



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Term Dates 2023/24

Spring 2024	
Mon 4th—Wed 6th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (<i>Dressing Up!</i>)
Sat 9th March	Swimming Gala, Charterhouse Club
Thurs 14th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Tues 19th March	PTA Bounce for Bars Event
Thurs 21st March	Music Works Children's Concert, 9.30am
Fri 22nd March	4S Class Assembly
Tues 26th March	PTA Easter Egg Raffle
Thurs 28th March	End of Spring Term
Summer 2024	
Mon 15th April	Inset Day—No children in school
Tues 16th April	Children return to school
Tues 23rd April	Class photo and Year 6 Leavers photo
19th, 22nd, 24th, 25th & 26th April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability - New Dates!
Fri 3rd May	5GT Class Assembly - New Date!
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tues 7th May	Year 4 Trip to RHS Wisley
Thurs 16th May	Year 5 Greeks Workshop
Fri 17th May	3BF Class Assembly
Tues 21st May	PTA School Disco (children)
Wed 22nd May	Year 5 Drama Workshop
Fri 24th May	Inset day—no children in school
Tues 3rd & Wed 5th June	Year 3 Feet First Training - New date!
Tues 3rd & Wed	Year 6 First Aid Training



School is back in full swing following the half term break and the last two weeks have sped by. We all enjoyed One World Week last week, especially on Thursday, when the school was filled with the delicious smells of Sri Lankan Veggie curry, expertly made by 6E under the watchful eye of Mrs Vasanthakumar (mum of Janushan)! We had a very successful visit from Little Wandle to look at our phonics provision (details below) and 3B treated us to an excellent class assembly. Next week, Year 4 will be heading off on their residential to Sayers Croft - we hope they all have a brilliant time, and stay dry!

One World Week

Last week we celebrated One World Week in school. Year 3 looked at India, Year 4 at Nepal, Year 5 at South Africa and Year 6 at Sri Lanka. Topics included the environmental issues affecting the countries; the impact they have on those living there and what we can do to help in the long and short term. The children also took part in lots of interactive activities, including Bollywood dancing in Year 3, cooking in Year 6, and trying different foods! It was a very fun and informative week.

SAFE Phonics Workshop

Last week we welcomed an adviser from Little Wandle into school to review our phonics provision. As part of the visit, they looked at our how we teach phonics in school, observed phonics lessons and interventions and met with teaching staff. We were absolutely delighted with the feedback! The adviser praised our highly skilled and well trained LSA's and teaching staff, as well as the amazing leadership on phonics by Mrs Buchan! They reported that our provision is amongst the very best they have seen in any Junior School! What brilliant news! A huge well done to our wider teaching team who have embraced this new phonics initiative with skill and gusto.

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our current Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Safeguarding](#). Just to remind you, Mr Catchpole, Mrs Barker and Mrs McPhail are our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

This term our staff are refreshing themselves in the **PREVENT Duty**. This is all to do with helping to safeguard students from radicalisation, build resilience to all types of extremism and to promote our shared British Values. More information can be found via this web link: <https://www.educateagainsthate.com/>.

Sports Round-Up

Y4 Sportshall Athletics

Before half term we took a large group of Y4 children along to a sportshall festival at Rodborough School. The afternoon involved the children learning then trying out the standard sportshall field events such as : Standing Long Jump, Vertical Jump, Chest Push, Speed Bounce, Triple Jump and Javelin. Following that, they competed in some of the track event relays against another local schools. The children displayed fantastic skill and determination and by the end were totally exhausted! Hopefully the afternoon gave them a flavour of what the Sportshall competitions are all about.

Y6 Basketball

"Last week, four children from year 6 were chosen to attend a basketball tournament against other schools, including Godalming Junior and The Chandler. We had so much fun! We worked hard, played as a team and scored some points. Unfortunately, we didn't win any games. We had an amazing evening though!" - Lucas G (6E) & William I (6E).

World Book Day - Save the date!



Excitement is building for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March! It is always a really fun day in school, with lots of activities and this year we will be exploring the book 'The Word Collector' by Peter H. Reynolds. We are inviting all children (and staff!) to come to school **dressed up as a word** that is new or interesting to them. This could be anything from 'wizard' and dressing up as Harry Potter to 'archaic' and donning a grey wig! There are lots of ideas online if you Google "Vocabulary Parade", but really the world is your oyster to be as creative as you want to be.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

For many years promoting and delivering Equality, Diversity and Inclusion has been a key aspect of school life. This is all about creating a school ethos, culture and learning environment where every individual can feel safe, have a sense of belonging, and is empowered to achieve their full potential. This applies to both adults and children in school. We feel that we are effective in this area. However, if you feel there is more we can do then do let us know via the Parent Survey which is going out next week.

You can find our current Equality Policy Objectives on our school website. They are also here:

- (1) Raise the achievement of our Pupil Premium children in maths.
- (2) Raise the achievement of girls in maths so that it matches that of boys.
- (3) Ensure Pupil Premium and EAL cohorts are secondary ready by attaining at least the Expected Standard in Reading, Writing and maths.
- (4) Have minimal difference in attendance between different pupil cohort groups (gender, SEND, Pupil Premium)
- (5) Broaden the opportunities to learn about other faiths and cultures.
- (6) Ensure equality of opportunity in accessing wider and extra-curricular activities. These have been based on the review of relevant information for our pupil cohorts.

These objectives are reviewed regularly by the school leadership team and the school Governing Body.

Class Assemblies

This years' class assemblies will be as follows (9.15am: an invite will be sent nearer the time of each assembly):

Friday 22nd March—Class 4S

Friday 3rd May - Class 5GT (new date!)

Friday 17th May—Class 3BF

Friday 28th June— Class 5S

Year 6 Visits to Charterhouse

Over the past 2 weeks, 6W have thoroughly enjoyed their visits to Charterhouse School to take part in their 'Science for Schools' initiative. Last week, we investigated crumple zones and how to save an egg in a buggy crash, and made parachutes to protect our eggs from falling off of a 2-storey building! There were unfortunately some yucky casualties but we all had great fun! This week, we were all incredibly brave and investigated how maggots react to light - lots of us even plucked up the courage to pick them up with our hands! We ended our 3 visits with a spectacular chemistry show from the Charterhouse teachers, which we were all absolutely amazed by! The trips have got us really excited for all the brilliant science investigations we will do in our labs at secondary school.

PTA Update

PTA Adults Football - Following on from the success of the PTA Adults Football on the MUGA, if you are interested in playing on a regular basis to have fun and raise funds for the school, then please contact Dan Wells on danjwells79@gmail.com.

Bouncing for Bars - Further details about our exciting Bouncing for Bars event have been sent out with this newsletter! Look out for the sponsorship form coming home in your child's bag today! <https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1113450858>

Save the Date! Thursday 20th June - Adults PTA Fundraiser. Details will be sent out soon.

Superstars Board

Our SuperStars board in the entrance hall is a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, sporting achievements and more. Since our last newsletter, we have added:

- Torben M (5GT) - For showing true resilience by completing his bike journey, despite falling in the River Wey en-route! Torben picked himself up, pulled his bike out, wrung out his socks and carried on! Top job.
- Erin B (6E) & Laila R (6W) - For representing Surrey in the recent inter-counties regional sportshall championships. The Surrey team were amazing, winning gold! What an achievement.
- Henry F (6E) & Hugo F (3BF) - For collecting litter on the beach whilst on holiday in Scotland. Top job - true environmental superstars!
- Mrs Barker - For completing her 100th Parkrun! Well done.
- Mr Stuart - For continuing his Ultramarathon training - last week Mr Stuart ran over 26 miles just for fun!

Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child would like to feature on our SuperStars board.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024:

Year 3 : £70.20

Year 4 : £78.30

Year 5 : £75.60

Year 6 : £78.30

Amount per day: £2.70 Amount per week: £13.50

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 Arbor regularly.*



Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)

Spaces are available in the Breakfast & After-School Club from Tuesday 5th September. Please contact the Club Manager, Jackie McPhail, to book. Session costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.10

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £7.70

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £15.40

To make a booking please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail on 07432 304562 or by email: club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

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