikeability starts
Mon 12th	Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week
Tues 13th	Y6 Netball Tournament (PM)
Wed 14th	Y6 trip to Haslemere Museum
Wed 14th	Y3/Y4/Y5 Tag Ruby Tournament (PM)
Thurs 15th	Mufti day for Christmas Fair
Fri 16th	Year 5 trip to Preston Manor
Fri 16th	Y6 Weigh & Measure 9.15am-10am
Wed 21st	Y4 & Y3/4 Girls Football Tournaments
Fri 23rd	Mufti day for Christmas Fair
Fri 23rd	Friends PTA Quiz Night 7.30pm start
Mon 26th to	Book Fair sale 3.30pm
Thurs 29th	
Fri 30th	Mufti day in school

#### Dec 2018

Mon 3rd	Advent Reflection Day
Tues 4th	Y5/Y6 Barrow Hills Cross Country (PM) (date changed from Mon 26th Nov)
Tues 4th	Y4/Y5/Y6 Benchball Festival (PM)
Fri 7th	Mufti Day for Christmas Fair
Sat 8th	Friends PTA Christmas Fair (12-2pm)
Wed 12th	Christmas Assemblies: 9.30am - Lower School / 11.00am - Upper school
Thurs 13th	Christmas Assemblies: 9.30am - Upper School / 11.00am - Lower school

Check the school website for dates and general school information

#### Ambassadors

Congratulations to last half-term's Ambassadors:

3A:	Sylvia Abbott & Thomas McWilliam
3G:	Oliver Denney & Gracy Kayes-Thorpe
4P:	Imogen Kimbell & Daniel Job
4WT:	Isobel Crossley & Tabitha Parsons
5L:	George Wheeler & Zoe Glaister
5W:	Joey Hanson & Bea Newnes-Smith
6E:	Ethan Norrish & Alexandra King
6M:	Cassidy Owen & William Dawson



### Half-Term Round-Up

We hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break, and the children have all settled into the new academic year particularly our new Y3s. The Autumn term has started with a full diary of events and activities.

At the end of September our Y6 children spent a week at Windmill Hill PGL centre in East Sussex. With superb weather and a whole range of activities to challenge them, the children showed friendship, camaraderie and resilience over the week and had a lot of fun. One of them summed it up as 'Windmill Hill was awesome!'. Thanks to all the staff who led and supported on the trip. The Y6 class assemblies will be a showcase of the trip which we hope parents will enjoy.

Our Y6s also enjoyed a fun packed workshop back at school in October on Ancient Egypt. They spent time mummifying tomatoes and learning about the process with expert David Gumbrell. David also brought along a card game he has designed which the children played to help broaden their knowledge and understanding of this Ancient Egypt topic.

Our Y3s enjoyed their first trip to Butser Ancient Farm to support their learning about the Stone Age and Bronze Age, while our Y4s have been taking part in weekly swimming lessons.

Our Curriculum and Learning evenings, and parent evenings, were an opportunity for you as parents to find out about your child's learning in school. Further information for each year group is available on the school website.

We celebrated harvest in school and at the church services - thank you for all your donations to the Godalming Food Bank appeal.

Our Chocolate DoubleDay rounded off the half-term and the children enjoyed all the different learning experiences. The costumes they wore on the Friday were amazing from Oompa Loompahs to all things chocolatey! Thank you again to the army of parent volunteers who gave up their time to help us over those two days, and on all the other trips/events above.



### Busbridge House Cake Sale

A big well done to Busbridge House Captains and Blossom Blackley for organising the cake sale before the half-term holiday in aid of the Indonesian Tsunami appeal. Their efforts and everyone's support raised a cake-tastic £168.80 - thank you for your support.

### BREAKING NEWS - GET Teaching : train as a teacher in Godalming!

The Godalming Confederation of schools (the Godalming Learning Partnership) has set itself up as a teacher training body. We are partnering with Winchester University to use the expertise across all our schools to train teachers. The course will last for one year as part of the School Direct programme.

If you would like further information please speak to myself or any of the other Headteachers in the area. You can also find out more on [www.getteaching.org](http://www.getteaching.org) or pick up a leaflet at school reception.

## Sporting Events

Our sporting calendar for this academic year has started off with a number of events over the last half-term. Read on for a round-up and information on some future events:



### Coming up...

#### **Glebelands Cross Country - Saturday 10th November**

Many thanks to all the children who have signed up for the Glebelands Inter-school Cross Country competition taking place at Glebelands School, Cranleigh next Saturday 10th November. We are still waiting for some reply slips to be returned so we can confirm numbers but at present we are looking to take a large Busbridge Junior team to the event. Further details will be sent out next week to confirm timings and arrangements.

**Y5/6 Badminton Wednesday 7th November** at Broadwater School (players have been notified)

**Y6 Netball Tuesday 13th November** (players have been notified)

**Y3/4/6 Tag Rugby Wednesday 14th November** (players to be notified early next week)

**Y4 boys and Y3/4 girls football Wednesday 21st November** (players to be notified next week)

**Dodgeball Wednesday 28th November** (tbc) (players to be notified)

**Benchball Tuesday 4th December** (players to be notified)

#### **Barrow Hills Cross Country - Tuesday 4th December**

We have been invited to take a small team of Y5/Y6 children to a cross country competition on Tuesday 4th December from 2.00pm-3.30pm at Barrow Hills School. The children compete against a number of other schools over a mile route around the school grounds. As we are limited in numbers and the standard will be very high we will be selecting a team. Bill Bingham will be holding **trials at lunchtime for Y5 on Tuesday 6th November and for Y6 on Thursday 8th November**. If your child is keen to attend these trials, please make sure they have their PE kit including trainers in school on those days. If your child is absent on the day of the trials then please let the class teacher know.

### Already happened ...

#### **Inspire Sports event -**

On 10th October Mrs Wright took seven of our Y4 children to the Inspire Sports event at St Mary's School in Chiddingfold. Alongside several other schools in the sunshine, the children took part in various activities including tag rugby, handball, ultimate frisbee and capture the flag.

#### **PhysiFun -**

On 15th October Bill Bingham took a group of Y5 children to Broadwater school to train to become a Physifun coach. We have twelve Y5 Physifun leaders running the club for us in school at lunchtimes for Y3s and Y4s. As explained by one of them for the newsletter a physifun coach encourages younger children to be included in fun physical activities. The principles are: SAFE, SIMPLE, FAIR and of course FUN! The games are safe so no one gets hurt, simple so everyone understands them, fairly played and most importantly fun with everyone being happy and encouraging each other. The children very much enjoyed mixing with other schools and meeting new people.

Physifun is on a **Tuesday lunchtime for Y3s and Y4s** so if your child would like to join in come along. The newly qualified Y5 Physifun coaches look forward to seeing you there!

#### **Hockey**

Congratulations to all the Y4 and Y6 girls who took part in the hockey tournament at Broadwater School before the half-term holiday. They showed excellent team spirit and played well. A special well done to the Y6s who came second. Thank you to Miss Mistry for coaching the team and supervising on the day.

#### **Football Tournaments**

Well done to all the boys and girls who have taken part in the football tournaments at Tillingbourne School before and after the half-term holiday. On 17th October the Y6 boys and Y5/6 girls played with great enthusiasm and team spirit despite the wet weather that they had to play in. Although the Y6 boys didn't win the cup they had a great time. The Y5 girls progressed to their semi-final - great work girls!

This week Mr Evans and myself took a group of Y3 and Y5 children back to Tillingbourne to once again compete against other schools. Congratulations to the Y5 boys who played fantastic football with skill and enthusiasm throughout the tournament - they were the 'team to beat'! The final was a tense 'end to end' match that we won 1-0 with Gethin Lansdowne's winning strike being the last kick of the game. The Y3 team also played brilliantly showing wonderful team spirit and determination.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who helped with transport and supported the teams at all the matches and sporting events - we really are very grateful to you.

### Guess The Pumpkin Competition



At the end of half-term we announced the winners of the 'guess the weight of the pumpkin' competition. More than 220 children entered and estimated the weight of their class pumpkin. The children used weights to work out what 1kg, 500g, 200g and 100g felt like before recording their guesses. A big well done to everyone who took part, and a big thank you to Mrs Toulson and the fantastic gardening club for growing the pumpkins.

### Healthy Snacks

We have seen a trickle of unhealthy snacks in school, especially from some older children. Please ensure your child brings in only **healthy food** such as fruit or cheese as their mid-morning snack. The children **should not** bring in crisps, chocolate or sweets. Snacks brought in for break and trips must not contain nuts in line with school policy, and should be in a named container, placed in the class snack trays and not swapped with other children. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Super Stars Board

Our Super Stars Board is full, but we are every keen to keep adding new items. So if your child has had a particular achievement outside of school or done something they are proud of then let me know and we can add them to the board. Don't be shy!



### Travelling Book fair - Monday 26th to Thursday 29th November

The Travelling Book fair will be in school from Monday 26th to Thursday 29th November, and books will be on sale after school at 3.30pm on the decking. We would really appreciate it if a couple of parents can help on each day of the sales. If you are able to volunteer, please let Mrs Mitchell know in the school office by Monday 19th November so we can work out a rota!

### Remembrance Commemoration - November 2018

Next week we will start our remembrance activities, especially thinking of the centenary of the end of the Great War. We would like to make a display of photos or pictures featuring members of the armed forces linked to our school family. We will use the display to remember men and women who have served or still are serving their country. The service-man/woman does not need to have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We want to acknowledge that all members of the armed forces make some sacrifices to serve us. We will of course return the photos but you may wish to send in a photocopy. **Please note that poppies will be on sale for the children in the playground from Monday 5th November. We suggest a minimum donation of 50p.**



### Anti-Bullying Week - w/c Monday 12th November

Monday 12th November 2018 marks the start of Anti-Bullying week. During the week we have assemblies planned around this theme, as well as a range of activities for the children to take part in. To launch Anti-Bullying week, we would like all members of our school community to take part in **'odd socks' day on Monday 12th November**. This simply requires the children (and adults!) to wear odd socks to school that day (..the brighter and crazier the better..) to remind us that we all different, we are all unique and that is ok!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

**School Meals Payment Amounts:** The amount for the next half term Tues 30th October - Wednesday 19th December is:

Year 3 :	£85.10
Year 4 :	£85.10
Year 5 :	£82.80 (taking into account Preston Manor)
Year 6 :	£82.80 (taking into account Haslemere Museum)

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".



**National School Meals Week**  
**Monday 12th to Friday 16th November**

**'Let's celebrate everything that is great about a school lunch'**



The children have brought home the new menus for school meals this half-term. Our school meals are very popular - thanks to Jenny and her team for the fantastic service they provide. On Tuesday 13th November children having packed lunches will have the opportunity to try a school meal - watch out for information next week.

**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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