



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Summer Term 2023 No: 5

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### Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn 2023	
Fri 1st Sept	Staff Inset Day
Mon 4th Sept	Staff Inset Day
Tues 5th Sept	Children Return to School
Fri 8th Sept	New Year 3 Parents Coffee Morning (9.10am)
Mon 11th Sept	Year 6 Curriculum Evening & PGL residential information (6—6.30pm)
Tues 12th Sept	Year 3 Welcome Service at Busbridge Church (parents welcome)
Tues 12th Sept	Year 3 Curriculum Evening (6pm—7pm)
Wed 13th Sept	Year 4 & Year 5 Curriculum Evening (6pm—6.30pm)
Fri 15th Sept	Individual School Photos
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Sept	Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill
Mon 18th Sept	Year 4 Swimming Lessons start
Tues 19th Sept	PTA AGM (7.30pm)
Mon 9th Oct	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 starts
Tues 17th Oct	Year 3 trip to Butser Farm
Wed 18th & Thurs 19th Oct	Parents' Evenings
Mon 23rd to Fri 27th Oct	Half Term
Mon 30th Oct	Staff Inset Day
Tues 31st	NHS Flu Vaccinations—all years
Fri 3rd Nov	PTA Fireworks Event
Thurs 9th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Wed 15th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum
Fri 15th Dec	Last Day of Term

# SUMMER

As we prepare to close the school gates for the final time this academic year, we have been reflecting on what has been a brilliant year! The children went on lots of trips and visits, celebrated Star Wars Day, brought pets into school, dressed up for World Book Day, spent the day at the beach and much, much more! The children took part in a large number of sporting clubs and events: in fact 81% represented our school this year at various competitions—amazing! The children (and staff) also loved meeting professional athlete and gold medal winner Kylie Grimes recently - it was a truly inspirational and fun-filled visit. We are already looking forward to all that the next academic year brings: we have some fab dates in the diary already. Wishing you all a fun-filled, rejuvenating Summer break!

### “Rock Bottom”

Wow! Year 6 put on an absolutely brilliant performance last week of their show Rock Bottom. There was singing, dancing - and loads of jokes which had the audience in stitches! A huge well done to everyone who took part, either on stage, back stage or in the Directors chair. We really were blown away.

### Summer Concert

Hot on the heels of Rock Bottom, last week's Summer Concert was another amazing performance which showcased much of the musical talents of our children. We listened to a range of music, performed on a variety of instruments. Thank you to everyone who played so beautifully and to Mrs Lucas for organizing the event.

### Strawberry Tea

On Wednesday, we held our Strawberry Tea to thank all those who have helped us in school this year, from parents to club leaders. We really could not do all that we do without additional help and we are very thankful to everyone who gives up their time. Scones with clotted cream and jam were enjoyed and lots of tea was drunk! The Year 6 prefects did a marvelous job: very attentive waiting service. We hope everyone had a lovely time.

### Year 6 Celebrations

It is hard to believe that we will soon be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. It has been a pleasure to teach them all and to watch them grow (both academically and in height!) over the last 4 years. We wish them all bright futures, and much happiness. The children have been having lots of fun in school over the last few weeks, including a mammoth water fight on the field, bottle rockets and electric buggy racing— it was Franky v Oliver W in the 6W v 6E final! This week, the children will have their Leaver's Assembly and watch the movie Holes together (their class book). We will miss each and every one of them!

## BJS Gardening Club



This week the results for Godalming in Bloom were announced and very excitingly, Busbridge Junior School won the Mayor's prize for best garden and best diary award! The children at gardening club and the children at after school club have put so much hard work into the garden – it looks absolutely fantastic. Every year group grew vegetables or flowers from seed in their classrooms and gardening club then planted them up and kept everything growing.

A huge well done to everyone involved and also a big thank you to Philippa Mead and Sarah Millar who have run gardening club this year.



Sarah Millar sadly cannot continue to help us with gardening next year; we were wondering if a parent might be interested in coming to help with our garden? Gardening club runs from: 12.30pm-1.20pm on Fridays during term-time. We would really appreciate someone's help - if you are interested please let the office or Mrs. Toulson know. Many thanks.



## Year 6 Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday last week, some of our Year 6 boys headed to Sunbury to take part in the Surrey Finals Cricket Tournament—a brilliant day was had by all! Here are some words from two of the players; Monty and Ruben! *"We went to the Surrey finals cricket tournament in Sunbury as we did very well at our local tournament. There were many talented schools there who had County players on their team. Overall we played 5 games, with three wins and two losses (both of which were very close). We were awarded a certificate and wristband each for making the finals day, and Monty was given a 'Spirit of Cricket' award for persevering with his broke wrist." the team was: Monty, Ruben, Max HH, Freddie D, Freddie H, Luke, Sam, James C, Thomas B and David".*



## Summer holidays:

Koosa Kids will be running their very popular holiday clubs in school from Monday 24 July to Friday 25 August inclusive. Please visit their website if you would like to book a place at the club. As communicated last week, we are delighted that our multi-use games area (MUGA) will be constructed over the holidays. We expect the MUGA to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> September, and we can't wait for the grand opening in September. As well as the MUGA construction, the existing school field will be re-seeded over the summer. This does mean that we will not be able to use the field for the remainder of the calendar year, whilst the new grass beds in. We also have some other work taking place over the holidays. The Year 6 building will be receiving new doors and fire safety upgrades, and the Year 4 classrooms will be redecorated. Indeed, we will be implementing a new rolling programme of painting and decorating to run over the next few years.

## Busbridge Breakfast and After-School club bookings

We have now moved the club payments system onto Arbor. From September, to book a place at the breakfast and/or after school care club, please login directly to Arbor and pay for the sessions required.

Could you then please then email [club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to inform of dates and sessions requested. We can then be sure to have your child on the register.

### Booking Sessions

To book a place on Arbor you will need to click the Green "Register for club" button and then choose the relevant sessions that you wish your child to attend. Please then use the Green "top up account" button to make payment for your requested sessions.

### Childcare vouchers or cash

For those who pay by childcare vouchers or cash, you can continue to do this in the current way, there is no need to use Arbor. As above, please kindly email Mrs McPhail at [club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:club@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to make your booking.

## Friends of BJS Summer BBQ

The Friends of Busbridge PTA held their annual Summer BBQ on Friday 7th July. The sun shone, there was delicious food, a well stocked bar, ice creams, games and more. A massive £3100 was raised. Thank you to all who helped it to be so successful.

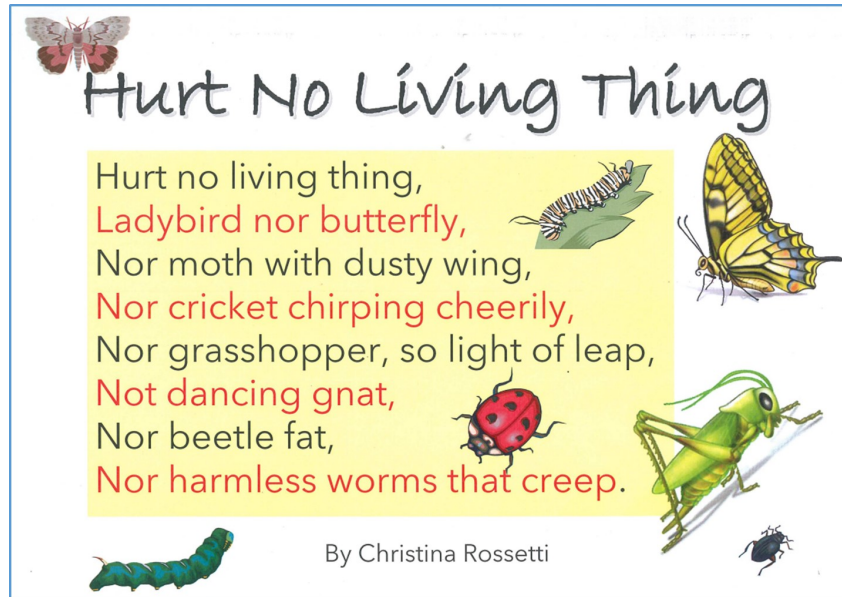
## Library Books

When you are having a summer clear out, please do keep your eyes peeled for BJS library books. The school / PTA has invested a lot of money in library books recently, so we do need to ensure all on loan books are returned.

## End of Term Pick-Up—1.30pm

Busbridge Church have informed us that due to a funeral taking place at the church on Friday, there may be more traffic than usual at pick-up. Please do allow extra time for your journey and park considerately.

## Summer Holidays Nature Art Activity for all the children



We live in an amazing world! We share planet Earth with so many strange, beautiful and incredible creatures.

In assembly yesterday we read this poem, and children have been invited to produce a piece of artwork over the summer holidays which features an amazing animal. Any art medium is fine: watercolors, pencil, charcoal, pastels, collage or sculpture. Upon our return in September we will make a display of the artwork produced at home over the holidays.

Of course, parents can have a go too. Go be creative!

**Artist of the month** - This month we have been learning about **Alma Thomas**, her life and work.

Alma Thomas was born on 22nd September, 1891, in Georgia, USA. She was an artist and teacher. She was famous for her colourful, abstract paintings using watercolours and acrylics on large canvases. She was inspired by the natural world around her. After earning her Master of Art Education degree in 1934, Alma Thomas continued to teach art at a Junior High School in Washington DC. She did not become a professional artist until she retired from teaching in 1960 at almost 70 years of age. She did not have a studio but painted in her own home. Some children have already been inspired and have submitted some lovely creations to Miss Friend. These will soon be displayed in the hall.



## Ambassador Awards Summer Term 2023 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Half

**3B:** Elise G & Peter B-S **3BF:** Henry B & Emily K

**4S:** Anna S & Henry W **4W:** Jonty G & Mabel C

**5GT:** Caitlin C & Jack N **5S:** Andy H & Annabelle W

**6E:** Carmen S & Guy M **6W:** Gemma A & Ruben T

### Guildford Hockey Club

Next term, Guildford Hockey club will kindly be providing PE sessions for years 5 and 6. There is usually a cost for this, but they have agreed to hold the lessons for free! As you will see from the Clubs List sent out this week, hockey club is also available to join on Friday's after school. Please do encourage your child to sign up as a way of furthering their hockey development.

## Science and DT Day at Priors Field School

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 4 girls from year 5 were invited to participate in a 'science/ DT' day at Priors Field school. There were lots of different schools involved. They all had a fantastic time getting involved in a range of STEM activities including creating an earthquake proof tower; exciting maths challenges and a car that travelled down a ramp that had to be egg proofed so it did not break! It was a great learning experience for them all.



## Superstars Board - Since the last newsletter, we have added:

- \* Ella (6W) - Ella achieved a Merit in her Grade 2 violin exam. A big congrats to her!
- \* Eloise (5S) and Scarlett (3B) - For being nifty netballers with the Waverley Vipers! Scarlett won 'Coaches Player of the Year' and Eloise won 'Team Contributor of the Year' - truly awesome!

**Safeguarding Message** - Please can we remind parents that if they or their little ones (non BJS children) need to use the toilet at pick up, the ones near the office are available for use. Please do not use any toilets next to the classrooms, as these are only for BJS pupils to use. Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Safeguarding & Child Protection](#). 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.

## Year 6 Leavers' Event!

We finish our newsletter with a picture from the Year 6 Leavers' Event! They all had an absolutely brilliant time bouncing away at Airhop in Guildford! Keep in touch guys.



Wishing you all a lovely Summer break!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

## School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023:

Year 3 : £89.10

Year 4 : £91.80

Year 5 : £91.80

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)

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