



Busbridge CofE Junior

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018 No: 4

5th October 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

Oct 2018

- Tues 9th Harvest Festival Church Services:
9.30am - Lower school / 11.00am - Upper School
(parents welcome to join us)
- Wed 10th Parent tour 3 at 11.00am for parents of
children for Year 3 Sept 2019 entry
- Wed 10th Cake sale by Busbridge House 3.30pm
in the school playground**
- Wed 10th Year 3&4 Inspire Sports Event at
St Mary's School, Chiddingfold 3.30pm-5.30pm**
- Thurs 11th Parent tour 4 at 9.30am for parents of
children for Year 3 Sept 2019 entry
- Mon 15th Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Tues 16th Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
- Tues 16th Hockey tournament at Broadwater
School (Y4/Y6)
- Wed 17th Class 6M Assembly at 9.15am
- Wed 17th Y6 Boys & Y5/6 Girls football
tournament at Tillingbourne School 1pm-4pm**
- Wed 17th Parents' evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
- Thurs 18th Chocolate DoubleDay - **normal mufti**
- Fri 19th Chocolate DoubleDay - **chocolate
themed mufti**

Half-Term 22nd to 26th October

- Mon 29th INSET Day
- Mon 29th Primary school online applications
open for Reception/Year 3 Sept 2019 entry**
- Wed 31st Closing date for secondary school
applications for Y6 children (Y7 Sept 2019 entry)
- Wed 31st Year 3, 4 & 5 Nasal Flu Immunisations

Nov 2018

- Mon 5th Friends PTA Fireworks Night 6pm-8pm
- Wed 7th Class 6E Assembly at 9.15am
- Wed 7th Badminton Tournament at Broadwater
School (Y5/Y6)
- Thurs 8th Phil the Bag drop off
- Fri 9th Phil the Bag collection
- Sat 10th Glebelands Cross-Country event
9.30am-11.30am
- Mon 12th Y6 Level 2 Bikeability starts (details to
follow)
- Fri 16th Year 5 trip to Preston Manor
- Fri 23rd Friends PTA Quiz Night
(*moved from Sat 24th*)
- Sat 8th Dec Friends PTA Christmas Fair

AUTUMN TERM 2018

4th September to 19th December 2018

Half Term: 22nd October to 26th October 2018

Next INSET DAY - Monday 29th October 2018

Chocolate DoubleDay - Thursday 18th and Friday 19th October

We will be holding our next DoubleDay in a couple of weeks with the theme being 'Chocolate'. The children will be taking part in a number of activities including chocolate inspired maths and poetry, chocolate cooking, Fair Trade, 'the journey of a chocolate bar' and a chocolate bar design project. **Please note: we will be wearing normal mufti on Thursday 18th, and on Friday 19th we will be wearing mufti inspired by chocolate eg. a favourite chocolate bar, a character from Charlie and the Chocolate factory etc.** There will be a chocolate tasting as part of the poem writing activity, and we will be contacting you soon regarding any allergies linked to chocolate bars that your child may have. Each day will end with hot chocolate and camp fire songs in the hall (or outside).



For parents and children new to the school here is a brief explanation of DoubleDays. They are a pair of days each term in which we structure the learning slightly differently. The whole school learns about the same theme, in this case chocolate. The children rotate around activities in classes made up of children from different year groups. Over the course of the two days, the children will be taught by a range of teachers other than their class teacher. The activities tend to be more on the creative and collaborative side, enabling the children to share learning with children they would not normally be in a class with. There is always a whole school activity which helps to bring together the learning and experiences of the two days.

Attendance and Leave of Absence from School



Please note that our Attendance policy has been updated and can be viewed on the school website (hard copy available from the office). Please also bear in mind that

The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2013,

which became law in 2013 state that Headteachers may **not** grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. On a recent visit to the school, our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) was positive regarding our attendance figures. However, we do have a small number of parents requesting leave of absence during term time. Our Attendance Information leaflet (attached) helps explain why high attendance is so important for your child and their schooling. I have also attached a document from our Surrey EWO regarding penalty notices and absence from school. Please note that in certain circumstances penalty notices are given to our parents in response to poor attendance at school. Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

Harvest Festival Services - Tuesday 9th October

Our harvest festival services will take place on Tuesday 9th October - see dates list for timings. Together with the church we are supporting the Godalming Foodbank, the Cellar in Godalming and the Salvation Army in Guildford. If you are able to make a donation, please see the attached list for suitable items. The children can bring in donations to school on the morning of the 9th to take with them to the services.

Autumn time in school - Conkers and Pumpkins

Conkers: Thank you for all the conkers which the children have brought into school - we certainly have enough now! Our conker fun will start after the Harvest Festival services on Tuesday 9th October. Your child is welcome to bring in a conker of their own or use one of the school conkers (pre-drilled!). They will need to bring a suitable piece of string or a shoelace. We will run a conker tournament for each house but there is also the opportunity for 1-on-1 conker battles if the children wish.



Pumpkins: Can you guess the weight of the pumpkin? Next week each class is running a 'guess the weight' of the pumpkin competition. We're hoping everyone will have a go using their maths estimation skills. Whoever guesses the closest will win the pumpkin. There is a pumpkin for every class, as well as one for the staff and parents (in the reception area) grown by our fantastic gardening club so please do come and have a go.



Parking around the school

The Village Hall car park is a private parking facility for which we have an agreement with their management committee for our parents/carers to use only at drop-off and pick-up time for which we pay an annual fee. However, the hiring hall users have pointed out to us that a number of cars use it outside these times eg. leaving cars there after drop-off to walk the dog or go for a run, or during the school day for appointments or for after school/evening events.

Please can we ask that once you have dropped your child off you vacate the car park leaving it free for the Village Hall hiring users who use it during the day. Please can we also remind you to **park considerably and carefully** both at drop-off and pick-up times. This is primarily to ensure the safety of your children. No-one should be parking in the yellow hatched 'no parking' in the Village Hall car park. Also, please do not park so close to the entrance of the Village Hall car park that you actually block it. I have seen this happen on a few occasions recently. Careless parking in the car park can very easily cause a tail back on to the Brighton Road which in turn makes crossing it dangerous for your children, as well as other pedestrians. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Please note that on the morning of Friday 19th October, a tree surgeon will be in the car park to fell a dead tree nearby. Access to the car park will be limited that morning so please bear this in mind when bringing the children to school.

Cake Sale - Busbridge House Wednesday 10th October 3.30pm

On Wednesday 10th October, Busbridge House will be holding a cake sale in the playground after school at 3.30pm in aid of the Indonesian tsunami appeal charity. They would be grateful for donations of cakes/biscuits (nut free in accordance with school policy) - please bring donations to the school hall on the morning of the cake sale. A letter will be sent out about this event on Monday so thank you for your support.

Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School Friends Fireworks Night Monday 5th November 6.00pm-8.00pm

On Monday 5th November we are having a mufti day in school for donations of 'sweet treats' for the Friends PTA Fireworks Spectacular that takes place in the evening from 6pm-8pm. On the day the children can come to school in mufti in exchange for sweet treats eg. flapjacks, brownies, cookies, popcorn (no nuts please).



If you wish to book tickets for this event go to <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/busbridgejuniorpta>.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals Payment Amounts: The amount for the next half term Wed 5th September - Fri 19th October is:

Year 3 :	£73.60 (taking into account Butser trip)
Year 4 :	£75.90
Year 5 :	£75.90
Year 6 :	£64.40 (taking into account Windmill Hill)

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".

Use of School Toilets

Please can we remind you that if you or your child needs to use the school toilets before 3.30pm when picking up at the end of the school day, **please come to reception and use the main toilets.** The toilets the children use in the rest of the building during the school day are not for general use. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

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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