



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term 2024 No: 5

15th March 2024



### Term Dates 2023/24

Spring 2024	
Tues 19th March	PTA Bounce for Bars Event
Thurs 21st March	Music Works Children's Concert, 9.30am
Fri 22nd March	4S Class Assembly
Tues 26th March	Class 6E Visit to Godalming Museum
Tues 26th March	Easter Services at Busbridge Church PTA Easter Egg Raffle
Wed 27th March	Class 6W Visit to Godalming Museum
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
Tues 23rd April	Class photo and Year 6 Leavers photo
19th, 22nd, 24th, 25th & 26th April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability - <b>New Dates!</b>
Fri 3rd May	5GT Class Assembly - <b>New Date!</b>
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tues 7th May	Year 4 Trip to RHS Wisley
Thurs 16th May	Year 5 Greeks Workshop
Fri 17th May	3BF Class Assembly
Tues 21st May	PTA School Disco (children)
Wed 22nd May	Year 5 Drama Workshop
Fri 24th May	Inset day—no children in school
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May	Half Term
Tues 4th & Wed 5th June	Year 3 Feet First Training - <b>New date!</b>
Tues 4th & Wed 5th June	Year 6 First Aid Training



With only 2 weeks left of the Spring term, school life is still as busy as ever! Last week our Year 4's headed off on their 3 day/2 night residential to Sayers Croft and had a fantastic time. Both myself and Mrs Barker had the opportunity to join them for part of it and it was lovely to see everyone having so much fun! On Saturday we smashed the Swimming Gala at Charterhouse (more about this below!) and last Thursday we had a fun-filled day in school for World Book Day - our hats go off to Mrs Ellis for her amazing 'Queen' Bee costume and Miss Friend for her 'Disguise'! Over the next two weeks, we are looking forward to the PTA Bounce for Bars Event, the annual Music Works concert and of course our Easter services at Busbridge Church, to name but a few things.

At the end of this term we say a sad farewell to Mrs Morris, our School Business Manager. We will miss her hugely!

### Busbridge CE Junior School Vacancies

**School Business Manager** - We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, organised and enthusiastic individual to join our supportive school team as our School Business Manager. This is a key senior leadership role which involves working closely with our Headteacher and Governing Body. Please see the attached job description with this newsletter.

**School Caretaker** - We are seeking a part-time Caretaker who will be part of a friendly and dedicated team of staff. Previous experience in a caretaking role is not essential. The hours of the role are approx. 7am to 9am, weekdays. Please see the attached job description with this newsletter.

Further information about both vacancies and how to apply can be found on our school website - [https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/vacancies\\_1/267423](https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/vacancies_1/267423)

### Sayers Croft

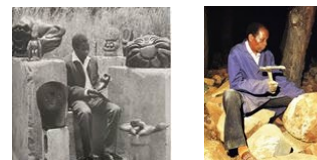
We had another very successful trip to Sayers Croft last week, with both year 4 classes having the best time! The gladiator challenge proved a firm favourite activity amongst the children (although biscuit eating came a close second!). The children did an excellent job of representing our school values at all times, and all staff involved were incredibly proud of them. Well done!

### Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our current 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 DSLs.

### Artist of the Month

Our artist of the month is Henry Munyaradzi who lived from 1931- 1998 in Guruve , Zimbabwe. He was most famous for creating Iconic African faces and animal stone sculptures.



### Sculpture Trail at Prior's Field School

On Wednesday a group of children from years 3, 4 and 5 visited the Sculpture Trail at Prior's Field School with Miss Friend. Here are some words from Kayden T (3BF) about the trip: "We had the best time at Prior's Field School! My favourite sculpture was the cactus statue. I never expected it to be so much fun. We even had a cookie and a drink and got a goody bag! What a treat!".

### PTA Update

**Thank you** for all of your support to Create Fun and Raise Funds. We are currently raising money for a re vamp of the hall, including the addition of some new gym wall bars.

#### **19th March - Bouncing for Bars**

Children get your bouncing feet ready and go and get your friends and family to sponsor you as Bouncing for Bars is taking place next Tuesday 19th. Please do encourage Gift Aid where possible as it really does make a huge difference at no cost to you or the sponsor! This year the money raised will be going towards funding some much needed wall bars for the school hall to enhance gym and PE sessions for all years. Please remember to send in the sponsorship form with your child on Tuesday to have their bounces recorded. Full details can be found on Claslist [here](#).

#### **26th March - Easter Egg Raffle**

Get eggcited for the Easter Egg Raffle! On Tuesday 26th March, all children will be able to join in with the Easter egg raffle. On Tuesday 26th March please could each child bring in a medium sized, nut-free Easter Egg. If your child is dairy-free, please provide a dairy-free egg. At the end of the day, all children will collect a raffle ticket (no money needed) to see which egg they have won. If you will be at pick-up that Tuesday pm and have 10 minutes free to help out, please let your class rep know. Many thanks!

#### **28th June - Summer Evening Event**

We need a team to pull this fun summer evening, family event together. Do let the PTA committee know if you can help with this.

### After School Club - Food Hygiene Inspection

Last month, Waverley Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer visited our After School Club provision as part of their unannounced Food Safety Visits. We are delighted to inform you that Jackie McPhail and her wonderful Breakfast Club / After School Club team received the top rating! This means no action is required by the school and that our catering service and premises have been awarded a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 which is defined as **Very Good**. This certainly reflects the hard work of Jackie and her team for which we highly commend them. Top job!

### Twelve15 - Kitchen Audit

Continuing the good food news: our caterers, Twelve15, also had an unannounced kitchen audit last month that lasted all day! The feedback was brilliant, with the final report stating our school kitchen is "very clean" and that our Catering Manager, Mrs Jenny Welland "is an experienced and skilled professional". Amazing news - well done Jenny, Nilustra and team.

### Sports Round-Up

#### Swimming Gala, Charterhouse School

"On Saturday, a group of children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a swimming gala at Charterhouse School. There were lots of fun races, including Rescue Me, Twins and Waiter Service. There were also lots of relays. All of the children that participated put in 100% effort and did more than three races each. At the end, the winners were announced and we collected the awards! We were overjoyed to have won: Overall, Girls, Boys and Most Improved. We found the gala very enjoyable and we hope the years to come enjoy it just as much as we did!" Laila R and Caitlin C (6W).



#### Y3 Dance festival @ Broadwater School

"The dance festival was really fun! We met new people and learnt new dances from Matilda the Musical. It was an amazing experience, super active and brilliant fun!" Annabelle B & F Poulton (3BF).

### Class Assemblies

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

Friday 22nd March—Class 4S                      Friday 3rd May - Class 5GT (new date!)      Friday 17th May—Class 3BF

Friday 28th June— Class 5S

### World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day. It was fantastic to see the children (and staff!) dressed up and excited about sharing books with others. Many children came away thinking about new books they could read and the lessons they could learn from them. It was a great day. A huge thank you to Mrs Buchan for masterminding our BJS day and to all the parents/carers and staff who thought up some brilliant costumes!

### Reminder - 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.

### 2025/26 Determined Admission Arrangements

The final Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Forms for Entry in September 2025 were determined by the Governing Body of the school at its meeting on 4th December 2023. For this year of entry it has been agreed that the parish boundaries for the Minister Parish of Godalming are identified using the <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/> website and a link to this has been included in the policy. The final policy and forms can be found on our website.

### 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 our last newsletter, we have added:

\* Poppy C (5GT) - For the amazing achievements of swimming 1 mile and passing her Stage 10 swimming award! Top job Poppy!

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 - Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024:

Year 3 : £70.20

Year 4 : £78.30

Year 5 : £75.60

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](#)