



# School Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> January 2020



Scenes from Year 2's visit to the Gilbert White Museum on Thursday. With a bit of imagination, you can picture the snow and ice...

## Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Melanie Alexander (a mum at the school) as School Secretary, replacing Karen who left us at the end of last term. Melanie will be working Monday-Thursday alongside Becky Saunders and Georgie Treacy. We appreciate your patience and understanding while Melanie 'learns the ropes'. We would also like to wish Sally Rogers, our Bursar, a speedy recovery from the surgery she had before Christmas. Finally, we would like to congratulate Mr Holmes and his partner on the safe arrival of their son who arrived a little ahead of schedule in early December.

## Reporting Child Absence

A reminder about reporting child absence from school. If a child is unwell or unable to attend school on the day for whatever reason, do please contact the school office asap to report the reason for the absence – by either phoning, emailing or visiting the school office. If we have not received notification by 9:30, the office will be in touch. If you are aware of an unavoidable absence ahead of time, an application for leave of absence needs to be completed and returned to the school office. You can download a copy from our website [here](#), or pick up a copy of the form from the school office. This should be completed at least 2 weeks before the beginning of requested absence. Arranging for dental and doctor appointments to take place outside of school hours significantly reduces disruption to learning. Thank you for your help. Please refer to the attendance policy on our website for further information.

## Relationships Education

Following a review of policy at a national level, Relationships Education will become statutory in all primary schools in England from September 2020. Teaching about relationships is nothing new for schools and is an important part of our curriculum, fully integrated into our wider curriculum rather than being taught as a separate subject (for example through our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) sessions as well as through assemblies, circle times etc). We are in the process of revising our policy in light of the new statutory guidance and would like to consult with parents/carers on its contents before finalising our plans. We will email the draft out to parents a week today (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January) as well as uploading it to the policy section on the school website. Please note that the consultation period will close on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. We do hope that you are able to take a look at this document and we invite feedback, comments and questions on its contents so that we can then make any amendments, as appropriate, before finalising the policy. Thank you.

## INSET Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Please note that we have now set the date for the one INSET Day that had yet to be confirmed. This will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and is also an INSET Day at Junior Schools in the area including Busbridge and The Chandler.

## Spring Sing Update

Unfortunately, due to circumstances outside our control, there will be no Year 2 Spring Sing at St Catherine's this April.



## Could you be eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

Twice a year we provide the Department for Education with pupil information via a census return. The next census is due on Thursday. This information is used to determine our funding, including the amount of additional funding we receive for specific pupils. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools for families who are in receipt of certain benefits. We are able to use this funding to support families by paying for school trips, clubs etc. If you think you may be eligible, please complete and return the attached form and/or ask us by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Rest assured that any information provided is treated in the strictest confidence.

## School Run Clubs

Club notification slips for Year 1 and Year 2 were sent home in book bags this week. If you have any questions, do please contact the office. Please be aware, as stated on the original form, that teacher run clubs (Outdoor Learning, Science and Art) will not be running week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February during the week of Parents' Evenings.

## Christmas Gifts and Cards

On behalf of all the Busbridge Infant School team, I would like to thank everyone for their tremendous generosity. We continue to be totally overwhelmed every year by all the lovely gifts and cards that we receive, which are very much appreciated.

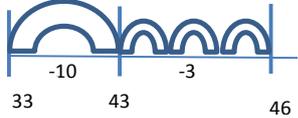
## 'Sign to Sing' | 7<sup>th</sup> February

Continuing with a very popular and successful event that we have participated in since its inauguration in 2013, we will be joining schools throughout the UK and in other parts of the world with 'sign2sing' for SignHealth. SignHealth is a registered charity committed to the health and wellbeing of Deaf children and adults. More information about which song we will be singing will be provided in our next Newsletter. In the meantime, if you would like any more information visit the sign2sing website <http://www.sign2sing.org.uk>. Last year the children really enjoyed learning and performing Greatest Day by Take That. Our suggested donation to this charity event is £1 to be brought in on the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> February. Many thanks.

## Final Reminder: YR and Y3 School Admissions Application Deadline 15 January 2020

A reminder that if your child is in Year Two, or if you have a child that is due to start Reception in September 2020, the closing date for applications is 15 January 2020. **Please apply via the following link:** <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> or you can request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004).

## Maths Activities

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<p><u>Addition Number Stories</u> Tell your child a short number story involving adding together two numbers under 10. E.g. 3 firefighters jump in the engine and then 4 more get in. How many are there altogether?</p> <p>Using objects, such as Playmobil people, combine 3 and 4, and count how many altogether. If they are combining confidently then extend to 'counting on' from the first set. So, 3 count on 4 more saying "4, 5, 6, 7, so 7 altogether".</p>	<p><u>Less and Greater than</u> Ask your child to pick 2 numbers on the number line (up to 20) e.g. 5 and 11. Using the &lt; and &gt; symbols and the vocabulary "less than/greater than" ask your child to describe the numbers.</p> <p>Challenge: pick 3 or 4 numbers to order from the smallest to largest using the &lt; and &gt; symbols. Then ask your child to compare the numbers using the vocabulary "less than" and "greater than".</p>	<p><u>Addition and Subtraction</u> Choose two numbers on a 100 square. Make a number sentence by putting the larger number first and either adding or subtracting the second, smaller number. Draw an empty number line on the whiteboard to jump on or back in ones, then tens, to find the answer.</p> <p>e.g. <math>37 + 25 = 62</math></p>  <p>e.g. <math>46 - 13 = 33</math></p> 



Happy New Year and have a lovely weekend,

**Katherine Smith, Headteacher**

### Dates for your Diary

#### **January**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 2 trip Gilbert White Centre  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Parent Information Evening with the PTA at 8pm in school hall  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Finches trip to Little Street a.m.  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Swallows trip to Little Street a.m.

#### **February**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Surrey Outdoor Learning in School  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sign to Sing  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Parents evening  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Parents evening  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> INSET Day  
17-21<sup>st</sup> Half Term  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Year 1 trip to Birdworld  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Parent Information Evening with the PTA at 8pm in school hall

#### **March**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Reception Children: National Child Measurement Programme  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Reception Children: National Child Measurement Programme  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Sport Relief  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Bouncing for Books  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Year R visit to Bocketts Farm

#### **April**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Church Service 9:30am (children only)  
Spring Concert Year R 2.30pm followed by in-class celebration.  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Concert Year 1 & Year 2 at 2:15pm followed by in-class celebration.  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> END OF TERM at 1.45pm  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> First day of Summer Term

**INSET Days** - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

*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](mailto:busbridgeuniform@gmail.com)
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