



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2022 No: 3

11th March 2022

Cherish  Challenge

MARCH 2022

- Mon 14th Year 5 swim lessons (1-3pm)
Tues 15th Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (1-3pm)
Thurs 17th Y3/4 Girls Football tournament at Tillingbourne (1-4pm)
Fri 18th Holloway House Fundraiser for Ukraine— blue & yellow mufti day
Mon 21st Year 5 swim lessons (1-3pm) finish
Tues 22nd Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (1-3pm)
Year 6 SATs Information Evening for parents/carers 6.00-6.30pm
Wed 23rd Y5 boys football friendly match at BJS (PM)
Thurs 24th Children's Disco:
Lower school (Y3&Y4) 5.30pm -6.45pm
Upper school (Y5&Y6) 7.00pm-8.15pm
Fri 25th Class 5L Assembly at 9.15am
Mon 28th Easter Pause day
Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
Tues 29th Easter Services at Busbridge Church:
Lower School (Y3&Y4) at 9.15am
Upper School (Y5&Y6) at 10.00am
Thurs 31st Friends of BJS Easter Mufti day for donations of Easter eggs for Easter egg raffle

APRIL 2022

- Fri 1st Friends of BJS Easter egg raffle end of school
Break up for Easter holiday at 1.30pm
EASTER HOLIDAY
Tues 19th INSET Day 4
Wed 20th Children return to school for summer term
Mon 25th Class & Year 6 Leavers Group Photos
Tues 26th Friends of BJS PTA meeting at 7.30pm
Wed 27th Year 4 Cycle Training (Grp 1) 9am-12.15pm
Thurs 28th Year 4 Cycle Training (Grp 2) 9am-12.15pm
English Talk4Writing Information evening for parents/carers at 7.00pm
Fri 29th Joint House Event (tbc)
Year 4 Cycle Training (Grp 3) 9am-12.15pm

MAY 2022

- Mon 2nd **School closed for May Day Bank Holiday**
Wed 4th Year 4 trip to RHS Wisley (letter to follow)
Fri 6th Class 5S assembly at 9.15am
w/c Mon 9th Year 6 SATs
Fri 13th Year 5 Greek day in school

****Please note events planned above may be subject to confirmation/change - please look out for information which will be sent out nearer the time for each one****

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

Half-Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

INSET Days: Tuesday 19th April & Friday 27th May 2022

The second half of the Spring term is well underway...



We are One World....

After the half-term break we started off with our One World week. The children learnt about different countries enjoying cuisine from South America and India and taking part in dance workshops. Thanks to the amazing Capoeira Brazilian Dance teacher, Elias, for coming in - a real treat.

Ukraine - Holloway House event Friday 18th March

As we all know, a part of the world needing our help right now is Ukraine. As emailed out yesterday, Holloway House have organised a fundraiser for Friday 18th March. The children can wear blue and yellow mufti for a donation of £1. Don't forget to bring in the contributions by year group to create the piece of artwork for the front of the school to show our support for the people of Ukraine and, reflect on the peace that we enjoy.

Having seen and heard about the Ukraine war and all the people whose lives have been turned upside down, some of our Y6 children organised a cake sale last weekend selling cakes to raise money for the Red Cross. Standing for 3 hours in the cold they sold all the cakes/biscuits making a huge £405. Well done to the girls for their initiative, hard work and thinking of others in their time of need.

The Joy of Reading...

On World book day last week, it was lovely to see the children and staff enjoying reading stories including the book the school have worked together to write called 'The Day The School Equipment Quit'. Thank you for all the donations of books - 1478 in total standing 18.7m high!...A-MA-ZING!



English Curriculum Information Evening - 28th April at 7.00pm

On Thursday 28th April we will be holding a parent information evening in the school hall to share info on reading and writing.

Sayers Croft

Year 4 have had an exciting half-term so far with a visit by Surrey Police to talk to them and then their brilliant time away on their residential trip at Sayers Croft this week. They showed off all of our 6R's and represented the school fantastically. The children worked well as teams with a positive mindset taking part in shelter building, outside games, pond dipping, nature art, orienteering, boulder climbing and a Gladiator challenge course. They enjoyed a night time walk, a disco and visiting the shop to buy souvenirs! A big thank you to all our staff and to all the children for a super trip.



School Events: Here are a couple of things coming up...

Art competition -



The children were told in assembly yesterday by Miss Friend about a competition by the Royal Academy of Art. The competition is open to all year groups and the children can create a piece of Art using any medium eg. paint, pencils, crayon, photography etc. The children are to make the art piece at home, parent/carers take a photograph of it and send it to a special art email address. Miss Friend will then submit the pieces and await the results! Look out for all the details next week.

Year 6 SATs Parent Information Evening - Tuesday 22nd March 6.00pm-6.30pm

We will be holding a SATs information for Year 6 parents/carers on Tuesday 22nd March from 6.00-6.30pm in class 6E. It would be great to see as many of you as possible. Details have been emailed to year 6 parents today with a RSVP link to reply to.

Easter at BJS

Last week we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancake races in the school hall and then the Church came in on Wednesday to lead the Ashing Service. For those who wanted an ash cross was placed on the children's forehead. Your child was given a Lent booklet to bring home as attached with this newsletter.



Our Easter Church services will take place on Tuesday 29th March as follows:

Lower School (Years 3&4) at 9.15am / Upper School (years 5&6) at 10.00am

Parents and carers are welcome to join us for these services.

Lent and Easter events are also now on the Busbridge Church web site via this link: <https://www.bhcgodalming.org/len-easter-2022> including marvellous church family occasions - the **Good Friday Hot Cross Bun adventure**, and the **Easter Garden Service and Egg Hunt on Easter Saturday**. It would be great if you could sign up if you would like to come to these events. **New for 2022! Messy Easter at Hambledon Village Hall** (Easter Saturday at 10am).

Sports Update

Our sporting calendar has continued this half-term with a range of events:

Sportshall Competition—Year Four



Congratulations to our Year 4 Busbridge team who took first place at the local schools Y4 Sportshall athletics competition on 1st March. The children competed in a number of different races, jumps and throwing disciplines to collate points for their school team. Busbridge were lying in second place, until the final races, where we managed to drive though to pole position and take first place! As you can imagine, the excitement levels were off the scale and the children were thrilled with their medals. We are now reigning champs in Y3/4 and Y5/6. Result!

Year 5/6 Girls Football Friendly

The other week we held our first home football match since before Covid. We welcomed local rivals St Edmunds who hopped over the road to play the match. A huge well done to all the girls who took part. Lots of honest endeavour and commitment. Although St Edmunds scored more goals than us the real winner was Live Sport Back at Busbridge!

Y4 Football

The Year 4s did a brilliant job at the football competition yesterday using up their last drops of energy after 3 days away at Sayers Croft! We played four matches - a draw in one and, despite some amazing defending, three losses. We are proud of them for their sportsmanship - they happily played a friendly match after the tournament and stayed to watch the final. Thank you to Miss Ford for supervising the team at the tournament and our parent helpers on the day.

The Hundred Cricket Trophy

Last week the children were very excited by the arrival of The Hundred trophy at BJS. The trophy was brought to us by Rhiannon Davies, one of the ladies Oval Invincibles - the cricket team who won the hundred tournament last season. Thanks to Graham Ekins from Farncombe CC who arranged for this visit and has been doing a brilliant job delivering coaching sessions to our children in school as part of our PE curriculum.

If your child would like to get involved in cricket Farncombe Cricket Club is always keen to recruit children who would like to play. Coaching is provided by ECB qualified coaches. They have ClubMark status providing a safe hands environment for children to play cricket. Contact - Graham Ekins 07889 366528. Email:- juniors@farncombecc.com



class Assemblies

Well done to Classes 3MB and 4WT for re-enacting their Roman and Viking workshops for their class assemblies. The next class assemblies will be as follows (an invite will be emailed nearer the time of each assembly):

Friday 25th March - class 5L

Friday 6th May - class 5S

Friday 20th May - class 4A

***Friday 17th June* - class 3BF: *Please note this is a change to the original date of Friday 13th May.**



Friends of BJS Update

The next meeting of the Friend of BJS is on Tuesday 26th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the school hall - all welcome.

Please see recent newsletter emailed out with information about events coming up but here is a couple of reminders:

Bouncing for Busbridge - A huge thank you to everyone who has passed on to the school their child's sponsorship money from the Bouncing for Busbridge event in February. We are aware that some families may not have passed on the sponsor money they raised yet. If you are able to transfer it to the school as soon as possible that would be appreciated so we can get the grand total - thank you.

Quiz Night - 10 teams fought hard for first place at the Friends of BJS quiz night last Saturday. The evening was enjoyed by all and raised about £700. A big thank you to Ben Kellett for hosting and being quiz master, and to Hannah Jones and Isabella Sciberras for organising the evening.

School Disco - The school disco is BACK! It's time for the kids to get their dancing shoes on and dance the night away. The details: **Thursday 24th March – Lower School (Year 3&4): 5.30pm-6.45pm / Upper School (Year 5&6): 7.00pm-8.15pm** There will be a tuck shop for all their disco refreshment needs and hopefully some tattoo art.

Tickets cost £5 – please purchase through Classlist **by Wednesday 23rd March 2022.**

If you're able to help out at the event, please let us know by email to BJSChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. We can't run these events without your help!



Easter Egg Raffle Mufti - on Thursday 31st March we are having a mufti day for donations of Easter eggs for the Friends of BJS Easter Egg Raffle on Friday 1st April which will take place when school breaks up for the Easter holiday at 1.30pm.

Parent survey - at this halfway point in the school year, we like to give parents the opportunity to share their feedback about the school year so far in a Parent Survey. Earlier this week information about this survey was emailed to you, and we would appreciate it if as many of you as possible could fill it in to help inform us for our future planning. **Please complete the survey by Friday 25th March via this link:**

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uNGBDlomLECIIX91bsQWF_o5v2xByuHlrwdouMjM5gZUMEILOEIHNJIKNUxVVFpESTVGT0pTTFIWTc4u



We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey.

Healthy Snacks

We encourage the children to bring in a snack to have at break-time. Please can we remind you that any snacks should be healthy such as fruit and cheese. The children should not bring in crisps, chocolates, biscuits or sweets. Snacks must not contain nuts in line with the school's nut free policy. Please can the children bring their snacks in a named container, place them in the classroom snack trays and not swap them with other children.

Thank you for your support with healthy snacks

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 21st February to 1st April:

Year 3 : £73.50

Year 4 : £66.15 (taking into account Sayers Croft)

Year 5 : £71.05 (taking into account Winchester Science Centre)

Year 6 : £73.50

Amount per day: £2.45

Amount per week: £12.25

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 Parent-mail 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".



Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)

Thank you so much for your valued custom and continued use of the Breakfast & After-School Club - it is very much appreciated. We are giving advance notice **from Tuesday 19th April 2022 the cost of the sessions will be increasing to the following prices:**

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am from £5.70 to £5.80

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm from £7.20 to £7.35

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm from £14.40 to £14.65

We are sorry to have to increase fees but this reflects the rising costs of running the club. The increase is approx. 1.8% broadly in line with inflation and other increases in costs. Thank you for your understanding.

To make a booking please contact

Mrs Jackie McPhail on 07432 304562 or by email: jmcphail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk