



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021 No: 5

17th December 2021

Cherish  *Challenge*

DECEMBER 2021

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

JANUARY 2022

Tues 4th	INSET day 3
Wed 5th	Children return to school for Spring term
Mon 10th	Year 5 swim lessons start (PM)
Tues 11th	Y6 Sportshall Athletics Tournament (PM) Friends of BJS meeting at 7.30pm
Sat 15th	Deadline for Reception/Primary (Year 3) school applications for Sept 2022 entry
Mon 17th	Year 5 Swim lessons (PM)
Thurs 20th	Year 3 Roman Workshop in school (AM)
Thurs 20th	Year 4 Vikings Workshop in school (AM)
Fri 21st	House Event
Mon 24th	Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
Fri 28th	Class 4WT Assembly at 9.15am
Mon 31st	Year 5 Swim lessons (PM)

FEBRUARY 2022

Thurs 3rd &	Doubleday
Fri 4th	Doubleday
Mon 7th	Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
Tues 8th	Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
Wed 9th	Dance event at Broadwater 9.40am-2.30pm
Thurs 10th	Class 6E to Charterhouse Science (PM)
Thurs 10th	Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
Fri 11th	Class 3MB Assembly at 9.15am

HALF-TERM

w/c Mon 21st	One World Week
Mon 21st	Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
Mon 28th	Year 5 swim lessons (PM)

MARCH 2022

Tues 1st	Class 6E to Charterhouse Science (PM)
Tues 1st	Parents Information Evening in school on Talk4Writing at 7.00pm
Mon 7th	Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
Mon 7th to	
Wed 9th	Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft
Tues 8th	Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
Mon 14th	Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
Tues 15th	Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
Mon 21st	Year 5 swim lessons (PM) finish
Fri 25th	Class 5L Assembly at 9.15am

****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
Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022
INSET Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Please check the school website regularly for more information: www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk



End of term

Ho Ho Ho - it's Christmas! (almost)

What an awesome Autumn we have had. Thankfully we have been spared the worst impacts of Covid on school life. A huge thanks to everyone — staff, parents, children — for playing their part in keeping our school family fit and healthy. Not easy.

There have been some real joys this term, mainly around not being in Bubbles. It has been so heart-warming to see our Y6-Y3 Buddy system back in full swing. Likewise having sporting fixtures back on the calendar, and parents in to watch the Christmas Plays. All reminders of the richness of primary education both in and out of the classroom.

And the PTA Christmas Fair. What a success! The various Christmas PTA activities raise a truly incredible £7, 500. Huge thanks need to go to Sarah, Jackie and every parent who has contributed in any way to our fundraising efforts. And thank you also to everyone who has dug deep and contributed towards that huge total.

School trips...

Year 5 had a trip to the Rural Life Living Museum just down the road in Tilford as part of their Victorian topic.



Dressed up in authentic Victorian costumes, the children took part in a Victorian school experience, a train ride and a wheelwright demonstration. The Victorian school experience was popular with the children experiencing bygone teaching methods, writing with slate and chalk and role-playing Victorian punishments. The wheelwright demonstration taught pupils how to make an old fashioned wheel, with pupils even having the opportunity to use tools to help construct a wheel. In addition to the three main activities, the children were given a chance to explore some of the 40,000 artefacts relating to agriculture and rural life.

A huge thank you to the parents for providing such wonderful costumes, to all the parent helpers who joined us on the day and played a vital role in ensuring the trip could occur, and to the Rural Life Centre for giving us such a warm welcome and a great Victorian experience!

PE lessons in the Spring Term ...

Year 4 have now completed their swimming lessons. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped each week with the lessons.

We are delighted that Year 5 will be doing their swimming lessons next term in lieu of the lessons they missed in year 4 due to Covid restrictions.

Please refer to the email sent Monday 6th December which details PE days for all year groups next term.

Christmas events round up...

Celebrating Christmas at school has been a real joy this year. The Friends of BJS PTA Christmas events, such as the Fair and Secret Shopping day, were a lot of fun. Mrs Beamer did a marvellous job accompanying our singers at the Fair - thank you!

Earlier this week 30 of our Year 5 children sang at the Prime Time Carol Service at Busbridge Church. The children sung superbly, ably led by the wonderful Miss Loudon.

Our Christmas Assemblies 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 of this week was very tasty. Jenny and her staff (including an emergency stand-in server - Mrs Barker) pulled off a momentous task of cooking and serving such a delicious meal to so many people. I am in awe!!

The Christmas services at Busbridge Church were also a highlight. Simon, Anto and Patrick gave children, parents and staff a very warm welcome. And we all enjoyed meeting Stuart the Brussel Sprout ...

On Monday of this week we were visited by two actors from the Wintershall nativity play, who acted out scenes from the life of Jesus. More info via this link: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-play>.

Wishing Service : and finally today we held our annual Wishing Service in which children belt out favourite Christmas carols and songs, whilst also spend some time thinking of others 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 to pass through our attitudes and actions ...



Covid ...

We have a Home Learning Contingency Plan in place should the new term start in a way that none of us want. If we do need to alter school for the start of term we will contact you by email on Tuesday 4th January (which is an Inset Day for our School). In the meantime please keep safe and carry on with sensible and appropriate precautions. Please find attached a flowchart from Surrey County Council showing what to do should you think your child is unwell with Covid.

Ambassadors:

Congratulations to this half-term's ambassadors who received their Ambassador Awards as follows:

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| Class 3BF: Emi Holden & Isaac Gallagher | Class 3MB: Max Semitecolos & Abi Spencer |
| Class 4A: William Beck & Harry Bennett | Class 4WT: Ben Welch & Martha Siddell |
| Class 5L: Lucy Lancaster & Hugo Raif-Phillpot | Class 5S: Franky Fordham & Lottie Gray |
| Class 6E: Grace Hann & Lucas Carey | Class 6W: Alfie Pearce & Isabella Sylvester |



Sporting Events...

We finished our sporting programme this term with two events. Our after school netball club coaches, Helen and Amanda, took a team of year 5 & 6 to Park Mead for a netball versatility tournament. Unfortunately BJS didn't make the final but played really well being supportive and encouraging to each other. Well done to all the players in their first tournament against other schools and for showing great netball skills learnt from Helen and Amanda!



A huge well done to the two teams we took along to the Benchball festival held at Broadwater School at the end of November. After a slightly nervous start, they quickly got in their stride and displayed some excellent team work and pure determination. It was wonderful to see them progress and most importantly, have fun! A big thank you to Mr Knight who helped coach the Year 4 team and to all our parent helpers with transport.



Friends of BJS:

The next meeting of the Friend of BJS is on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.30pm - all welcome.

Easyfundraising - All of us are shopping more online, particularly with the closure of many shops. Please **help the Friends of BJS PTA to raise money by shopping as usual**, just by going through the **Easyfundraising** app.

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, select 'Busbridge Junior School' as your 'Cause', Set up your account and tick the 'Gift Aid' box. Download the Easyfundraising app and use it! Then go shopping as normal. Once you click on the app, select the retailer you need and you will immediately go to their website. Please pass this on to family and friends - every penny is a step closer to our MUGA target!



Domestic Abuse

Christmas is billed as a happy family time of peace and laughter. We know that this is not the reality for every family. Domestic abuse does/will take place in families of children who attend our school: fact. 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. If living with domestic abuse is your reality help is available. Please see the telephone numbers below:

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



Please remember that the new Spring term starts for children on **Wednesday 5th January 2022 - Tuesday 4th January is an INSET day.**

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy and safe Christmas. Take care.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 5th January to 11th February:

- Year 3 : £68.60
- Year 4 : £68.60
- Year 5 : £68.60
- Year 6 : £68.60



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 ParentMail 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".

Primary School Applications

If you need to apply for a Reception or Primary (Year 3) school place the deadline for online applications is **by 15th January 2022**. You can find out all you need to know about school admissions in Surrey and applying online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call **0300 200 1004**

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

Times and costs 2021/22:

- Breakfast Club** from 7.50am - 8.45am @ £5.70
- After-school club half session** 3.30-4.45pm @ £7.20
- After-school club full session** 3.30-6.00pm @ £14.40

Please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail - **07432 304562**
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