



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter



Spring Term 2024 No: 3

9th February 2024

Term Dates 2023/24

Spring 2024	
Mon 19th Feb	Children return to school
w/c 19th Feb	PTA Football Tournament
Fri 23rd Feb	3B Class Assembly
Mon 4th—Wed 6th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (<i>Dressing Up!</i>)
Fri 8th March	5GT Class Assembly
Sat 9th March	Swimming Gala, Charterhouse Club
Thurs 14th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
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	PTA Easter Egg Raffle
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
Wed 24th to Fri 26th April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability
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 to Thurs 23rd May	Year 3 Feet First Training (Road Safety)
Fri 24th May	Inset day—no children in school



In the blink of an eye, the first half of the Spring term is over. It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks, with Roman and Viking workshops, excellent class assemblies and various sporting events. Coming up after the half term break, we have the excitement of the Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft, World Book Day and the first ever PTA Football Tournament on the MUGA! We hope you all have an enjoyable February break and look forward to seeing all the children (and staff!) on Monday 19th February.

Capoeira Workshop

Wow - What a great start to the week we had! On Monday we welcomed Elias from Red Panda School Workshops, who spent the day teaching us Brazilian Capoeira Dance! Capoeira is a martial art, disguised as dance - and what lively, energetic dancing it is. The children threw themselves into learning the moves—we all had a great time dancing to the infectious beats!



World Book Day - Save the date!

As always, we will be celebrating World Book Day again this year, on Thursday 7th March! It is always a really fun day in school. **Dressing-Up Warning:** Yes, WBD is another opportunity to amaze each other with our dressing-up skills. Further information will be sent out very soon, so look out for the email.

Parking at Pick-Up and Drop-Off times

Last week at pick-up, a car was left on the approach to school (on the roundabout) while the parent/carer went to collect their child. This caused a backlog of cars to build up not only by the school gates, but also on Brighton Road. Please can we remind everyone that cars should not stop, or be left on the school roundabout. Parents/Carers can park in the village hall car park (during the designated times) or we ask that you park considerably away from school and walk across. Please help us to keep everyone safe and the traffic flowing.

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 Designated Safeguarding Leads.

GODALMING LEARNING PARTNERSHIP's GET Teaching programme

Why not **GET Teaching** with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University?

The Godalming Learning Partnership is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are **inviting applications to start in Sept 2024**.

The one year school-led **GET Teaching** PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings. If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Rachel on: coordinator@godalminglearning.org

APPLY NOW TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER

Find out more about the course and how to apply at: www.getteaching.org and

[Primary \(3F9B\) with Godalming Learning Partnership - Find postgraduate teacher training - GOV.UK](#)

PTA Update

A very productive meeting was held last week and the events calendar for the year ahead was confirmed. The reps and PTA committee are asking for your help to make these events a success - we need more volunteers to help share the load please. Please consider which of these events you would be able to help out with and get in touch with your class rep to offer your support. In particular:

- we are looking for someone / a small group to co-ordinate **Ice-Cream Fridays** please from 17th May. You would need to order the ice creams, which can then be stored in the school's freezer, and set up a rota to run the stalls each week. (This is usually carried out by class groups).
- we are looking for people to join a smaller task force to run the Summer BBQ please. At the meeting it was agreed that we would love to keep this important fundraiser / social event but acknowledge that will take more than just the reps and committee to make it a success.
- we are looking for a someone / a small group to start coordinating the Fireworks event in November please.

Dates for your diary

19th March - Bouncing for Bars in Busbridge - a sponsored bounce to raise funds for our exciting new project! What kind of 'Bars' are they?! Details to come soon.

26th March - Easter egg raffle - after school

17th May - The return of Ice Cream Fridays

21st May - School Disco for pupils

15th June - Sponsored Bike Ride (Bramley to Cranleigh, and back)

20th June - provisional date for a grown-ups social

5th July - Summer BBQ

8th November - provisional date for Fireworks

With the money that has already been raised this year, we have been able to fund the Capoeira workshop, new Art supplies, new books for each classroom, Computing robotics equipment, new PSHE and French resources, as well as an upcoming author visit and new chairs for one of the classrooms. All the money that we raise helps your children, so please consider how you can best support us. Your support, however small, makes a big difference. Many thanks.

E-Safety Week

This week is e Safety week. In assembly the children learned about the benefits of modern technology compared with 30 years ago and how this has enhanced our lives. We looked at the positive and negative influences of the Internet, social media and life online. For example, how this can encourage us to support charities, feel good about ourselves, and help others. However we also recognized the potential negative effects of unkind posts, advertising to buy items we don't need or to encourage us to play more games/ spend more time on sites. We explored the idea that what we see online may influence how we see ourselves. Please do use this as an opportunity to talk to your children about the benefits and negatives of life with the Internet.



Class Assemblies

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

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

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

This week 6W 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.



Ambassadors Award

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Spring Term 2024 (first half term) are:

Class 3BF - Faith P & Jack B

Class 3B—Bella B & Rowan W

Class 4W—Stephanie B & Harry A

Class 4S— Due to staff illness, 4S will be announced after half term

Class 5GT—Ben P & Abi Spencer

Class 5S – Heidi-Rose R & Ioan W

Class 6E—Gabriel R & Martha S

Class 6W—Isla B & Will B

Sports Round-Up

Cross Country — future date: Saturday 9th March @ Charterhouse School—time tbc, more details to follow

Netball - "On Monday, the Year 6's participated in a netball tournament at Rodborough School with 9 other schools. We enjoyed competing in 4 matches: we lost 2, drew 2 and scored lots of goals! There were 2 separate pitches, with 5 teams competing on each pitch. We came 4th overall on our pitch and had a great time!". (Year 6 Netballers)



Basketball—What a great time we had at Rodborough last night! The Y5 and Y6 teams played with much enthusiasm.

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. Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child would like to feature on our Super-Stars board. Stop Press ... our latest SuperStar had to ring out his socks: what on earth befell Torben?!

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

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