



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2018 No: 1

12th January 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

January 2018

- Mon 15th Closing date for Primary School applications (Reception & Year3 Sept 2018)
- Wed 17th Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Festival at Broadwater School 1.00pm-3.00pm
- Thurs 18th Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Competition at Broadwater School 1.00pm-3.00pm
- Wed 24th Class 5W Assembly at 9.15am
- Thurs 25th Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics at Rodborough 3.30-5.00pm
- Wed 31st Year 3 & 4 Rainbow Theatre Roman & Viking workshops in school

February 2018

- Tues 6th Internet Safety day
- Tues 6th Sayers Croft Residential Trip meeting for Year 4 parents at 6.00pm
- Wed 7th Class 5M Assembly at 9.15am
- Wed 7th Phil the Bag drop off
- Wed 7th Dance Festival (details to follow)
- Thurs 8th Phil the Bag collection
- Thurs 8th BJS Friends School Disco
- Years 3&4 5.30-6.45pm / Years 5&6 7.00-8.15pm

Mon 12th to Fri 16th Half-Term

Mon 19th Feb **INSET Day**

- Wed 21st Year 5 & 6 Basketball festival
- Tues 27th Parents' evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Wed 28th Class 4W assembly
- Wed 28th Parents' evening 4.00pm-6.30pm

March 2018

- Thurs 1st Double Day - BJS 150th Birthday!
- Fri 2nd Double Day
- Mon 5th to Year 4 Residential trip to Sayers Croft, Cranleigh
- Wed 7th Godalming & District Schools Swimming Gala at Broadwater Leisure Centre start 6.00pm (details to follow)

SPRING TERM 2018

4th January to 29th March 2018

Half term: 12th to 16th February 2018

INSET Day Monday 19th February 2018

SUMMER TERM 2018

16th April to 23rd July 2018

Half term: 28th May to 1st June 2018

INSET Day Monday 23rd July



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Welcome back and Happy New Year...

We hope that you all enjoyed a good Christmas break and we welcome you back for the start of the Spring term. Please can we remind you that this term we have an **INSET day on Monday 19th February**. The focus of our staff training on the INSET day will be on SEND.

Assembly themes for this term:

Over the course of this term we will be revisiting the five fundamental **British Values** (as outlined by the Department of Education). So far we have reminded ourselves of what they are and discussed what they look like when applied on our playground.

We will also be spending time in assembly discussing our **school values** (you can find them on our school website via this link:

https://busbridge-junior.eschools.co.uk/web/ethos_and_values/150231).

Other themes which we will explore include **Friendship** and **Friends of Jesus** (both before half term), then **Truthfulness** and **Easter** (both after half term).

Start of the Year Subject Focus Days

On the first two days of this term we spent time focussing on two specific subjects. On Thursday we focussed on PSCE, and on Friday we focussed on Maths.

On Thursday the children had the opportunity to think about what it means to make a 'fresh start'. They set themselves targets based on their aspirations for the rest of the year, and thought about New Years' resolutions.

On Friday our thoughts turned to maths with the children carrying out a range of maths investigations and activities. On Friday afternoon Mr Evans organised a maths quiz for the Lower and Upper schools. Knowledge of times tables and quick mathematical thinking was required. The quiz was



hotly contested and great fun. It was wonderful to see maths being applauded and celebrated in a very fun and engaging way. The winners earned points for their houses. Thank you to Mr Evans for all the hard work and time he put into organising the quiz.

Year 3 Fossil Workshop

Yesterday, the Y3 children participated in an excellent fossils workshop led by paleontologist Jules Howard. They looked at animal bones and searched for fossils of prehistoric animals and insects learning all about how they form. The children really impressed him with their intelligent questions. The children all wished it could have gone on longer and commented:

"I saw some ammonite shells which were very swirly" (Amy)

"I enjoyed looking at Stone Age animal skeletons" (Ben)

"I liked holding a cave bear skull" (Sadie)

"I enjoyed searching in tree sap for insects like ants and flies" (Tabitha).

Thank you to Mrs Bishop for arranging the visit, and to Jules for once again presenting another brilliant workshop to the children.



Friends of Busbridge CE Junior School - please make a note and put the following dates in your diary...

Friends Meeting - Monday 15th January at 7.30pm in the Learning Lab

On Monday 15th January at 7.30pm, the Friends of Busbridge CE Junior School will be meeting in the Learning Lab. All are welcome so please come along to help plan and volunteer for future events which include the school disco (see below).

School Disco: Thursday 8th February - Years 3 & 4: 5.30pm to 6.45pm / Years 5 & 6: 7.00pm to 8.15pm

The Friends of Busbridge CE Junior School are holding a school disco for the children on Thursday 8th February. The disco is always a popular event with the children and promises to be a fun evening for them. Tickets are £5 per child including a bag of crisps and a drink. Please find attached a flyer with permission slip to book a place coming home with the children on Monday. Please note the **permission slip and payment needs to be returned to the school office by Monday 4th February**.



The Friends kindly organise the disco but would be very grateful for offers of help. Each session needs a minimum of 6 adults present to help set-up, supervise and clear up after the event. If you are available from 5pm for the first session and until about 8.30pm for the second session and can offer to help, please email Emma Calderwood (Friends Chairman) on BJSChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk - thank you.

Phil the Bag - drop off at pick-up time Wednesday 7th February for collection Thursday 8th February morning

We have another Phil the Bag coming up which is such an easy way to raise funds for the school. If you are having a New Year clear out, and have any items that you can donate, we would be very grateful. Phil the Bag accepts all kinds of adults and children's clothing, hats, shoes, belts, handbags and household textiles including sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, curtains and towels.



Please note they do not accept blankets, bric-a-brac, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, rugs, carpets, offcuts of fabric, any wet items, tent canvas, ripped or stained clothing. We need at least 40 bags to qualify for a collection so please fill a bag (or bags!) and drop them off to school by the bike shed on Wednesday 7th February at pick-up time or on Thursday 8th February at drop off time (the bags will be collected on Thursday morning by Phil the Bag's van).

Surrey Arts Music Rehearsals

Surrey Arts would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at their open evening on Wednesday 17th January at Tillingbourne School at the following times: 5.15pm-6.30pm SW Winds - woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4), Prima - string players (beginner to grade 2) and Opus - string players (grade 2-4). 6.45pm-8.45pm SW Surrey Youth Orchestra - strings, wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+). All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne School and the open rehearsal and first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help - just bring your instrument! For more information please contact Alison Harding on Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 4th January to 9th February 2018:

Year 3 : £60.75

Year 4 : £60.75

Year 5 : £60.75

Year 6 : £60.75



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 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 2018 entry is

Monday 15th January 2018.

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

Please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail - 07432 304562

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