



School Newsletter

13th September 2019

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all at the start of this new term and school year. The children are settling very quickly into their new classes and the Year 2s enjoyed buddying up with Wrens and Robins this morning at playtime.

Summer Works

We are very excited about the work that has been carried out over the summer holidays to prepare the school's woodland area for the Forest School type activities that we were trialling last term. Planning is now underway to develop a sequence of learning for each year group across all 3 terms. We have only been able to add this exciting element to our provision as a result of the incredible funds raised by our PTA. Thank you once again for your wonderful support! Thank you also to Swallows' mums Laura and Hannah whose valuable help ensured that this work could be carried out over the holidays, ready for our return to school. Whilst looking a little bare at the moment, it won't be long before the greenery returns. We will be holding an official opening later on this term – watch out for the invite!



We have also had a bit of a facelift internally with the school Hall finally losing all of its 70's orange in favour of a more neutral hue. Blue Perspex also now protects the wall where the children line up for their lunch, achieving a much smarter appearance all round. Around the school classrooms, cloakrooms and woodwork have been repainted and in some places re-plastered, coat hooks lowered, sinks and work tops replaced and all in time for the start of term. A huge thank you to DW Interiors who donated the kitchen cupboards/worktops for the refurbishments in Wrens, Robins and Swallows. They do domestic refurb/commercial fit outs and joinery. They have a workshop in Sandy Farm, Down Lane, Compton, GU3 1DQ, tel 01483-363070/07501-002944, email info@dw-interiors.co.uk, website www.dw-interiors.co.uk

Year 1 & 2 Maths Packs

The maths packs for Year 1 and 2 children will be ready for collection from Monday 16th September. Please see the separate attachment with further details. In the second half of term, Ms Yip will be running a maths drop in session for parents. We will advise of the date via the Autumn Term schedule of events.

Year 1 and 2 Outdoor P.E.

Dry weather permitting, Wednesday (Y2) and Thursday (Y1) P.E. sessions will be outdoors this half term. Fleece jogging bottoms are available from the school office for those who feel the cold and can be purchased in the same way as all other items of school uniform. Fleece jackets are available too, perfect for those cooler autumn days and for keeping on the peg in the cloakroom just in case!

SCOPAY payments

We will be issuing letters soon giving instructions to new parents on how to access our online payment system. In the meantime, we would like to encourage all SCOPAY payments to be made using debit card whenever possible (rather than credit card) as the school incurs higher charges with credit card payments. Thank you.

School Gate Closure Times

Both school entrance gates (Hambleton Road and Chestnut Way/Rectory Gardens) are only open from 8:30-9:00 and from 3:00-3:35 in the afternoon (at which point parents, carers and children will be asked to please leave the site). All children attending after school clubs will be brought to the keypad gate at the Hambleton Road entrance for collection by parents and carers, this includes the Little Rays after school care.



Book-bag Keyrings

Please could we ask that you limit the number of keyrings on book-bags to no more than 1 or 2 as they can get rather bulky, making classroom storage tricky. A couple of key rings will still help the children distinguish their own bag from the many others, while at the same time limit the risk of them being used as toys or going missing. Thanks

Jeans for Genes day – Friday 20th September

We will be participating in Jeans for Genes day again this year, supporting the charity in its work to help change the world for children with genetic disorders. The children can come to school in jeans or denim skirts (or non-uniform bottoms if no jeans) with school uniform on the top half (eg. white or blue polo shirt; sweatshirt/cardigan) and bring in £1 donation. Thank you. If your daughter is still in summer dresses because the weather is warm and they don't have a suitable school top to wear with jeans or denim skirt, then a plain mufti top would be fine.

Garden Watering

A big thank you to all the families who helped water the garden over the summer holidays.

Autumn Term Schedule of Events

Please see the 'Dates for your Diary' section of this newsletter for dates for this term. In addition, we produce a full Autumn Term Events Schedule which includes further details/explanation. This will follow next week.

Clubs

Our SCL Breakfast Club and Little Rays after school provision were in full swing this week with the return to school after the summer break. Please contact them directly with regards to availability for either pre-planned sessions or ad hoc ones. A letter will come home next week regarding staff run clubs for children in Years One and Two.

SCL Breakfast and Holiday clubs: www.wearscscl.co.uk 0345 6445747

Little Rays After School Care: www.littlerays.co.uk 07968 067 679 pauline@littlerays.co.uk

Information and links to all our external club providers, including SCL Gym, Boogie Bumps and AllStar Choir can be found on the school's website [here](#).

Hall Hire

Did you know? Our (newly decorated) school hall is available for hire for events such as birthday parties. If you would like further information or to make a booking, please contact Georgie Treacy, in the school office, at admin@busbridge-infant.surrey.sch.uk

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to receive milk at school, register online at www.coolmilk.com Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday. You will receive a payment request four weeks before their birthday - if you wish your child to continue to receive school milk, you can pay Cool Milk online or over the phone.

After School Collection Arrangements

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and therefore would ask that you please inform us of play dates, by adding details of arrangements to the notice board outside your child's class. If you have long-standing arrangements in place (even if they are unchanged from last year), please could you notify us by emailing the school office, who will forward details to your child's new class teacher.



Job Vacancy

Shalford Infant School have opened a new nursery this term, for children aged 2-4 years, and currently have two vacancies on eeach:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/nursery-assistant-1064646?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/early-year-practitioner-1064653?lang=en-GB&frmsrh=Y>

Have a lovely weekend, it looks like we haven't quite seen the end of summer yet....

Katherine Smith, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

September

Friday 13 th	Boogie Pumps 1 st session 3.15-4.15
Monday 16 th	SCL Gym Club 1 st session 3.20-4.20 (Y1 and Y2)
Tuesday 17 th	SCL Football Club 1 st session 3.20-4.20 (Y1 and Y2)
Wed 18 th	PTA AGM 8pm school Hall – we look forward to seeing you then, ‘old’ and new parents alike ☺
Friday 20 th	Jeans for Genes Day
Wed 25 th	Y1 visit to church
Thursday 26 th	Individual School Photos with Imago Photography
Friday 27 th	Y2 Football Festival at Aldro
Monday 30 th	Y2 African Dance Workshop
Monday 30 th	Y1 and Y2 phonics/spelling drop in (after morning drop off)

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
28 th -3 rd Nov	HALF TERM

November

Monday 4 th	INSET DAY
Thursday 7 th	Space Dome (Y2)
Monday 11 th	Flu Immunisation All years
Tuesday 12 th	Parents’ Evening 3.30-6.30pm All Classes
Thursday 14 th	Parents’ Evening 5.30-8.30pm All Classes
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 20 th	Last day of term 1.45pm finish

INSET Days - Wednesday 4th September, Monday 4th November, Friday 14th February, Friday 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).
- Second hand uniform contact Nicole Horstead – busbridgeuniform@gmail.com
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