



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024 No: 1

6th September 2024

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Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn 2024	
Mon 9th Sept	Year 6 Curriculum and PGL Meeting
Tues 10th Sept	Years 4 & 5 Curriculum Meetings Year 3 Welcome Service at Busbridge Church (parents welcome)
Wed 11th Sept	Year 3 Curriculum Meeting
Fri 13th Sept	Individual School Photos
Mon 16th Sept	Year 4 Swimming starts
Mon 23d Sept	Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill
Thurs 26th Sept	Anxiety Parental Workshop, 6.30pm
Tues 1st Oct	PTA AGM and Annual Planning Meeting
Wed 2nd Oct	Harvest Festivals—9.15am Lower School & 10am Upper School
Mon 7th Oct	Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability starts
Sat 12th Oct	PTA Adults Disco
Tues 15th Oct	Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Thurs 17th Oct	Flu Vaccinations—all years
Tues 22nd Oct	Parents Evening—4pm to 6.30pm
Thurs 24th Oct	Parents Evening—6pm to 8.30pm
Fri 25th Oct	Inset Day
28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov	Half Term
Thurs 7th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Fri 8th Nov	PTA Fireworks—6pm to 8pm
Wed 13th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum Church Remembrance Services - 9.15am Y3 & 4S, 10am Y5 and 4LT
Tues 17th Dec	Christmas Play - Lower School 9.15am & Upper School 1.45pm
Thurs 19th Dec	Christmas Play - Upper School 9.15am & Lower School 1.45pm



Welcome back to all our families and an extra special welcome to all our new year 3 children and their families! We hope everyone had a lovely Summer break. It has

been brilliant to see all the children back in school—there has been lots of laughter and excitement and everyone seems to have settled back into school life well! As we are only a few days into the new academic year, I will keep this newsletter brief. However, below you will find some useful information about the Curriculum evenings next week and a list of key dates (on the left) that will hopefully come in useful when planning your Autumn term diaries!

Curriculum Evenings

Next week we will be holding our Curriculum Information Evenings in school. These are a great way to find out more about what your child will be studying this academic year, any planned day trips etc.

- **Monday 9th September, 6pm – 6.30pm** – Year 6 Curriculum Evening and PGL Residential Information. Please meet in Class 6S.
- **Tuesday 10th September, 6pm – 6.30pm** – Years 4 and 5 Curriculum Evening. Please meet in Classes 4S & 5E respectively.
- **Wednesday 11th September, 6pm – 6.30pm** – Year 3 Curriculum Evening. Please meet in Class 3B.

School Photos

Imago, our school photographer, will be on site next Friday 13th September to take individual child photos. Please ensure that your child comes into school wearing their school uniform on the day. If your child usually has PE on Friday's, please send their PE kits in and they will get changed after their photo has been taken. Year 6 will need to be in their school jumpers for the photo, not their leavers' hoodies, please.

Parents Evenings'

Autumn term Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 22nd (4pm—6.30pm) and Thursday 24th October (6pm—8.30pm) 'face to face' in person in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress so far this term. Bookings will be available in early October —details to follow.

PTA update

Raising money, choosing how to spend money, and being part of shaping the future for the pupils - come along to the AGM on **Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm** in the school hall. Thank you for all of your amazing support for the school over the past year. Come along on the 1st and be part of shaping the year ahead. There might even be nibbles.

Please remember that we are a NUT FREE School!

All the children in school are growing at a fast rate of knots(!) and as a result we know that many of them bring in snacks for break time. Many also bring in packed lunches. Please remember that we are a NUT FREE school, so we would be very grateful if you could please ensure that all food items brought in from home are nut free and do not contain nut traces. We do have children in school who are severely allergic to nuts, so we need to stay extra vigilant at all times. Thank you for your help with this.

A Huge Thank You from All the Staff

Thank you so much for all the lovely messages and generous gifts that were sent into school at the end of last term—we were all thoroughly spoilt! We really do appreciate it.

Flu Vaccines for all Children

The School Immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 17th October to administer nasal flu immunisations for all year groups. Details about this flu immunisation programme and the E-consent form which parents need to complete, will be sent out in the coming weeks. If you arrange to have the flu immunisation elsewhere for your child or do not want your child to have it in school, you will need to decline the immunisation on the E-consent form you receive from school. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

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 or park 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 considerably away from school and walk the remainder of the school-run. The **Village Hall car park can be used for dropping off at the beginning (8.30am to 9.15am) and collecting at the end of the school day only (3.00pm to 3.45pm)**, but please be aware that this is a special privilege granted to us by the Village Hall committee for which we pay a nominal charge. Therefore, parents attending **school events in the school day or in the evening must not use the village hall car park** and should park elsewhere and walk. Please also refrain from using the car park when picking up at 4.30pm from after school clubs.

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. It is looking very bare so far this year, so lets start filling it up!

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy 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). 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 Mr M Hanak-Hammerl are our Safeguarding Governors.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Wednesday 4th September to Thursday 24th October 2024:

Year 3 : £100.80

Year 4 : £103.60

Year 5 : £103.60

Year 6 : £89.60

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