



Busbridge CE Junior School

Newsletter

Summer Term 2018 No: 2

11th May 2018

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Dates for Your Diary

May 2018

w/c Mon 14th Year 6 SATs tests

w/c Mon 14th Travelling book fair in school

Mon 14th Cross Country (Y3/4) at Barrow Hills
2.00pm-3.30pm

Thurs 17th Royal Wedding School Lunch

Fri 18th Royal Wedding Celebration Day (Mufti)

Mon 21st Pentecost Pause Day

Mon 21st Year 5 Greek Day workshop & feast

Tues 22nd Kwik Cricket (Y5/6) at Farncombe
Wanderers 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Tues 22nd BJS Book Club trip to Children's Book
Award ceremony, Dorking Halls 10.15am-11.45am
Thurs 24th & Fri 25th Maths DoubleDay

Half-term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June June 2018

Tues 5th Y6 trip to Dapdune Wharf

Fri 8th Y5 trip to Winchester Science Museum

Fri 8th 'Wear It Beat It' Busbridge Charity day

Tues 12th Y3 trip to Look Out Discovery Centre

Wed 13th Phil the Bag - drop off donations

Thurs 14th Y3/4 Mini Tennis at Shalford Tennis
Club 3.45pm - 6.00pm

Thurs 14th Sports Field events for the children

Fri 15th Sports day: parents welcome to watch
AM - Lower school (Y3 & Y4)
PM - Upper school (Y5 & Y6)

w/c Mon 18th Well Being Week & Golden Boot
Challenge

Mon 18th NSPCC Assembly

Tues 19th Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament 1pm-5pm

Wed 20th Y6 Speedwatch

Wed 20th Y4 Multi Skills Festival at Broadwater
School 1pm-3pm

Thurs 21st Y6 Speedwatch

Thurs 21st Art Exhibition (details to follow)

Thurs 21st Y3/4 Tri Golf at Milford Golf Club
4.00pm-5.45pm

SUMMER TERM 2018

16th April to 23rd July 2018

Half term: 28th May to 1st June 2018

INSET Day Monday 23rd July

AUTUMN TERM 2018

4th September to 19th December

Half Term: 22nd October to 26th October

INSET DAY Tuesday 4th September

**Please note first day back of 18/19 school year will
be Wednesday 5th September.**

May the 4th be ever with you!

We hope you all enjoyed the sunny Bank Holiday weekend after the excitement of Star Wars day last Friday. What a fabulous time we had on May the 4th : thanks to everyone for entering into the spirit of it. In particular thanks to Judo Pete for putting us in touch with the Little Musketeers who run a primary school fencing programme.



They led the children in some expert fencing tuition (or Jedi lightsaber training!) on the school field helping to create special memories, widen our sporting encounters and generally have fun at school (photos of Star Wars Day to come). Look out

for the poster sized leaflets coming home with the children about their holiday club! We are now looking forward to our next celebration in school on Friday 18th May for the Royal Wedding, and the special celebratory school lunch on Thursday 17th May.

Lunchtime organisation in school

In assembly, Mrs Barker has led the children in a review of our lunchtime organisation. This was also an opportunity to remind the children of expectations for their conduct on the playground and the way in which they interact with each other. The purchase of foam rugby balls for the playground was well received by the children, as was the introduction of year group footballs to ensure that when it is a particular class or year group football day, the children have a ball that they are responsible for looking after and are able to play with. We have also introduced a new and exciting program of lunchtime sporting activities led by Bill Bingham, whereby each year group will have a lunchtime session to take part in a team game or sporting activity on the field should they wish to join in. The 'fifth day' is an opportunity for the children to participate in a range of House sporting events organised in part by their peers and preparation for inter school activities. These resources are all funded by the Sports Premium budget that the school receives.



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Are you available Monday to Friday between 12.30pm and 1.35pm? Do you enjoy spending time with children and helping them initiate and maintain successful play with their peers? If so, you might be just who we are looking for! We are in need of a temporary lunchtime supervisor from now until the end of the summer term. Duties include: supervising the children whilst eating their lunch, engaging with children on the playground initiating and supporting playground games and basic first aid. As a school we are committed to the safeguarding and well-being of our children and therefore a DBS check and references will be sought.

If you have any further questions, please direct them to Mr Catchpole or Mrs Barker. Should you be interested, please see Mrs Mitchell in the office for an application form.

Teaching of Reading Audit by Education Consultant

The school was recently visited by Heather Retter, an education consultant who is working with the school to audit our teaching of reading and to deliver training to our staff. Mrs Barker and Miss Warner took her around the school to observe reading sessions being taught. Whilst she was able to give us a comprehensive evaluation of the teaching of reading which was overwhelmingly positive, she also commented on the high levels of engagement of children in ALL classes, as well as complimenting us on the behaviour of each and every class. Coming from a professional who spends time in numerous schools this is praise indeed. We are very proud of all of the teachers, LSAs and children.



Visit to school by author Maria Farrer

Last week Y4 were treated to a visit by the author Maria Farrer and her life-sized polar bear cut-out! Maria spent time with each class discussing her passion for polar bears and the research she has carried out to enable her to write about animals and the ways they communicate non-verbally. She discussed her writing process reminding the children of the magic behind writing, saying '*when you write you can be anyone, anywhere, doing anything*', as well as the importance of the 'loathsome' yet necessary skill of editing! Maria was incredibly impressed with the children's inquisitive nature and knowledge they shared on important issues e.g. global warming. Thank you to Miss Warner for organising the visit and to Y4 for being brilliant ambassadors for the school - we hope you continue to enjoy Maria's book 'Me and Mr P'.

French Visitors

A couple of weeks ago, we welcomed two French girls, family friends of the Hart family, to our school who came and spent a day in class 6E. Despite feeling a bit apprehensive at the start of the day the girls really enjoyed their time being included in all the lessons. On behalf of the Hart family, a special thank you to Mr Evans for taking on two extra pupils and engaging them in class activities despite the girls limited English! They came away with a very positive image of the school and found everyone most helpful. Thank you to 6E for making the girls feel so welcome and giving them such a valuable experience.



Class 6E Trip to Godalming Museum

Class 6E dodged the rain and enjoyed a history trail around Godalming as well as historical studies at the museum based on the Titanic, Jack Phillips and local artefacts. Using the museum resources, the children learnt how Godalming developed over the years which they all enjoyed. Many thanks to the museum staff and our parent helpers who supported us on the day.

Year 4 trip to RHS Gardens, Wisley

Year 4 also managed to dodge the rain and enjoy a sunny trip to RHS Gardens at Wisley last week. Each class took part in a weather and climate workshop learning how to measure air and soil temperature, as well as the speed and direction of the wind in the grounds. The children had great fun exploring the gardens and sketching various plants in the glass-houses. Thank you again to our parent helpers who joined us on the trip which is summed up by the children as follows:

"The vast array of plants in the greenhouse was truly a sight to behold" (Oscar)

"I loved my visit to Wisley because we got to learn how to measure air and soil temperature, and when we did sketching in the glasshouse it was so fun. I give 100 out of 100!" (Lucas)

Bikeability

Well done to all our Y4 and Y5 children who have taken part in and successfully completed their Level 1 Bikeability cycle training this week in the school playground under the expert instruction of the Surrey Cycle training team. The children who participated received certificates and badges in recognition of completing the course which they will be presented with in assembly on Monday. Thank you to the Surrey County Council Road Safety team for coming into school to deliver the cycle training, and we hope the children enjoy putting their training to good use!



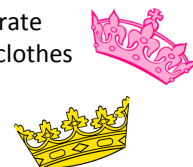
Travelling Book Fair - Monday 14th to Thursday 17th May 3.30pm to 4pm

The Travelling Books Fair will be held after school each day next week from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th May. The books will be sold outside on the decking or in the Learning Lab. Thank you to the parents who have offered to man the stall so far - if anyone else can offer to help, please contact Mrs Mitchell in the school office.

Royal Wedding Celebration day - Friday 18th May



As communicated last week, we will be holding activities on Friday 18th May to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding. The children (...and staff!) can come to school in mufti clothes with the theme being 'Kings and Queens' and 'Princes and Princesses' or simply come in red, white and blue coloured clothing.



Sports Day at Busbridge CofE Junior School - Friday 15th June

Just to give you advance notice that our school Sports Day will take place on Friday 15th June in the morning for the lower school (Y3/Y4) and in the afternoon for the upper school (Y5/Y6). Parents will be welcome to join us on Friday 15th June to watch the children compete for the coveted house trophy!



Sporting Round Up - Football Matches

Y5/Y6 Boys and Girls Football: On Wednesday 25th April, two Y6 boys teams and one Y5 girls team travelled to The Chandler School braving torrential rain to represent the school admirably in football matches. The boys 'Lions' team lost but competed well whilst the 'Tigers' team won 3-0 playing really well as a team. The girls team also lost but gave their all in an entertaining 9 goal thriller! One of the parents commented how the girls were a shining example of the positive effects of team sport. Despite the weather and facing older and significantly larger opposition, they did fantastically well. There was a real buzz and lots of chatter on the way home about how it had gone!

Y3/Y4 Girls football: Last Thursday, a team of Y3 and Y4 girls travelled to Godalming Junior for our first Y3/4 girls football match. The event was organised by Sophie Crossley (5W) who wrote to local Head teachers to source fixtures with the aim of raising the profile of girls football. Along with Mrs Barker, coach Sophie accompanied our newly formed team and, after only one lunchtime practice and team talk, we were pleased to go 1-0 up! Despite their best efforts and an amazing team performance from all involved, the match ended 3-1 to the opposition. The girls were proud of their achievements and there has already been talk of a return fixture here at Busbridge Junior. Thank you to all our parents who came to support the girls.

Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School - events coming up



Thank you to everyone who came along to the last Friends meeting to plan ahead for events coming up and hear about how much has been achieved so far this year!

Bounce for Books was a great success but if anyone *still has sponsor money to hand in please drop it into school by Monday 14th May* so all the monies can be counted up - thank you. More details will follow in the Friends newsletter but please make a note in your diaries of the following events coming up:

Phil the Bag: Wednesday 13th June - if you're having a spring clean drop off any donations in bags to school on the 13th.

Summer BBQ: Friday 29th June 6-8pm - details to follow but put the date in your diary now for this annual fun event!

Mufti days on: Friday 22nd June for sweets and **Monday 25th June** for bottle donations for the Summer BBQ.

We wish all our Year 6 children well with their SATs next week - they have all been working extremely hard towards them over the past term.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals Payment Amounts: The amount for the next half term 16th April to 25th May (7th May is a Bank Holiday):

please note Y4 & Y5 amounts corrected from last newsletter

Year 3 :	£65.25
Year 4 :	£63.00 (taking into account Wisley trip)
Year 5 :	£65.25
Year 6 :	£65.25

Please remember to regularly check and top up your school meal accounts.



We would like to remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please remember to top up your account on Parentmail regularly.

We prefer you to pay through ParentMail PMX but if you wish to pay for school meals by cheque these should be payable to "Surrey County Council".

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Traffic at drop off and pick up time

Please can we remind you when dropping off and picking up your children by car

please do not stop on the roundabout.

This can cause tailbacks onto the Brighton Road which can be dangerous both for traffic as well as for pedestrians - both children and adults. Thank you for your understanding and attention to this important safety matter.

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

Times and costs:

Breakfast Club from 7.50am - 8.45am @ £5

After-school club half session 3.30-4.45pm @ £6.50

After-school club full session 3.30-6.00pm @ £13

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