



Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term 2021 – Headteacher Update #12

Almost the Easter Holidays! The children have been superb settling back in to life at school. Many have found it very tiring, so a good rest over Easter is both needed and well deserved. On Monday we will be attending Busbridge Church (in Bubbles) to hold our Easter services, led by Simon, Judith and Anto. Then back at school we are holding an Easter Pause Day for the children which will help them engage further with the Easter story.



Safeguarding – Domestic Abuse

This week the teachers carried out some safeguarding awareness training focussing on Domestic Abuse and Child Mental Health. It is widely accepted that in the last year of Covid lockdowns cases of domestic abuse have increased by a huge percentage. Clearly this is tragic for all concerned. Even though a child may not be the physical recipient of abuse, seeing, hearing or being in a household in which Domestic Abuse occurs is rightly classified as child abuse. The following real quotes from NSPCC / Childline calls during Lockdown help to illustrate what some children go through at home.

Domestic Abuse does/will take place in families of children who attend our school. If this is your reality help is available. Please see the telephone numbers below.

"I could hear mum and dad shouting last night, and mum hit dad. There was blood on dad's face and it was horrible. I'm feeling scared and worried because I haven't seen him all day. Mum told me not to tell anyone - have I done the right thing?"

Boy, 9, Childline

"Mummy lies that she is okay when she is not. Daddy hits mummy because mummy wouldn't give him money to get beers. Daddy tells me to go upstairs to my room but I can hear mummy crying and loud banging sounds. I am scared of daddy and I want daddy to stop hurting mummy."

Girl, 7, Childline



**01737 771350 Monday to Friday
9am - 4pm or Surrey Helpline
01483 776822 9am - 9pm**

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to everyone who cast their vote in the recent Parent Governor election. Congratulations go to Martin Hanak Hammerl who received a majority of ballots cast.

End of the Spring Term – Thursday 1st April

The last day of this school term is Thursday 1st April. Please note earlier finish times:
Year 6 and Year 4 finish at 1.15pm / Year 5 and Year 3 finish at 1.30pm.



School Equipment

Some children have not brought back to school the **mini whiteboards** that we sent home for Home Learning. These are expensive to replace, so **please do send them back in to school**. Some children do not have the expected school equipment with them. The 'Ready to Learn' school equipment list is attached with this update and can also be accessed on the school website:

https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/homework_and_learning_guidance/241790.

We do not want children to share equipment yet, so please ensure your child has all they need – the School Council shop has many items, all at cost price. Please see the order form also attached with this update.

Spring Term Parents Evenings

These will be held virtually (via the School Cloud system we used last term) on the following dates:

Wednesday 21st April (6.00pm to 8.30pm) & Thursday 22nd April (4.00pm to 6.30pm)

Sign up for appointments on these dates will go live from Monday 29th March at 9.30am. For further details please see the email sent to parents/carers on Thursday 25th March.

Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) Art Competition

A huge 'Well Done' needs to go to Luke F (4MB) whose GLP Art Competition entry took first place amongst all of the Year 4 entries in Godalming. Wow!! Well done and thank you to everyone who entered the competition. The standard was very high. Luke's artwork, along with that of other winners, can be found by following this link: <http://godalminglearning.org.uk/>

Rainbow Theatre Show in School

Earlier this week the children spent time relishing the opportunity to see live theatre when a theatre group spent the day in school. There was plenty of laughter and giggles, to which we say a huge 'Thank you' to our PTA, Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School, for funding the entertainment. More news from the PTA to follow.

Munstead Charity Fundraiser – Red Nose Day

We had so much fun celebrating Red Nose Day this time last week. The Munstead House Captains did a sterling job leading the way. We raised £240 for Comic Relief - thank you to all who contributed.

School Breakfast and After-School Club – up and running again

Our wonderful Breakfast and After-School Club has re-opened. There are spaces available in all sessions so kindly contact our Club manager, Jackie McPhail, at jmcpfail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk or by phone 07432 304562 if you would like to book a place for your child.

Online Safety

With increasing regularity we are made aware of parents letting their children access and even post on social media sites that are deemed unsuitable for their age group. These include Tic-Toc, Snapchat, etc. There are age restrictions on these sites for very good reasons. My strong recommendation is that you adhere to them with your child.

Take care & kind regards



Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

