



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Spring Term 2022 No: 1

24th January 2022

Cherish  Challenge

JANUARY 2022

- Mon 24th Parents' Evening School Cloud booking system opens at 9.30am
- Mon 24th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Fri 28th Feel Good Friday Art Day - colourful mufti
- Fri 28th Class 4WT Assembly at 9.15am
- Mon 31st Year 5 Swim lessons (PM)

FEBRUARY 2022

- Tues 1st Y5 Surrey Fire & Rescue Visit in school (PM)
- Thurs 3rd & Thurs 4th Doubleday - Problem Solving
- Mon 7th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Tues 8th Safer Internet Day
- Tues 8th Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
- Thurs 10th Class 6E to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Thurs 10th Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Fri 11th Class 3MB Assembly at 9.15am
- Fri 11th Friends of BJS Bounce for Busbridge event 11am to 3pm & Smarties Challenge

HALF-TERM

- w/c Mon 21st One World Week
- Mon 21st Dance Workshops in school
- Mon 21st Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Tues 22nd Class 6E to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Tues 22nd Friends of BJS PTA meeting at 7.30pm
- Mon 28th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)

MARCH 2022

- Tues 1st Class 6E to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Tues 1st Parents Information Evening in school on Talk4Writing at 7.00pm
- Mon 7th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Mon 7th to Wed 9th Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft
- Tues 8th Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Mon 14th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Tues 15th Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Mon 21st Year 5 swim lessons (PM) finish
- Tues 22nd Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Fri 25th Class 5L Assembly at 9.15am

APRIL 2022

- Fri 1st Break up for Easter holiday (finish time tbc)
- EASTER HOLIDAY**
- Tues 19th INSET Day 4
- Wed 20th Children return to school for summer term

****Please note events planned above may be subject to confirmation/change - please look out for information which will be sent out nearer the time for each one****

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022
Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022
INSET Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022
INSET Day: Tuesday 19th April 2022



Welcome back for the Spring Term...

Christmas seems a distant memory but we hope you all had a good break and are ready for the New Year and Spring term. Sadly at the end of January we are saying 'Goodbye' to Rowan our Caretaker who is leaving us to take up a new role at Rodborough School. We wish him all the best in his new job. In February we are also saying 'Farewell' to Miss Helen Smith one of our wonderful LSAs. She is starting a new role at Guildford County School. Both members of staff have served the school and children superbly over time.

School Events: Here's a few things coming up this half term...

Feel Good Friday Art Day - Friday 28th January

We are having a 'Feel Good Friday' Art Day on Friday 28th January. The children are invited to wear colourful mufti, and the day itself is going to have an art focus. The children will spend some time on their current class art projects but also have a totally new project to work on.

DoubleDay - Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th February

Our DoubleDay coming up on 3rd and 4th February has a focus on 'Problem Solving'. The children will work within their year group solving a range of problems in DT, PE, ICT and Maths. Some problems will be practical, some pen and paper and some 'thought'.

Parents Evenings - Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th February

This term we will go virtual with our Parents' Evenings. An email was sent out on Friday 21st January with the booking details: bookings can be made from 9.30am today Monday 24th via the School Cloud booking system.

NSPCC Tuesley House Event / House Captains

Thank you to Tuesley House and Vice Captains who have been championing the work of the NSPCC in school. They wrote to you letting you know about their fundraising ideas of a silver coin challenge and a design a poster competition.



Last Friday in assembly we weighed the coins donated and the winning class was class 4WT with a staggering 4.05kg of silver coins. We are now busy calculating the total amount raised. The design of an NSPCC poster competition was won by JoJo in Year 5 and his design will be displayed around the school to raise awareness. We will be continuing to use the NSPCC materials in our assemblies over the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the NSPCC.

No more crisp packets please! Thank you to everyone who brought in crisp packets for the Munstead House event last term. We have now stopped collecting and have sent off 4 large boxes to the Surrey Crisp Packet Project for them to make into blankets for the homeless. Top job Busbridge!

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 28th January - **class 4WT**

Friday 11th February - **class 3MB**

Friday 25th March - **class 5L**

Friday 6th May - **class 5S**

Friday 20th May - **class 4A**

***Friday 17th June* - class 3BF: *Please note this is a change to the original date of Friday 13th May.**

Charterhouse 'Science for Schools'

Starting on Thursday 10th February, Year 6 will be going to Charterhouse School to take part in their 'Science for Schools' initiative. Each class will attend for 3 afternoons to take part in Chemistry, Physics and Biology experiments run by their Science department. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children. A letter will follow to parents/carers.

Round Up of events:

Roman & Viking Workshops

Last Thursday the Year 3s and 4s became Romans and Vikings for the day with the wonderful Rainbow Theatre Company running two workshops to recreate those times. Year 4 turned into Viscious Vikings - here are some of their thoughts on the day:

Joey said *"it was fun because we got to act out the story"*, Emilia said *"the actors were really silly and had lots of energy which made me excited and enjoy learning the story"*, Isla said *"the workshop was fun and enjoyable - I really loved being dressed up!"* and Rowan said *"the Viking chant was the best!"*

Year 3 became Romans for the day - Emi and Thomas from Year 3 said *"We had a very fun time doing the acting. Three people came and created scenes with us. Our class highlights were when they had a battle and everyone laughed. We also enjoyed when they were on the Roman toilets!"*



Sporting Events

SportsHall Athletics

Well done to the team of Year 5 & 6 children who took part in the recent Waverley Sportshall competition (indoor athletics). The children competed in running, jumping and throwing events to collect points for their team. As always it was a highly competitive and exciting afternoon with our BJS team displaying wonderful ability and determination. We were delighted to be announced overall winners and will now go through to the County final in July. Huge congratulations to the team for their brilliant performance and commitment, and thanks to Bill for his hard work coaching the team.



We have several sporting events coming up this term including a Sports Taster event, Football and Rugby tournaments, and a Dance festival. Your child will receive a letter home if they are taking part.

PE lessons & Clubs

PE lessons - This Spring term we have some exciting sporting opportunities for our children. The Year 6s are honing their hockey skills under the expert coaching provided by Guildford Hockey Club, and our Year 3s and 4s are enjoying cricket coaching provided by coaches from Farncombe and Surrey Cricket Club as part of Chance to Shine Cricket. We are very grateful to these external clubs giving the children the opportunity to try and learn new sports. If your child is interested in getting more involved with cricket, please see the attached flyer for information about Farncombe Cricket Club as the club is always keen to recruit children who would like to play.

Clubs - a full programme of Clubs has now commenced. Unfortunately BoogiePumps has not had enough children sign up to carry on at the moment. They are hoping they can relaunch the club after half-term if numbers increase so if your child is interested please contact them by email info@boogiepumps.co.uk, by phone 07769 645741 or go to www.boogiepumps.co.uk/guildford for more information.

Mandarin and Spanish Club is a great way for your child to learn a new language and prepare your child for secondary school lessons!

Digital Cameras

We are in need of digital cameras for the classes. Do you have any spare / surplus to requirement digital cameras lurking at home? They would need to be easy to operate and in good condition. Please let me know via the office.

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Welcome to Busbridge C of E Junior School \(busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://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.



Friends of BJS Update:

The next meeting of the Friend of BJS is on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7.30pm in the school hall - all welcome. After some record breaking profits from Friends PTA events held last term, the Friends have pledged £18k to the MUGA fund which is amazing. A newsletter will be coming out soon with information about fundraising and events coming up but here is a sneak preview of what's being planned!

Bouncing for Busbridge - on Friday 11th February in the school hall. Each child will bounce for a minute and is sponsored for the total number of bounces.

Smarties Challenge - starting Friday 11th February. Each child receives a tube of smarties and then collects donations over a 3 week period for completing household/helpful tasks.

Other events in planning include a Quiz Night, Children's Disco, Easter Activity, Band & Auction Night, Sponsored Cycle Ride and the Summer BBQ.

Easyfundraising - All of us are shopping more online, particularly with the closure of many shops. Please **help the Friends of BJS PTA to raise money by shopping as usual**, just by going through the **Easyfundraising** app.



Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk, select 'Busbridge Junior School' as your 'Cause', Set up your account and tick the 'Gift Aid' box. Download the Easyfundraising app and use it! Then go shopping as normal.

Once you click on the app, select the retailer you need and you will immediately go to their website. Please pass this on to family and friends - every penny is a step closer to our MUGA target!

MUGA Update

Our MUGA project is moving steadily forward. We have reached the impressive total of £21,000 so far. A huge thanks to everyone who has contributed financially, with their time and/or their expertise. It is so good to see the school embracing this project, and when you look at the current condition of the school pitch you will see why it is so needed.

Kitchen Vacancy



Our school caterer Twelve15 is recruiting and we have a vacancy in our school kitchen to replace Tracy who left last term. If you are interested, or know anyone who is interested please apply via <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs> and search 'Catering' to find out more or see the flyer attached with this newsletter.

Transferrable Skills—looking to their future

At BJS we are very aware that we are preparing children not just for the here-and-now but for life beyond Busbridge. To this end we have introduced an ongoing project on what we are calling 'Transferrable Skills'. In a variety of ways the children are being helped to develop skills in the following areas: problem solving, communication, team-work, self-management, resilience, strong work ethic, leadership, creativity / self expression.

Our Problem Solving DoubleDay will be an opportunity to focus on these areas.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 5th January to 11th February:

Year 3 : £68.60

Year 4 : £68.60

Year 5 : £68.60

Year 6 : £68.60

Amount per day: £2.45

Amount per week: £12.25



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 Parent-mail regularly.* We prefer you to pay through ParentMail PMX 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)

Thank you so much for your valued custom and continued use of the Breakfast & After-School Club - it is very much appreciated. We are giving advance notice **from Tuesday 19th April 2022 the cost of the sessions will be increasing to the following prices:**

Breakfast Club 7.50am - 8.45am from £5.70 to £5.80

ASC half session 3.30-4.45pm from £7.20 to £7.35

ASC full session 3.30-6.00pm from £14.40 to £14.65

We are sorry to have to increase fees but this reflects the rising costs of running the club. The increase is approx. 1.8% broadly in line with inflation and other increases in costs. Thank you for your understanding.

To make a booking please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail on 07432 304562 or by email: jmcphail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk