



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn 2024	
Tues 22nd Oct	Parents Evening—4pm to 6.30pm
Thurs 24th Oct	Parents Evening—6pm to 8.30pm
Fri 25th Oct	Inset Day
28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	Half Term
Tues 5th & Wed 6th Nov	DoubleDay
Thurs 7th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Fri 8th Nov	PTA Fireworks—6pm to 8pm
Wed 13th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum Church Remembrance Services - 9.15am Y3 & 4S, 10am Y5 and 4LT
Fri 15th Nov	Class 6W Assembly
Fri 29th Nov	Class 5E Assembly
Tues 3rd Dec	Charterhouse Science Workshops - Y5
Fri 6th Dec	PTA Children's Christmas Shopping Event
Fri 13th Dec	After School PTA Christmas Event
Mon 16th Dec	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsals
Tues 17th Dec	Christmas Play - Lower School 9.15am & Upper School 1.45pm
Wed 18th Dec	Christmas Church Services - 9.15am Lower School & 10am Upper School
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Play - Upper School 9.15am & Lower School 1.45pm
Fri 20th Dec	End of Term—1.30pm
Mon 6th Jan 2025	Start of Spring Term
Thurs 16th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Tues 28th Jan	Children's Disco
Fri 31st Jan	Class 5W Assembly

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Where has the first half of this term gone? We have had a brilliant few weeks, with lots of events happening in school, including football tournaments, our annual Harvest Festival, Year 4 swimming, Year 6 Bikeability training and our first Year 3 trip to

Butser Farm! We have much more planned for after the holiday, starting off with our Science themed DoubleDay on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November! We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 4th November, raring to go!

Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm

Our year 3 children had a brilliant day on their first school trip to Butser Farm last week! The theme of the day was Stone Age Life. They learnt how to make copper bracelets and rings; made string from blades of grass and created beautiful clay pots and chalk carvings. We all enjoyed sitting in roundhouses and were very thankful for the dry weather! A good day was had by all.

Free Girls Rugby Taster in November!

On Monday 11th November, Guildford Rugby Club will be in school to run a fun-filled rugby taster session for all girls in years 3 to 6! The session will run from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and will be led by Miss Snow and coaches from Guildford RFC. If your daughter would like to take part, then please complete the following [form](#). All they will need to bring is their sports kit, a water bottle and their biggest smile! For more information, please see the flyer attached to this email.

Can you help us at lunchtimes?

If you have a spare hour to spend at lunchtime, we are urgently looking for extra help on the school playground and in the lunch hall. Days can be planned to suit you and you will be paid for your time. If you would like further information or would like to apply, please contact our school office at admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

School Attendance & School Absence

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the DfE has instructed all schools to implement more robust Admissions Policies. You can find ours [here](#). In a nutshell, the issuing of Penalty Notices to parents for their child's absence has been tightened up.

A Huge Thank You!

Thank you for all of your amazing effort and donations over the past year to Create Fun and Raise Funds for our school! With your help, we will soon be installing gym wall bars in the hall, buying new digital cameras, gym mats and lots of new resources for our classrooms! Further details about the amounts raised and how they will be used, can be found attached to this email.

Trick Box Round-Up

This half-term, the whole school has learnt three new tricks to help us with our confidence and feeling calm:



Mirror Mirror taught us the importance of saying nice things to ourselves, especially if we are feeling like there is something we are finding challenging. Emily T in 3BF says, "When I was starting roller skating I felt a bit scared. To help me, I could say to myself, "You are great, you can do hard things - all it takes is a bit of practise!"



Big Voice is a trick that encourages us to create a positive self-belief mindset through how we talk to ourselves. We practised using our voices to tell ourselves, "I can do it and I feel strong inside!" Ottollie in 5E says, "If I was feeling nervous, I would tell myself I can do it, there's nothing to be nervous about!"



Stand as If teaches us that we can trick our minds into thinking that we are feeling confident by standing strong and tall. Changing our posture affects how we feel! Anna in 4S says, "If I am doing a show at my theatre group, I feel a bit worried sometimes before I go on stage so I can use Stand as If to trick my mind into thinking that I am feeling brave!"

Sports Round-Up

Year 6 Football

On Friday 4th October, twelve year 6's played in a 9-side football tournament at Tillingbourne. Their first match was a close 4-1 loss against Tillingbourne, then they drew 0-0 against St.Barts. Finally, we drew 1-1 with Loseley Fields. Overall, we came 3rd in our group. Sadly, we didn't qualify for the semi-final.

Year 4 Football

Our first game was against Wonersh. We had about 90% possession, had 5 attempts at goal and we won 4-0. In the second game we played Tillingbourne. It was a very even game, with each team having about 50% possession each. They had more attempts at goal but we managed to hold them to a 0-0 score. Our third game was very comfortable and we won easily 5-0. The fourth game was terrifying as it was against Godalming Juniors! We managed to draw 1-1 with them. Our last two games were fairly straightforward and we won both of them resulting in us coming second overall!

Year 3 and 4 Basketball

Last week we took a Y3 and a Y4 team along to the basketball festival at Rodborough school. The festival involved learning lots of basketball skills and tactics. The children then got the opportunity to put these skills to the test in some exciting mini-matches. It was great fun and lovely to see the children grow in confidence.

Waverley Schools Cross-Country event - Saturday 16th November at Glebelands School, Cranleigh

Don't forget to let Mrs Parsons know if your child would like to take part in the Cross Country event on Saturday 16th November. Please email sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk to confirm your interest.

More sport updates will follow straight after half term!

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 15th November — Class 6W Friday 29th November — Class 5E Friday 31st January — Class 5W
Friday 14th February — Class 3B Friday 28th March — Class 4LT Friday 2nd May — Class 4S
Friday 16th May — 3BF

PTA Update

This half term, some of our staff are taking on the challenge of Mount Snowdon. We are doing this for the fun and excitement of spending a few hours climbing a mountain, but we also thought we would support our wonderful PTA 'The Friends of Busbridge Junior' and raise some funds for the school at the same time. Please see the Crowdfunding link below for more details and if you would like to, please donate a few pennies to support our cause. At the moment, the weather isn't looking too bad - so keep your fingers crossed!! Many thanks, Team BJS 'Snowdon 24'

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/busbridge-junior-school-library>

DoubleDay

We are having a Science Double Day on Tuesday 5th November and Wednesday 6th November. We would love it if any parents who have jobs in science might be interested in coming to speak to the children about their job and how it relates to science. This could be talking to small groups of children or being part of our school assemblies. If you can spare the time and are interested please can you get in touch with Mrs. Toulson, Year 4LT class teacher. She'd love to hear from you. Thank you so much.

Year 6 - Deadline to apply for Secondary Schools

As I am sure many of you are already aware, secondary school applications are now open. Applications must be made by **31st October 2024**, however you are recommended to submit them by 25th October 2024, which is the Friday before half term. Further information can be on the [Surrey County Council website](#).

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: Safeguarding and Child Protection https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/safeguarding_child_protection/667455. It outlines roles and responsibilities in the school and who to speak to if you have a concern about a child. Just to remind you, Mr Catchpole, Mrs Barker and Mrs McPhail are our Designated Safeguarding Leads, and Mrs P Baker, Mrs A Watson and Mr M Hanak-Hammerl are our Safeguarding Governors.

Superstars Board

Our SuperStars board in the entrance hall is a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, sporting events, volunteering etc... Do email in a photo and a brief outline of your child's achievement if you would like them to feature on our SuperStars board. Our latest Superstars are:

- ◆ Alex J (3BF) - for creating some wonderful art sketches - some of which are on display outside the office. Amazing talent!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024:

Year 3 : £98.00

Year 4 : £98.00

Year 5 : £95.20

Year 6 : £95.20

Amount per day: £2.80 Amount per week: £14.00

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.

Session costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.40

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £8.10

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £16.20

Bookings can now be made via Arbor, however if you have any queries please contact

Mrs Jackie McPhail at

email: club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Terms & Conditions are available on our website - [Breakfast & After School Club - Terms and Conditions](#)