



# Newsletter

7th September 2018

## Forthcoming Events

### September

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> New YR Group A start-12.00 finish
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> New YR Group B Start-12.00 finish
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Boogie Pumps 1<sup>st</sup> session 3.15-4.15
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> SCL Gym Club 1<sup>st</sup> session 3.20-4.20
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> SCL Football Club 1<sup>st</sup> session 3.20-4.20
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 African Dance Workshop
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jeans for Genes Day
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Individual School Photos

### October

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Phonics drop-in for new Parents after drop off/9am 30-40mins-TBC
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival in church (children and staff only)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival for Y1 and Y2 parents (9.15-9.45)
- 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> Book Week and Book Fair
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Bedtime Story 5.30-6.15
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dress up as your favourite book character
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation All years

### November

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm All Classes
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 5.30-8.30pm All Classes
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Great Fire of London Puppet Workshop

### December

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> YR Nativity performance for parents 9.15
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance for parents 2.15
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance for parents 9.15
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Pied Piper Theatre visit
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parties PM
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service at church (children and staff only)
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 1.45pm finish
- INSET Days-** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July- 1 inset day tbc

Fundraising website for the school - [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

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Welcome back to everyone after the Summer break. The children seem to be settling very quickly into their new classes. We are looking forward to our Reception children starting next week.

### Improvements

We are excited about work that we have had done just before and during the holidays.



The Year One outside classroom space has been enhanced by the addition of playground markings

(generously funded by the PTA) and the Reception raised area by all-weather surfacing to allow the children to use the top level all year round without bringing half the mud back into the classrooms/home on their clothes/footwear!

Finches' cloakroom area now has new flooring and 2 new cubicles replacing the old disabled toilet.



Swallows now have one set of loos (in line with all the other classes) and what used to be Swallows' boys now accommodates our new disabled provision. Robins' and Wrens' cloakroom areas

also boast new flooring and we aim to update the connecting corridors next summer.



### **Year 1 & 2 Maths Packs**

The maths packs for Year 1 and 2 children will be ready for collection from Monday 17th September. The maths equipment in the packs is intended to be used at home to support your child's learning in maths. There are suggested activities in the packs as well as maths activities in the fortnightly Newsletters that you can do using the maths pack equipment. Please see your child's teacher to collect the packs.

Please also refer to the separate letter which will be sent out at the end of next week for further details. In the second half of term, Mrs Leach will be running a maths drop in session for parents. We will advise of the date via the Autumn Term schedule of events.

### **Staff Development - Speech and Language**

Congratulations to Mrs Stephens, one of our Special Needs Teaching Assistants, who recently successfully completed the ELKLAN accredited training for those working with children aged 5 - 11 years with speech, language and communication needs. Such expertise will further enhance our provision and ability to meet the needs of all learners.

### **Changes to School Gate Closure Times**

Please be advised that as of Monday 10th September both school entrance gates (Hambledon Road and Chestnut Way/Rectory Gardens) will only be open from 8:30-9:00 in the morning 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 Hambledon Road entrance for collection by parents and carers. This includes the new Little Rays after school care which runs until 6pm Monday to Thursday. With our extended provision now running from 7:45-18:00 we need to ensure that the school and its grounds are as secure as possible during these extended hours too, rather than just during our regular school hours. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### **Online Safety**

The children will be learning about online safety in class this term and the importance of staying safe online. Do talk to your children about what they have been learning in class. It is also worth reviewing your parental controls on your electronic devices to ensure your child can only access age appropriate content.

### **Godalming Schools**

Busbridge Infants is one of a large group of schools in the Godalming area that work very closely together on a whole host of projects and initiatives. This is proving particularly useful at a time when budgets are so constrained, as we are able to achieve economies of scale and so much more through collaborative working. As a group of schools we have been exploring ways of formalising our relationships and commitment to joint working practices and as such the Governors of all the schools concerned are considering forming a Co-operative Trust. This is a very exciting development and more

information will follow shortly including details of a consultation meeting for all stakeholders on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### **Jeans for Genes day - Friday 21st 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. It was very much appreciated by Mrs Rooke and the children will get to enjoy the tasty produce.

### **Autumn Term schedule of events**

Please see the Forthcoming Events for dates for this term. The full Autumn Term Events Schedule will follow.

### **Staff Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a 1:1 SEN/ TA position (daily 12:00-3:30). Please see the advert on Eteach or speak to the office for more details.

### **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. Spaces are available in both, either for 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.wearescl.co.uk](http://www.wearescl.co.uk) 0345 6445747

**Little Rays After School Care:** [www.littlerays.co.uk](http://www.littlerays.co.uk) 07968 067 679  
pauline@littlerays.co.uk

### **Hall Hire**

Just a reminder that our superb (albeit very orange!) 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 Alison Hoade at [admin@busbridge-infant.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@busbridge-infant.surrey.sch.uk).

Have a lovely weekend, hopefully we haven't quite seen the end of summer.....

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