



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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20th November 2024



Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn 2024	
Fri 22nd Nov	Holloway House, Book Swap Event
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	Year 3 Prime Time Singing Munstead House Event, Elf Run 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
Fri 14th Feb	Class 3B Assembly
Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb Half term	
Mon 3rd March to Wed 5th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thurs 13th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Museum
Fri 28th March	Class 4LT Assembly
Fri 4th April	End of Spring Term - 1.30pm
Tues 22nd April	Inset Day
Wed 23rd April	Children return to school for Summer

AUTUMN

It's been full speed ahead since we returned from half term. Our Science DoubleDay was a huge success, Fireworks Night 'went with a bang', Year 5 spent the day as Victorians at Preston Manor and Year 6 mummified teddies at Haslemere Museum — to name but a few things! We are now in full swing getting ready for Christmas and all the festive events we have planned. Tickets will soon be released for the school Christmas Plays, so keep an eye on your emails.

Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor

Year five enjoyed a fabulous day out at Preston Manor near Brighton recently. The children did a fabulous job of dressing up and getting into the spirit of the day. We spent half the day learning how to be the best servants that we could be. We polished the grates, cleaned the windows, made the beds, scrubbed the bath, cleaned the clothes and helped out in the kitchen. We also learnt how to set the dining table for the Lord and Lady of the Manor and their guests and enjoyed the question and answer session about the house at the end. We also learned about the history of the church on the grounds of Preston Manor and how Christian and Victorian thinking impacted each of them during that period. It was a super day out and much fun was had by all.

PAPAYA

Last week our Y5 and Y6 children participated in a workshop entitled 'Me and My Screen'. The workshop was presented by a member of charity PAPAYA, which promotes wellbeing and a healthy balance in using technology by children. As you will see from the attached flier, the workshop is designed to promote discussion and thought around children's use of digital technology, the internet and screen time. The world wide web can be a wonderful thing - and the workshop helped children to consider their experience and use of it.

BJS Smartphone Free Childhood Community

If you couldn't make it to the parents/carers PAPAYA tech talk, you may not have heard about the fast-growing parent movement [Smartphone Free Childhood](#). Its aim is to unite parents who've decided they don't yet want to give their child a smartphone. At Busbridge Juniors, we now have over sixty parents who've joined the Smartphone Free Childhood WhatsApp group for our school. There's a non-binding [pact](#) you can sign, agreeing not to give your child a smartphone until they're at least fourteen, as well as lots of useful resource information. If you'd like to join the WhatsApp group, you can do so via this [link](#). and if you have any questions, please reach out to Gemma Taylor (3B and 5W), Hannah Roche (5W & 5E) or Rebecca Spargo (4LT and 6W).

Ambassadors Award

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Autumn Term 2024 (first half term) are:

3B	Sebbie M & Esme C	3BF	Jack G & Alba B
4S	Phoebe SC & Toby D	4LT	Florence M & William B
5E	Freya R & Thomas R	5W	Josh M & Bonnie M
6S	Emi H & Thomas Y	6W	Freyja Rose P & Torben M

Sports Round-Up

Year 5 and 6 Basketball

The children had an exciting afternoon of basketball at the Rodborough School tournament just before half term. It began with a few warm-up drills followed by back to back mini matches against some other local schools. It was noisy, fun and very competitive!! All three of our teams played with enthusiasm and it was great to see the children make good progress with their basketball skills and knowledge of the game.

Year 3/4 Girls Football

"On Friday 18th October, a mixture of year 3 and 4 girls went to Tillingbourne for a football tournament. Although we lost our matches we played well. Hattie was a good defender, Becky nearly scored some goals, Iris and Bea were good goalkeepers. We all enjoyed it and cheered our team on. We played against Tillingbourne and several other schools. Thank you to Miss Snow, Mrs Parsons and Bill for taking us. We all played very well and did our best". (*Hattie D & Iris R - 4LT*).



Year 5/6 Girls Football



This year all the girls played brilliantly and scored some amazing goals. Every match we scored either 2 goals or 1 goal. We didn't concede any goals in all 5 matches and got through to the semi finals and the final! Everyone put in an amazing effort and we ultimately won the tournament, beating Wonersh and Shamley Green in the final, 1-0! (*Violet E and Madeleine B, 5W*)

Sports Crew Training

"We travelled to Woolmer Hill School to develop our Sports Crew Leader skills. We learnt how to teach younger children games using MR NEDD (N = Name, E = Explain, D = Demonstrate, D = Do). At the end of the day we were given our bronze sports crew badges. We are now working towards our silver badges, by running a sports club for Year 3". (*Amy M & Elise G, 5W*)

Hockey

On October 14th, a team of Year 6s took part in the Primary school U11 Hockey tournament at Charterhouse school. The children played in several matches against many local schools and displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout. They played incredibly well and were real ambassadors for the school. Well done to all those who took part!

Cross Country

Our athletes had a fantastic time competing at the cross-country event at Glebelands on Saturday 16th November. Year 3 and 4 took on the 1km challenge, and Years 5 and 6 conquered the 1.6km course. Despite it being very muddy underfoot, everybody showed incredible resilience and determination to succeed, especially considering some had never run that far before. The children walked away with multiple medals for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in many of their races and we're delighted to announce that Busbridge Junior were declared overall winners of the Matt Kemp Schools Cross-Country Trophy!

Congratulations to the 31 children who took part.

Class Assemblies

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

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

Great news! Last week we installed the new Gym Wall Bars in the hall and they look fab! Thank you to everyone who helped to make it possible, by donating money and giving up their time to volunteer at the Bouncing for Bars event earlier this year. The children can't wait to use them!

We have also attached to this email an update with some key dates - including our upcoming Christmas Shopping Event on Friday 6th December! We are still looking for a couple of people to run a Christmas raffle to raise funds for the school. Please contact one of the committee if you and a friend are interested to run it together.

Would you like to be our new Clerk to the Governing Body?

We are recruiting for a new Clerk to the Governing Body, with a view to the role starting in January 2025. Further information about what the role entails can be found in the advert sent out with this newsletter. Please note, the Job Description and Person Spec are also available on our website.

Science DoubleDay- Tuesday & Wednesday, 5th-6th November

Last week everyone enjoyed two days of thrilling science themed activities for our first Science Double Day. Amongst some of the highlights was learning how to catapult teachers using a pivot; creating chemical reactions to launch 'bottle' boats across a paddling pool; understanding the amounts of sugar that are in some of the drinks we love and creating 'electrical' art! The children also loved working with others from other year groups and classes and thoroughly got into the fancy dress theme: there were solar systems, T-Rex's and scientists wandering around the school! A huge thank you to Mrs. Day, Mrs. Hobdell, Dr. Mumford and Mr. Warren for coming into school and talking to everyone about their amazing jobs in science - so inspiring! It was fantastic and hopefully has inspired some of our children to become the scientists of the future!

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school [website](#). 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 and Mrs A Watson 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:

- ◆ Charlie B (5W) - For being an Inventor Extraordinaire! Charlie entered the Primary Engineers Competition and was chosen out of 71,000 entrants to build a prototype of his "Handy Greywater Pump". The prototype was unveiled at the Canterbury University Awards Ceremony - Truly amazing!

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](#)