



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2022 No: 6

16th December 2022

Term Dates 2022/23

| Spring 2023 | |
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| Tues 3rd Jan | First day of Term |
| Thurs 19th Jan | Child in Roman Britain Workshop (Year 3) Vikings Workshop (Year 4) |
| Fri 20th Jan | Class 4W Assembly |
| Fri 10th Feb | Inset Day |
| Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb | Half Term |
| Mon 6th to Wed 8th March | Sayers Croft Residential—Year 4 |
| Fri 10th March | Class 3B Assembly |
| Wed 15th March | Winchester Science Museum Visit—Year 5 |
| Fri 17th March | Class 6E Assembly |
| Fri 24th March | Class 4S Assembly |
| Fri 31st March | Last Day of Term |
| Summer 2023 | |
| Mon 17th Apr | Inset Day |
| Tues 18th Apr | Children Return to School |
| Mon 24th Apr | School Photos—Groups & Year 6 |
| Wed 26th to Fri 28th April | Y4 Bikeability |
| Mon 1st May | Bank Holiday—School Closed |
| Wed 3rd May | Y4 Trip to Wisley |
| Fri 5th May | Class 3BF Assembly |
| Fri 19th May | Year 5 Greeks Day (Rainbow Theatre) |
| Thurs 25th May | Children Break up for Half Term |
| Fri 26th May | Inset Day |



HoHoHo—Merry Christmas, One and All!

What a wonderful time we have had this Christmas at school. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Christmas plays: what a talented bunch of children and staff we have at BJS! On behalf of staff and Governors I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Christmas.

PE lessons in the Spring Term

Year 4 have now completed their swimming lessons. Huge thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped each week with the lessons. As always, your help is greatly appreciated!

In the Spring term, the Guildford Hockey Club sessions in Years 5 and 6 cease, but we are pleased to be able to welcome back Graham Ekins, from Farncombe Cricket Club, who will coach Years 3, 4 and 5 for half a term each. (Year 6 will have their turn in the Summer)

For the Spring Term, the PE days are as follows:

| | Spring 1 – PE days | Spring 2 - PE days |
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| Year 3 | Wednesday and Thursday | Monday and Wednesday |
| Year 4 | Thursday and Friday | Thursday and Friday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday and Friday | Monday and Tuesday |
| Year 6 | Monday and Wednesday | Monday and Wednesday |

BJS Advent Bear Hunt

Today saw the culmination of our Advent Bear Hunt, as during our Wishing Service we placed Jesus in the stable. The staff did an amazing job 'dressing' the bears for the children to enjoy.



Busbridge & Hambleton Church—Gabe's Advent Hunt

From 18th to 24th December, follow the stars around Busbridge to find the missing nativity characters—and save Christmas! Collect a map from Busbridge Church, the Yew Tree Café or the church office, and complete the hunt anytime over the week.

Christmas 2022 Events Round Up...

Celebrating Christmas at school has been a real joy this year. The children were very excited when our very large Christmas Tree arrived in the hall—thank you to Oxenford Farm for once again donating an amazing tree! The Friends of BJS PTA Christmas events, such as the Fayre and Secret Shopping day, were a lot of fun. The fayre alone raised over £4000 profit—amazing!

Earlier this week our Year 3 children sang at the **Prime Time Carol Service** at Busbridge Church. The children sang beautifully. Songs included two from this year's Christmas Play, Bah Humbug, and two traditional carols accompanied by percussion instruments.

Our **Christmas Plays** were also a blast. It was heart-warming to see all the children singing, dancing and acting with such enthusiasm. The teachers deserve a big round of applause for their efforts in organising such enjoyable shows alongside everything else that happens in school.

Christmas Lunch on Wednesday this week was delicious. Jenny and her staff pulled off a momentous task of cooking the festive feast—I am in awe!! As the children munched they were accompanied by a veritable choir of angels.

The **Christmas Services** at Busbridge Church were also a highlight. Many thanks to Simon and Ben for hosting us and leading the services.



Finally, today, we held our annual **Wishing Service** in which children belt out favourite Christmas carols and songs, whilst also spending some time thinking of others in the world around them. Each year group presents their 'Wish For The World'. You can see the wishes below. The challenge to us all is to make these wishes come true through our attitudes and actions.



Year Three: That everyone has someone to talk to and care for them at Christmas. We wish that everyone has food and shelter, to be treated equally and feel loved. We wish for peace around the world.

Year Four: That the world will live in peace and liberty, and that people are able to share their ideas and be who they truly are, whatever or whoever they are, and no one should have the right to stop them.

Year Five: That everyone in the world will have a peaceful, warm and enjoyable Christmas; for those in need to be looked after and for everyone to share their presents, food and love. We wish that everyone is safe and loved this Christmas; for us to think of places where war is happening and for peace to overcome differences.

Year Six: That at this time of year, we make sure that cats, dogs and all the animals are safe and cared for and that those charities like the RSPCA can provide help to those animals that need it.

Christmas Giving:

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the two charities we have supported over this Christmas period:

Dnipro Hope Mission: Your donations for their Winter Appeal (towards generators for 'warm places' and communities in Ukraine) raised £487.15. This has already been sent off and is being used by the charity.

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice: The Reindeer Run was a lot of fun (if not a bit on the chilly side!). The total raised is not yet known, but thank you everyone for supporting this local charity, and Well Done to the Busbridge House captains for organizing the event.



Leonard Cheshire Home: Yesterday the School Council helped to share some Christmas Joy at our local Leonard Cheshire Home. They sang, told jokes, played Christmas songs, read poems ... and ate cake. It was a wonderful time, and the children did themselves and the school proud.

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 20th January—**Class 4W** Friday 10th March—**Class 3B** Friday 17th March—**Class 6E**
Friday 24th March—**Class 4S** Friday 5th May—**Class 3BF** Friday 9th June—**Class 5S**
Friday 30th June —**Class 6W (*new date; moved from 25th Nov*)**

Sports Update

Year 3 Football Tournament - Recently, a team of nine Y3 boys went to Tillingbourne. It was tough and really cold. We played six games and won two (1-0), drew one (0-0) and lost three (1-0, 1-0 & 2-0), so we got 7 points. We were shivering!

Year 5 Football Tournament—We also entered a Year 5 team into their annual football competition at Tillingbourne. After a tough opening match against Tillingbourne, BJS returned fighting and earned a close-fought 0-0 draw against St Barts, the overall winners. The last game saw BJS convincingly beat Loseley Fields, with Ben smashing the ball into the back of the net from long range. Credit must go to the whole squad, who quickly adapted to playing together and significantly improved throughout the competition. Well done Year 5!

Year 6 Football Tournament - “We entered a Surrey-wide tournament with a lot of teams and got through to the second round, where we played the team who won it last year and were unbeaten for 18 months. We lost 2-0, but played better than Cleves in the second half and deserved a draw at least but it didn't happen for us in the end. We played very well and although we couldn't apply the finishing touch we are very happy with our performance. “(Richard & Monty).

Parent Governor Election Result

I am delighted to confirm the appointment of our new Parent Governor - Tom Allner. Thank you to everyone who cast their vote. Thanks must also go to all the candidates who generously stepped forward for this role - each would have brought a unique set of skills and experience to our governing body.

Governors play a crucial role in the school - providing both support and challenge to ensure the school is run as effectively as possible, working alongside the senior leadership team and supporting staff to provide an excellent education for all children in a safe, positive and inspiring environment. For more information about our governing body, please visit our [website](#).

Busbridge Ambassador Awards

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Autumn Term 2022 (second half term) are:

3BF Lucas Horne and Freya Roche

3B Ellie Horstead and Maximus McGivern

4W Alex Day and Tabitha Hanson

4S Tommy Day and India Davies

5GT Jack Neale and Josie Beckingham

5S Jack Turner and Isla Woodcock

6E Isla Spiers and William Roberts

6W Alfie Glasson and Ella Buchanan

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 3rd January 2023 to 9th February 2023.

Year 3 : £72.80

Year 4 : £72.80

Year 5 : £72.80

Year 6 : £72.80

Amount per day: £2.60 Amount per week: £13.00

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.** We prefer you to pay through Arbor but if you wish to pay for school meals by cheque these should be payable to “Surrey County Council”.



Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)

Spaces are available in the Breakfast & After-School Club from September 2022. Please contact the Club Manager, Jackie McPhail, to book.
Session costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am - £5.80

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm - £7.35

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm - £14.65

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

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy has been updated and can be found on our school website: [Welcome to Busbridge C of E Junior School \(busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk\)](#) .