



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term 2019 No: 5

26th March 2019

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### Dates for Your Diary

#### March 2019

- Thurs 28th Class 6M trip to Godalming Museum  
Fri 29th Class 3G Assembly  
Fri 29th Quikstiks Hockey at The Edge Sports Centre, Woolmer Hill, Haslemere (PM)

#### April 2019

- Mon 1st Easter Pause Day  
Mon 1st American Football at Woolmer Hill (PM)  
Mon 1st Primary Schools Music Festival at Princes Hall, Aldershot - Concert 7pm-8.30pm  
Thurs 4th Girls Football match at Godalming Junior School (PM)  
Fri 5th Friends of BJS 'Bounce For Books' (AM)  
End of term - break up at 2pm

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

- Tues 23rd Back to school - summer uniform  
Tues 23rd Easter Services at Busbridge Church  
9.30am: Years 3 & 4 / 11.00am: Years 5 & 6  
Mon 29th School Photographer - class photos (AM)

#### May 2019

- Wed 1st Class 4WT L1 Bikeability (details to follow)  
Thurs 2nd Class 4P L1 Bikeability (details to follow)  
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Space Double Day  
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 at 9.15am  
w/c Mon 13th Year 6 SATS week  
Mon 13th to Thurs 16th Travelling Book Fair sale in school 3.30pm- 3.45pm  
Fri 17th Year 4 trip to Nower Wood Educational Centre (details to follow)  
Fri 17th Year 5 Greek Day - workshop & feast (details to follow)  
Fri 24th INSET day

#### Half-Term 27th May to 31st May

#### June 2019

- Fri 14th AM : Y3/Y4 Sports Day (parents invited)  
PM : Y5/Y6 Sports Day (parents invited)

#### SPRING TERM 2019

3rd January to 5th April 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

### News about Mrs Callie Morgan, our Bursar

After almost 20 years of service to the school, Mrs Morgan will be retiring at the end of this academic year. I am really not sure how we will cope without her as she does so much for us behind the scenes.

As a result we will be recruiting for a new Bursar in the very near future. If you or a friend are interested in finding out more, please look on our school website in a day or two for details.

### LSA Vacancy

**"At BJS, we recognise the different and changing needs of each individual and provide the best environment for children to thrive and staff to feel valued". (LSA comment from the staff survey March 2019).**

Here at Busbridge Junior School, we have the most amazing team of Learning Support Assistants who work with your children. Some of our LSAs work 1:1 with children and some support groups of children both in and out of the classroom. Whatever their role, our LSAs love their job! In our staff survey 100% of them said that they are proud to be members of staff at our school. As SENCO, Mrs Barker feels privileged to work with such a brilliant team of professionals and has thoroughly enjoyed training with them to ensure we offer the very best SEND provision that we can.

We are looking to expand this team and need your help! We are currently advertising for an LSA to join our team for five mornings a week, working from 9.10am-1.35pm each day. Could this be the job for you? Do you know someone else who may be interested in this rewarding role? If the answer is YES then please get in touch. We need to continue to expand the support that we are able to offer but can only do this with high quality, dedicated people who are willing and able to work with us. On the job training is provided and a warm welcome will be extended to new members of our staff team from adults and children alike. Should you wish to know more, please come and speak to Mrs Barker on the playground or email [rbarker@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:rbarker@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to arrange a time to come and have a chat. Details and an application form are also available on the school website.

### Behaviours for Learning - Reflective

The next Behaviour for Learning we are focussing on is 'Reflective'. We are talking to the children about this in assemblies this week.

Our strap-line for this is: "I think about what to do and how to improve".

We will be talking to the children about the power of using reflection to help us improve in sport, class work, friendships - in everything.



## **Sports Update -**

### **Godalming Schools Swimming Gala**

A huge congratulations to the Busbridge Junior swim squad who scooped all three trophies (boys, girls and overall) at the Annual Schools Swimming Gala a couple of weeks ago at Charterhouse Club. The gala consisted of both fun and competitive races against four other local schools. It was an extremely exciting (if somewhat noisy!) evening and our squad demonstrated great sportsmanship, talent, determination and perseverance - much needed for some of the fun races! Many thanks to Mrs Burden, Mrs Morris, Miss Tampsett, Mrs Mead and Mrs Moore for all their help and support before and on the night. A superb team effort all round - well done to all involved.

### **Netball**

Last week, the Year 5 girls put in a wonderful performance at the local schools netball tournament at Rodborough School. Competing against 9 other schools the girls showed great skill and fortitude with fantastic defending, attacking and scoring some superb goals. Despite a couple of tumbles they soldiered on not wanting to give up or let the team down resulting in winning their group and triumphing in their semi-final. In a closely fought final they were edged out by St Edmunds but in their first competitive tournament to be runners-up was a brilliant achievement. Thanks to Amanda and Helen who coach the team on Fridays after school, and to Helen for accompanying them on the day.



### **Year 5 & 6 Football at St Barts, Haselmere**

The Year 5 & 6 football team excelled at the recent tournament and played brilliantly throughout. BJS won our group but were narrowly defeated on penalties against the home team in the semi-finals. An excellent 3rd place play-off victory against Tillingbourne School ensured the afternoon finished on a high. Well done to everyone who played notably Jack in goal and top scorers Barnaby and Fraser.

### **Year 4 Indoor Football**

We took 2 teams to this recent inter-school tournament : the Busbridge Bears and the Busbridge Barracudas. The event was great fun - very noisy, very skilful and very fast. The team adapted well to the challenge of indoor football (e.g. using the walls to rebound the ball) and showed superb teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. A big thanks must go to Mr Taylor who helped by coaching the Busbridge Bears at the tournament.

### **Inter-school Tag Rugby Tournament**

What a wonderful tournament! A very high number of school participated this year, which was really good to see. We fielded teams from Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6. The team members ranged from those who play regularly to those who only play occasionally. It was superb to see the inclusive nature of the team members, with the experienced players encouraging and including those with less experience. We could not have entered this tournament without the coaching skills and leadership of our parents, so a huge 'Thank you' must go to Mr Newnes-Smith, Mr Wheeler, Mr Pearce, Mr Dawson, Mr Wright and Mr Crossley.



### **Sportshall Athletics County final**

Congratulations to our Sportshall athletes who reached the Surrey Schools Athletics Final. Liana and Will from Y6 summed up what it was like taking part in it: "On Tuesday 18th March lots of our friends from year 5&6 went to a competition called 'Sportshall'. It was held at the Guildford Spectrum and we'd had to fight through three other competitions to get there.

Things we enjoyed most at the County Finals were competing against other neighbouring schools, seeing how other schools compete, having fun, getting exercise and making friends in the other year below. Overall we came 6th. Although we aren't going through to the next round all of us had a load of fun. It was a great experience and we think it was great for young athletes. We also liked going because we got to see what it would kind of feel like to be a professional athlete".

Well done to all the children who took part. Thanks once again to Bill Bingham and Clare Parsons for all their work coaching and supporting the team through the competition, as well as all the parents who helped with transport for this and the other sporting events.

### **Surrey Youth Games ambassadors**

In assembly last week, Susanna and Scarlett talked to the school about the Surrey Youth Games as they are ambassadors for it this year. Surrey Youth Games provides the opportunity for children to participate in games and sporting activities on a number of levels : (i) representing their district, (ii) simply participating in a sport that they enjoy or would like to try out. There are leaflets coming home with the children about the Games with more information so look out for these in bookbags.

### Fundraising Events



This half-term the school has raised money for two charitable causes. During Fairtrade Fortnight we hosted a stall run by Mathilda and Bethan (5L) using Fairtrade goods supplied by June Higgins from Busbridge Church which raised £83.59.

On Red Nose Day we donned our red noses and mufti while Holloway House organised a treasure hunt and Guess the Number of Lego Pieces in a jar. Well done to all the children involved and for everyone's donations. Thank you for all your support with these charity events. The events and the discussions we have with the children around them (in assemblies, etc) help them to see how they can make a positive difference in the world.



### Lunch Taster sessions

On Tuesday 26th, lunch came early for the children. Jenny and her kitchen team put on a delicious display of lunch treats for the children to sample. They were showcasing the new menu items that will be introduced from the start of the summer term. They included fish finger wraps, tuna melt paninis, ham and cheese paninis, meatballs and tomato sauce with pasta. Do look out for the new Summer menu when it comes out.

### Clubs

Please note that this is the last week for externally run clubs - a letter and list of clubs for the summer term will be issued at the beginning of the summer term. Flyers with details/dates for the externally run clubs will be coming home in bookbags and/or available to view/download from the school website from next week to start booking for the summer term.

### Summer Term Uniform

After the Easter holiday the children wear summer uniform - a full list is available on the school website and can be purchased from our supplier Ballethoo in Godalming High Street.

PE kit should be in school everyday. Please can we remind you that if your child has a verucca you must provide them with non-slip socks to wear for PE.

### Last day of term

There seems to be a greater willingness for parents to request leave of absence on the last day of a term. Whilst I appreciate that this can help with holiday transport plans, your child's attendance is still required in order to complete their terms work. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Easter Pause Day - Monday 1st April and Easter Church Services - Tuesday 23rd April

As we approach the end of term next week and the Easter holiday, we will be taking time on Monday 1st April to reflect on the Easter message with our Easter Pause Day. The school Easter services at Busbridge Church will be held after the Easter holiday on Tuesday 23rd April at 9.30am for the Lower school and at 11.00am for the Upper school - parents/carers are very welcome to join us for these services.

**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

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[www.getteaching.org](http://www.getteaching.org)**



### 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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