



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Spring Term 2023 No: 2

10th February 2023

Term Dates 2022/23

Spring 2023	
Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb	Half Term
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day
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
Thurs 16th March	Bouncing for Busbridge
Fri 17th March	Class 6E Assembly
Fri 24th March	Class 4S Assembly
Tues 28th March	Easter Church Services
Fri 31st March	Last Day of Term & Easter Fun on the playground
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
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Fri 19th May	Year 5 Greeks Day (Rainbow Theatre)
Thurs 25th May	Children Break up for Half Term



In the blink of an eye, the first half of the Spring term is over. It has been a busy few weeks, with the eagerly anticipated school disco(!), our second DoubleDay of the academic year, as well as lots of sporting events and trips (see below for more information) We hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and look forward to seeing all the children on Monday 20th February.

MUGA Update

Work on the MUGA project is powering forward. As shared with you previously, Godalming Town Council have made the school a further grant (so £125,00 in total) so we can now crack on with making the MUGA happen—thank you GTC! This week we went to tender and are expecting applications back within the next three weeks. Waverley are reviewing our planning application and as part of this we recently welcomed their case officer to the school site for a walk around. We have also continued to have regular discussions with the many clubs who are interested in hiring the facility. We can't wait for the building works to start!

DoubleDay—'Keeping Safe'

At the end of January we held our second DoubleDay of this academic year, on the theme of 'Keeping Safe'. The children explored four themes through a series of activities on Anti Bullying, Community Safety, Basic First Aid and Keeping Our World Safe. The children learnt about a number of key life skills to keep themselves safe, such as crossing roads, first aid, stranger-danger. They also suggested other points of safety that they would like further lessons on.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off at School

Just a gentle reminder, that to ease the flow of traffic at drop off and pick up times, we would be grateful if cars could not stop on the approach to school (on the roundabout), to let children out or pick them up. This often causes a tail back of traffic on Brighton Road. Parking on the zig-zag lines approaching the pedestrian crossing is also not permitted—this is for the safety of your children and for everyone in the local area. Please can children either be dropped off/collected from the village hall car park (in the allowed times) or alternatively, please park considerately away from school and walk the remainder of the school-run.

Basketball Hoops in the Church Grounds

As you may be aware, the church informally provides basketball hoops and balls for people to use on the church grounds throughout the day. However, they may only be used under parental supervision, so please remind your children not to play with them unless an adult is present to supervise. Thank you.

Sports Update

Year 4 Football Tournament - 7 February 2023

On the 7th February we went to Tillingbourne Junior School for a football tournament. Year 4 played magnificently and came 3rd overall in their group with 5 points. Ricky G scored all the goals! We all had a brilliant time playing football against the other schools. **Match Summary**— Busbridge v Chandler - 0:0, Busbridge v Parkmead – 1:4, Busbridge v Grayswood – 2:1, Busbridge v St Marys – 0:2.



Year 6 Football Tournament—7th February 2023

On the same day as Year 4, Year 6 also played their matches at Tillingbourne Junior School. Here is a write up by Lucas A and Alfie G - 'We went to Tillingbourne and our first match was against Loseley. Alfie scored 3 goals. The score was 3-0 at the end. Our second match we lost 2-0, but we didn't give up, as the third match we played St Barts and beat them 6-0 and got through to the semi finals! We played St Mary's, but lost 3-0. We went home, but at least came 3rd!'



Sportshall Athletics

Last month our Y4 sportshall team competed against other local schools in the annual sportshall competition. The children took part in running, jumping, throwing and balancing events to collect points for their team. It was wonderful to see such determination and team spirit in the Busbridge squad who finished a very close second place. To say the noise and excitement levels were off the scale - is an understatement! A massive well done to all our athletes on their brilliant performance.

Broadwater Dance Festival

On Wednesday, 17 Children from year 3 went to Broadwater school for a dance festival. 'We enjoyed learning all 3 of the different dances because they were so fun! We did street dance and musical theatre - it was brilliant!' Alice and Macklyn 3B. The children and staff all had a great time, with the children being complimented on their brilliant behavior at the end!

Other News

Class 6E Trip to Charterhouse School—'Science for Schools'

This week 6E had a super afternoon of Science at Charterhouse School, as part of their Science for Schools initiative. The children completed a number of Chemistry practical experiments and enjoyed using the Bunsen burners and filter funnels to evaporate or filter away a range of solids. We look forward to seeing if our crystals have grown once the water has evaporated away on our next visit! Over the next two months, both class 6E and 6W will take part in more Science workshops at Charterhouse, including ones based on Physics and Biology.

Romans & Vikings Day—Year's 3 and 4

At the end of January, the Year 3's and 4's became Romans and Vikings for the day, with the wonderful Rainbow Theatre Company once again running their historical workshops. The school hall was full of excitement and buzz and all the children looked amazing in their costumes! Thank you to all the parents for pulling their outfits together! Here are some photos from the day:



Class Assemblies

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

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)**

Ambassadors Award

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Spring Term 2023 (first half term) are:

3BF - Millie W and Eddie W

3B - Emily H and Reuben F

4W - Violet J and Billy S

4S - Ricky G and Darcey H

5GT - Joey S and Emilia C

5S - Arthur G and Eloise D

6E - Izzy H and Junior K

6W - Riley CR and Clara H

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:

- * Morgan (5GT) - For winning his 3rd Gold medal in a Judo Competition last week! What an amazing achievement.
- * Alex (4W) - For achieving Rock Hero status on TT Rockstars! This means Alex can give a correct answer to a question in less than 1 second—Wow!
- * Miss Luff & Mrs Barker—For SMASHING it at cricket! Both play for Farncombe CC Ladies and at their pre-season warm up they played in a SMASH It tournament—and SMASHED it! They were undefeated and came top of the leader board. Wishing them lots of luck for the season ahead.

Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child (or indeed a staff member) would like to feature on our Super Stars board.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half term break—don't you just love the lighter mornings and afternoons!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 20th February 2023 to 31st March 2023.

Year 3 : £78.00

Year 4 : £70.20

Year 5 : £75.40

Year 6 : £78.00

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: club@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 \(busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk).