



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term 2024 No: 1

12th January 2024



### Term Dates 2023/24

Spring 2024	
Thurs 18th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Fri 19th Jan	6W Class Assembly
Mon 29th Jan	Year 4 Sayers Croft Information Evening, 5.45pm, Room 4S
Tues 30th Jan	Friends of BJS PTA Meeting - 7.30pm, School hall
Fri 2nd Feb	4W Class Assembly
Sat 3rd Feb	Cross-Country Competition, Rodborough
Mon 5th Feb	Capoeira workshop
Tues 6th Feb	Parents Evening 4pm—6.30pm
Thurs 8th Feb	Parents Evening 6pm to 8.30pm
Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb	Half Term
w/c 19th Feb	PTA Football Tournament—info to follow
Fri 23rd Feb	3B Class Assembly
Mon 4th—Wed 6th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Fri 8th March	5GT Class Assembly
Sat 9th March	Swimming Gala, Charterhouse Club
Thurs 14th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Thurs 21st March	Music Works Concert, 9.30am
Fri 22nd March	4S Class Assembly
Thurs 28th March	End of Spring Term
Summer 2024	
Mon 15th April	Inset Day—No children in school
Tues 16th April	Children return to school



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely festive break. School life is already back in full swing and the children have thrown themselves back into the new year with their usual enthusiasm and buzz. We have lots planned this term, including an exciting Capoeira workshop in a few weeks time for all the children, school

trips, visiting theatre companies and class assemblies. It's going to be busy!

### Parents Evening

The booking system for our upcoming parents evenings will open at 6pm on Tuesday 23rd January. An email reminder will be sent out nearer to the date, together with a short guide explaining how to book. This terms parents evenings will be held on Tuesday 6th February (4pm—6.30pm) and Thursday 8th February (6pm to 8.30pm).

### New fees for Breakfast & After-School Club

Following a review of our Breakfast and After-School Club fees by the school's Governing Body, please note that there will be a 5% increase from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Whilst the governors had hoped to avoid raising fees, unfortunately the costs of running the club (staffing, food, heating) have continued to rise over the last year, and we do need to pass some of those costs on via this increase. The prices per session effective from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 will be as follows:

- Breakfast club £6.40 – increased from £6.10
- Half after-school club £8.10 – increased from £7.70
- Full after-school club £16.20 – increased from £15.40

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries, or if you feel you will be severely impacted by this increase. Any concerns will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

### Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our latest Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Safeguarding](#). Just to remind you, Mr Catchpole, Mrs Barker and Mrs McPhail are our Designated Safeguarding Leads, and Mrs P Baker and Mr P Samuels are our Safeguarding Governors.

### Curriculum Information on our School Website

We have recently added these two pages to our school website: Curriculum Organisation and Curriculum Information. They are accessed via [https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/pupils\\_learning](https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/pupils_learning). These pages share more information regarding curriculum content and what your children learns throughout their time at Busbridge CE Junior School. Any queries, just ask.

### Class Assemblies

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

Friday 19th January—Class 6W

Friday 2nd February—Class 4W

Friday 23rd February—Class 3B

Friday 8th March—Class 5GT

Friday 22nd March—Class 4S

Friday 17th May—Class 3BF

Friday 28th June— Class 5S

### Our MUGA is available for hire!

Our multi use games area is used daily for after-school club hire, however we do have availability for evening, weekend and holiday hire. The MUGA has portable floodlights for use after dark, and we can make toilets available for hirers. If you or anyone you know may be interested in hiring the MUGA, then do get in touch with the school office.

### Calling all Parents/Carers - can you provide ad hoc paid help in our After School Club?

Occasionally, due to staff illness, we are stretched to find staff cover for our After School Club. Would you be willing to join a list of paid helpers who can be called upon to work at short notice? We would contact you either the day before or in the morning. This is a paid role, and if you have children they can attend for free on a day that you work. Please contact the school office for further info.

### New In-School Defibrillator

As part of a Department for Education initiative, we recently received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to keep in school. A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. Up until now, our nearest defibrillator was a short walk away, so it is excellent news that we now have one in school to use in the event of an emergency. The AED will be kept in the Reception area. The machine itself is extremely clever - defibrillators are designed to be used by someone without any specific training, by following step-by-step instructions on the defibrillator at the time of use! Once attached, the defibrillator will automatically analyse the individual's heart rhythm and, if required, apply a shock to restart it or advise that CPR should be continued. The use of AED's is also covered in all staff First Aid Training. If you have any queries regarding the new AED, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### PTA Update

You are all welcome and encouraged to come to an in person meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the school hall, with refreshments, to talk about the year ahead and how we can "Create fun and Raise funds" for our incredible school. Please also note the adult evening football events coming up the week after half term - please book via classlist.

### Superstars Board

Our SuperStars board in the entrance hall is a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, sporting achievements and more. Since the last newsletter, we have added:

- \* William B (3B) - For playing cello at St Catherine's School in Bramley—he even played a solo piece during the concert!
- \* Phoebe S-C (3BF) - Phoebe attended a Christmas carol service at Westminster Abbey in London and met Princess Kate! Phoebe received a special invite to attend as she is a Young Carer for her sister.

Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child would like to feature on our SuperStars board.

**Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

### **School Meals:**

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 9th February 2024:

Year 3 : £78.30

Year 4 : £78.30

Year 5 : £78.30

Year 6 : £78.30

Amount per day: £2.70      Amount per week: £13.50

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 from Tuesday 5th September. Please contact the Club Manager, Jackie McPhail, to book. Session costs are as follows:

**Breakfast Club** 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.10

**ASC half session** 3.30-4.45pm - £7.70

**ASC full session** 3.30-6.00pm - £15.40

To make a booking please contact  
Mrs Jackie McPhail on 07432 304562 or by  
email: [club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

Our current Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Welcome to Busbridge](#)