



School Newsletter

11th October 2019

Phonics, Spelling & Bug Club Resources

Following the Drop-In sessions last week, a number of resources that can help you support your child's learning at home are available to download from our website under Information/Curriculum [here](#).



African Drumming Workshop

Whole School Harvest Festival at Church



Wagtails gardening - harvesting seeds

1 of 3 teams from Year Two – Aldro Football Festival

Active Playtimes

Now that our new Reception children are so well settled, we have resumed our rota for the 'Fake Grass' area with specific year groups being allocated different days of the week. These days are displayed on the office window overlooking the playground. Each day the teacher on duty at morning break time leads the children in a variety of tag style games. It is great to then see the children then choosing independently to play these games at other times. During lunchtime break on Mondays (Y1) and Wednesdays (Y2), we also fund an SCL sports coach to run a free activity club with the children. Busy times!

Attendance

Please can we remind all parents/carers of the importance of children arriving on time. Morning registration is at 9am and children arriving after this time will be entered as 'late' in the class register. With doors opening at 8:45, this allows for valuable time to change reading books, carry out some morning jobs etc. Brain Gym with Mrs Scully will also be back in the Hall from Monday morning (8:55) with a great 'wake and shake' to get everyone ready for learning. Listen out for that music (no room for extra adults to join in I'm afraid!).

GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are **now inviting applications to what will be our second year, starting in Sept 2020**. The one year **GET Teaching** training programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. We offer self-funded places; bursaries and grants may be available. Find out more about the course and how to apply at: www.getteaching.org



In Class Celebrations

There will be two opportunities this term for parents/carers to come into class to look at and celebrate the children's work and achievements during the autumn. The first is Friday 25th October from 2:45 and the second Friday 20th December from 1:15. Do please add these dates to your diary. We introduced these last year and, having received lots of positive feedback, are looking forward to sharing children's achievements with parents/carers in the same way this year.



Book Week is nearly upon us!

We are very excited to be welcoming the author, Jessica Spanyol, to school on Tuesday 22nd October as part of Book Week. Please see the attached letter from Mrs Sollufi, Literacy Leader for further information about the fun activities planned for the week.

Maths Pack Drop Ins (Year 1: 12th Nov 9am and Year 2: 19th Nov 9am)

Dates have now been set for these. Do take the opportunity, if you are able to, to find out more about how you can use the resources in the maths packs to support your child's learning. Remember to bring your child's maths pack with you to the session as these are always practical, hands on sessions followed by time in class to see them in action. We hope to see lots of you then.



VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)

VLE logins will be sent home for our new parents/guardians. Please look out for these in book bags next week. The children's picture logins will be stuck in reading records next week too. For your information, each child receives a log-in for the duration of their time at Busbridge Infant School which allows them to view their class pages (parents receive one too which also provides access to this). These pages are personalised by teachers with photos, games and activities to both celebrate learning that is going on in school and also suggest ways in which parents can support their child's learning at home. The parent log-in also allows access to a dashboard with additional information, such as attendance.

Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' Evening Appointment will be available on Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November. We will be using an online booking system via eSchools (the company who manage our website and VLE (Virtual Learning Environment)). Please look out for details in the next couple of weeks. You will need to be able to login to the VLE, so if you have forgotten or lost **your parent login details**, please contact the office info@busbridge-infant.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

PTA Quiz Night

Tickets for the PTA Quiz go on sale this Monday. If you would like to enter a team, please fill the quiz team form (sent with this Newsletter) and return by email to finchesclassreps@gmail.com from **10am on Monday 14th October**.

Surrey Advertiser School Photos

We are aware that there are some disappointed Reception parents who were looking forward to seeing their child's class picture in the Newspaper. Unfortunately, Surrey Advertiser took the decision a couple of years ago to stop sending photographers to local schools, so we haven't been able to maintain this tradition. However, there will be an opportunity later in the year to purchase your child's class photo through the school's photographer, Imago.

Maths Activities

Our up to date calculations policy is also on the school's website under "Curriculum".

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<p><u>Recognising numerals</u> Look for numbers all around! For example, door numbers, number plates on cars, on food packaging etc. Ask your child to recognise and say 0-10 then extend to 20.</p>	<p><u>Addition</u> Show your child a group of objects. Count the total. Split them into two groups and count the two 'new parts'. Add the 'parts' back together to make the whole number again.</p>	<p><u>Number facts to 20</u> Using the bead string in the maths pack, move 20 beads along and separate them to find numbers that add up to 20 e.g. 17 beads and 3 beads. Show your child a number of beads and ask them to say what they need to add to make 20. Use the same numbers for inverse subtraction e.g. $14+6=20$ so $20-6=14$.</p>

Driving on Rainy Days

A reminder to all in the community to please drive considerately on rainy days – families have come into school drenched from cars driving through puddles on the road! So please spare a thought, and slow down when driving past pedestrians. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend,
Katherine Smith, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

October

Tuesday 1 st	Phonics drop- in for YR parents after drop off/9am 30-40mins
Wednesday 2 nd	Harvest Festival in church (children and staff only)
Thursday 3 rd	Harvest Festival in school hall for Y1 and Y2 parents (9.15-9.45)
21 st – 25 th	Book Week and Book Fair
Tuesday 22 nd	Author visit during school day followed by Bedtime Story 5.30-6.15
Friday 25 th	Dress up as your favourite book character
Friday 25th	In Class Celebration 2:45-3:15
28 th -3 rd Nov	HALF TERM

November

Monday 4 th	INSET DAY
Friday 8 th	Space Dome (Y2)
Monday 11 th	Flu Immunisation All years
Tuesday 12th	Y1 – Maths Pack Drop-in 9:00-10:15
Tuesday 12 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm All Classes
Thursday 14 th	Parents' Evening 5.30-8.30pm All Classes
Tuesday 19th	Y2 – Maths Pack Drop-in 9:00-10:15
Tuesday 19 th	Great Fire of London workshop Y1 (tbc)
Monday 25 th	Virtual Reality Space experience - YR

December

Thursday 12 th	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance 2:15
Friday 13 th	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance 9:15
Tuesday 17 th	YR Christmas Nativity Performance 9.15
Tuesday 17 th	Pied Piper Theatre visit
Wed 18 th	Christmas Parties p.m.
Thursday 19 th	Christingle Service at church (children and staff only)
Friday 20th	In Class Celebration 1:15-1:45
Friday 20 th	Last day of term 1.45pm finish

INSET Days - Wednesday 4th September, Monday 4th November, Friday 14th February, **Wednesday 22nd July** + 1 date tbc

Please be aware that if parents/carers take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days, they will be liable to receive penalty notices. Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 payable within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid within 21- 28 days. If the penalty notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer per child, so a family with 2 parents/carers and 2 children will receive 4 penalty notices.

- Fundraising for the school – if you make purchases using Amazon, you can help raise money for our school by going to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and selecting 'Busbridge Infant PTA' as your chosen charity on your Amazon account (please note that easyfundraising is no longer supported by Amazon).
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