



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term 2019 No: 3

8th February 2019

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### Dates for Your Diary

#### February 2019

Tues 12th Parents Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm  
Wed 13th Parents Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm  
Fri 15th Y5 cake Sale 3.30pm in aid of 'Hearts'  
**School ends at normal time 3.30pm for half-term**

#### Half-Term Mon 18th to Fri 22nd

#### Mon 25th Feb **\*\*INSET Day\*\***

Tues 26th DoubleDay ('Marvellous Me')  
Wed 27th DoubleDay ('Marvellous Me')

#### March 2019

Wed 6th 'Ashing' Service at school  
Wed 6th Singing day at Rodborough (details to follow)  
Thurs 7th World Book Day  
Sat 9th Godalming Schools Swimming Gala at Charterhouse Club  
Mon 11th to Year 4 Residential trip  
Wed 13th to Sayers Croft  
Mon 11th Year 6 Guildford Flames 'drugs awareness' presentation.  
Fri 15th Red Nose Day  
Thurs 21st Year 6 trip to Godalming Museum #1  
Fri 22nd Class 5L Assembly  
Mon 25th Full Governing Body Meeting at 4pm  
Thurs 28th Year 6 trip to Godalming Museum #2  
Fri 29th Class 3G Assembly

#### April 2019

Mon 1st Easter Pause Day  
Mon 1st Primary Schools Music Festival at Princes Hall, Aldershot (details to follow)  
Fri 5th Friends of BJS 'Bounce For Books'  
End of term - break up at 2pm

#### June 2019

Fri 14th AM : Y3/Y4 Sports Day  
PM : Y5/Y6 Sports Day

#### 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**

### School Vision Statement

As a school we are in the process of reviewing our school vision statement. This needs to briefly summarise why we are here and what we are trying to achieve as a school. The school governors are working with the following draft statement :

**Our vision is ... *To be a school that reflects the love of Christ : cherishing each other as unique individuals and challenging all to achieve and succeed.*** Feel free to share your views with me on this. In our parent questionnaire (in March 2019) we will provide an opportunity for further feedback as well as provide a context around selecting this wording.

### The 6Rs - Behaviours for Learning: Responsible

As part of our 6Rs programme we have been focussing this week on 'Responsible'. The children have discussed 'Responsible' statements in class, such as: "I know that I am responsible for my choices", and "I am responsible for my own learning".

### Double Days - Tuesday 26th/Wednesday 27th February

After the half-term break and INSET day (Mon 25th Feb) we have our next DoubleDays which this time are based around the theme 'Marvellous Me'. The activities will explore self-esteem and future aspirations. A letter with more details (and one which shares how we will need your help) will be coming to you next week.

### Internet Safety Week

Today marks the end of Internet Safety Week, a national event which is held in schools every year. This year's theme was 'together for a better internet' which focussed on the importance of consent in an online context. The children learnt how important it is to ask people for their consent before sharing photos of or information about other people. They have also learnt that it is their right to say 'NO' if they don't want something personal shared with others. The children took part in drama activities linked to the theme culminating in an assembly where they presented their learning. With some fantastic acting skills Harry, Toby and Johnny in Y6 showed us how to behave respectively when taking selfies! Thank you to all our digital leaders who helped to organise a school survey on internet use, and to Mrs Auger (our Digital Lead) for overseeing the week's activities.

### Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Last week Mrs Barker had the pleasure of accompanying our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors from years 3 to 5 to Godalming Junior School for Anti-Bullying training. The programme was delivered by a representative from 'The Diana Award', a charity set up by the late Princess Diana with the aim of empowering young people to combat bullying. Our children joined others from Godalming Junior and The Chandler to find out more about how they can support their peers and promote an anti-bullying message at our school. The children returned enthused from their day of training, and have lots of ideas to implement back here at school.

## Sporting Events

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

### Sports events coming up include...

Tues 5th March (1 to 4pm) : Y3/4 and Y5/6 Football Tournaments  
Tues 12th March (afternoon) : Y3 Cross Country Challenge at Barrow Hills School  
Wed 13th March (after school) : Y6 , 7-aside local schools tournament  
Mon 18th March (afternoon) : Y5 local schools Netball tournament  
Wed 20th March (4-6pm) : Y3/Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Tournaments  
Wed 20th March (3-5pm) : Y4 7-aside local schools tournament  
Mon 25th March (afternoon) : Y6 local schools Netball tournament



**Sports News Round-Up** : *Since September, 71% of our children have represented the school in a sporting event. We are aiming to top last year's total of 88%!*

**Sports Taster** - Last Wednesday we were invited to Broadwater School to take part in a sports taster event along with some other local Primary schools. The children spent the morning trying out a number of different sports including badminton, handball, hockey and trampolining. The activities were lead by small groups of year 7 and 8 pupils of Broadwater School who had been set the task of planning and delivering the activities to the rest of the groups. It was lovely to see our children approach all the activities with enthusiasm whilst remaining respectful towards the young leaders.



**Dodgeball** - despite the snowy weather, last Friday twelve year 4 children went to a Dodgeball tournament held at Glebelands School. We played matches against several other local schools, and all the staff at the tournament were so impressed with the determination and passion that the Busbridge Junior children demonstrated. All the children gave their best effort - a particular well done to Jack whose excellent aim caught many opponents out, and to Kasro for outstanding dodging!

### Dance Festival -

On Wednesday, twenty Year 3 children went to Broadwater School to participate in a Dance Festival. We joined a number of other schools from the Confederation to participate in four different dance workshops. The children were lucky enough to be taught by West End performers who led them in original choreography. Many of the children said "we loved the Billy Elliott dance because we got to be policemen and miners". After lunch, the Busbridge Junior children went back to the 'School of Rock' and '42nd Street' workshops to polish their performances off to show the parents. It was a brilliant day!

### Girls Football Match -

What an awesome display from our girls football team yesterday! Right from the start they played with tenacity, teamwork and tremendous skill. The opposition, Godalming Junior School, fell behind quickly as our players piled on the pressure. At half-time the score was four-nil to Busbridge. Godalming came out strongly and did well to pull a goal back. The final score of a pulsating match was Busbridge : six ; Godalming : one. A rematch has already been requested, but for a match involving our respective Y3/Y4 girls (on Thursday 21st March).



### Swimming Gala -

Many thanks for all the entries we have had for the swimming gala but please note that the deadline has now passed. As expected, we have a lot of keen swimmers so most of the year groups are over-subscribed. In addition, the organisers have now made the decision to change some of the races as, unlike Busbridge Junior, the other schools have been struggling to get the numbers. We will do our best to try to accommodate as many children as possible, but unfortunately there will be some disappointed children. We are hoping to let you know the squad before half-term and those who are unsuccessful will go on the reserve list in case there are any changes.

### Waverley Vipers Basketball and Lions Sports Academy Rugby Camps at Half-term

There are two sports camps taking place over the half-term holiday which may be of interest to you for your child.

**Waverley Vipers Basketball Camp** - takes place Monday 18th February 10am - 4pm at Godalming College for girls and boys in school years 5-9. Cost £35 a session. For more information register at [www.waverleyvipers.com](http://www.waverleyvipers.com) or email [waverleyvipers@hotmail.com](mailto:waverleyvipers@hotmail.com).

**Lions Sports Academy Rugby Camp** - takes place Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th February at Guildford Rugby Club, Broadwater Sports Club 9am to 4pm for girls and boys U7-U12. Cost £42 a day. For more information or to book online visit [www.lionssports.academy](http://www.lionssports.academy).

### Class 5W ,3A and 4WT Assemblies

This half term we have seen some fabulous class assemblies....

**Class 5W** took on the role of scientists to tell us what they have learnt about 'Natural Disasters' looking at how they are caused, and the effect they have on the environment and people. From demonstrating earthquake drills that many schools practice, to being on standby as firefighters in case of forest fires, the children delivered a very interactive presentation.

**Class 3A's** assembly was all about the Romans and Celts. Dressed up in fantastic costumes and showing the amazing array of shields they'd made at home, the children gave an enthusiastic and energetic performance. Following the assembly, on Monday Year 3 were lucky enough to take part in a mock Roman feast kindly provided by Mrs Ormond, one of our Y3 parents. A big thank you to Mrs Ormond for giving up her time and effort preparing the food.

Lastly **class 4WT** gave us an assembly today on the science and wonders of 'Sound'. Having made musical instruments at home, the children explained the science by using a 'human soundwave'. They also played instruments to explain how pitch can be altered, and told the little known story about the tension between Pan and Apollo's musical abilities. The assembly finished with a fabulous dance to the Lion King.

### Healthy Snacks & Packed Lunches/Lunch Taster day for parents

Please do ensure your child brings in a healthy snack and a health-conscious packed lunch. We do not want to be the Packed-Lunch Police, but some lunch boxes do contain too many sweet treats and unhealthy options.

Jenny, our marvellous school cook, and I are trying to arrange a school lunch tasting day for children and parents so you can try out their new food options. Watch this space to find out when it will be.

### Year 5 Cake Sale - Friday 15th February at 3.30pm

As February is National Heart Month, on Friday 15th February year 5 will be holding a cake sale after school at 3.30pm on the playground. The money raised will go to 'Tiny Tickers' a charity who help improve the early detection of Coronary Heart Disease in babies (<https://www.tinytickers.org>). Cakes will be provided by year 5 but if anyone else would like to donate cakes to sell please bring them in on the morning of the sale (no nuts, in line with school policy) - otherwise please bring some money in on the day to buy and enjoy a yummy cake to help raise funds for Tiny Tickers - thank you.

### Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School

Please look out for the Friends newsletter coming out next week with news about events coming up, and what the money raised with everyone's support has helped the school buy. The next event will be the school disco towards the end of March so watch out for information

### World Book day - baking and dressing up alert!

We will be celebrating World Book Day (Thursday 7th March) with two optional activities: (i) Book Character Mufti—come dressed as a character from any book, (ii) The Great Book Bake Off—create a cake inspired by a book or a story. Bake it, then bring it in to show your friends. This is not a competition, but just for fun. Go get messy in the kitchen!

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".

### GET Teaching

**with the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) and Winchester University.** Get teaching with this one year School Direct programme. Training with the GLP offers the perfect combination of classroom experience in local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Self-funded (bursary/grant available) and salaried places are offered. Apply now to start teaching next September. **Find out more at [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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