



School Newsletter

25th October 2019

Book Week

We have all had a wonderful, fun-filled Book Week with author workshops where the children were designing/creating characters in the style of Jessica Spanyol; visiting different classrooms each day to hear that teacher read their favourite story; getting into role by dressing up as book characters; snuggling up in pyjamas back in school for a bedtime story. Lots of memorable experiences to foster a genuine love of books and reading; indeed, returning parents report that older siblings speak so fondly of such of experiences, citing the annual Bedtime Story as a particular highlight of their time at Busbridge Infant School.



Congratulations to the winners of the book cover design competition, as chosen by author Jessica Spanyol, photographed here with Mrs Sollufi, (aka the Hungry Caterpillar!) literacy subject leader, who organised the events this week.

Book Fair

Thank you so much for all your support with the Travelling Book Fair, to everyone who has bought books and also to those who have helped take the money! The sales this week have helped to generate an amazing £428.83, by way of commission, allowing us to further top up the reading books in both the classrooms and the library.



Gardening

Amidst all the excitement of Book Week, Finches were still on hand to tend the raised beds, and before that, Wagtails were hard at work preparing the soil, planting, labelling and watering the broad bean seeds. Fingers crossed for a bumper crop in the spring!. More gardening for Finches after half term, followed by Swallows.

Message from the School Council

"We are helping raise money for Children in Need on Friday 15th November. We are taking part in the Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks and children can wear patterned clothes to school on that day. Please bring in £1-£2 for the charity. We will also be selling pin badges for one week, starting on Monday 11th November, for £1 each. Please send money in with your child for the pin badges. Thank you for helping raise money for Children in Need. From The School Council"

Parents' Evening Appointments

As you will be aware from the email that was sent on Tuesday this week, the online booking system for Parents' Evening appointments opened yesterday (Thursday 24th) at 6pm and closes at midday on Thursday 8th November. If you have any queries please refer to the email with guide attached. This is also available on the school website. If you still experience difficulties, please contact the office info@busbridge-infant.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

Pupil Progress Information

In response to feedback that some parents would like to receive more information across the year regarding how their child/ren are progressing with their learning, we have made a few changes, firstly to our Autumn Parents' Evening format. In addition to sharing a paper copy the End of Year Expectations (reading, writing and maths) for children in Years One and Two, and the Early Learning Goals for children in Reception, teachers will also provide a personalised slip (Year One and Year Two) indicating what they are currently on track to achieve by the end of this school year. In the past this has been done verbally, however with there being so much to cover in a 10 minute slot, we felt that a paper slip to take away would be more informative/supportive. We aim to provide these at further intervals during the school year, and to include Reception, leading up to the end of year reports which are sent home in July.

SATs' Meeting for Year Two Parents 28th November 8-9pm

As you will be aware from the Autumn schedule that was sent home in September (see "links and downloads" on our website homepage), and also from the calendar on the school website, I will be holding an information session for Y2 parents to explain more about these statutory assessments. I will share some sample materials and outline some of the ways in which parents can help to support and prepare their children. For those unable to attend, a hand-out will be emailed out afterwards to all Year 2 parents with a copy going on the Y2 class VLE pages. In response to parental feedback, this session continues to be presented as an evening session this year, rather than a morning drop in one. A separate email will go out to Year 2 parents after half-term requesting confirmation of attendance so that we have an idea of numbers attending.



Your School Photos

Don't forget to place your **order by 31 October** to take advantage of FREE DELIVERY to your school. If you order after this date, a delivery charge may apply. Please login

here to access the images, using your login details on your contact sheet, you will then be taken through your gallery where you can view and purchase the images: <https://www.imagojuniors.com/login/CombinedLogin.aspx>

LOST LOGINS FROM SCHOOL: Your school has a master list with all login details should you lose the contact sheet before logging in. **LOST LOGINS FROM IMAGO:** If you lose, or do not receive your login details for any reason, or have any other queries please call or email us at Imago: 01252 728457 or enquiries@imagojuniors.com You will need to quote BUSGNS*W19, along with your child's full name and form. Once you have logged in there is a 'forgotten password' facility on the website.

Remembrance Poppies

During the first week back after half term, some of the School Council children will be bringing poppies around to each classroom during morning registration. If you would like your child to buy one, please send in a donation for the collection box in a little purse or named envelope in their book bag. We do ask that they buy just the one poppy so that as many children as possible can have that opportunity. Thank you.

PTA School Disco – Saturday 23 November 2-4pm

Tickets are on sale now, at a cost of £5 (cash, cheque, made payable to 'Busbridge Infant School PTA', PayPal or bank transfer). Spaces are limited so tickets will be sold on a 'first come first served' basis. Please complete and return the reply slip, with payment, to the school office/via book bags **by Friday 8 November**. Tickets will not be distributed in advance (children will be signed in as they arrive at the disco). The PTA will notify those who do not receive a place. Information and reply slip can be downloaded from the PTA website [here](#).

Breakfast Club – Parking

Please could we remind all parents and carers to not use the staff car park, even when dropping off before school. Thank you.

Available to buy: Busbridge Infant School Coats

We have a limited supply of Busbridge Infant Coats available to buy (just 3 Large, 2 Medium and 1 Small). These are splash resistant, fleece lined and reversible. They are £10 each, payable in cash to the school office.

Maths Activities

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<p><u>2D shapes</u> Go for a shape and hunt around the house and outside. Can you spot a square, circle, rectangle or triangle? Can you describe it? Encourage your child to use vocabulary such as curved, straight, sides, same and different.</p>	<p><u>Number Facts</u> Using the number bond strips in the maths pack (coloured card) ask your child to throw them in the air and to count how many there are of each colour so that the children have two numbers to add or subtract. Write the number sentences for these and repeat by throwing the strips again!</p>	<p><u>Measure</u> Roll a die. Draw a line that length in cm. Now draw a line that is double that length and then another one that is half the original length. Find a selection of objects and ask your child to investigate which is the longest and shortest by measuring with a ruler. Then ask 'how much longer' 'how much shorter' to compare.</p>

Have a lovely, restful half term in preparation for the busy half term coming up! Hopefully there will be some Autumnal sunshine for us all to enjoy. See you back in school on Tuesday 5th November.

Katherine Smith, Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

October

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 4 th September, Monday 4 th November, Friday 14 th 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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