

# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Cherish  Challenge

Spring Term 2023 No: 1

24th January 2023

### Term Dates 2022/23

<b>Spring 2023</b>	
Thurs 26th & Fri 27th Jan	DoubleDay 'Keeping safe'
Fri 10th Feb	Inset Day
Mon 13th Feb to Fri 17th Feb	Half Term
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day
Mon 6th to Wed 8th March	Sayers Croft Residential—Year 4
Fri 10th March	Class 3B Assembly
Wed 15th March	Winchester Science Museum Visit—Year 5
Thurs 16th March	Bouncing for Busbridge
Fri 17th March	Class 6E Assembly
Fri 24th March	Class 4S Assembly
Fri 31st March	Last Day of Term & Easter Fun on the playground
<b>Summer 2023</b>	
Mon 17th Apr	Inset Day
Tues 18th Apr	Children Return to School
Mon 24th Apr	School Photos—Groups & Year 6
Wed 26th to Fri 28th April	Y4 Bikeability
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Wed 3rd May	Y4 Trip to Wisley
Fri 5th May	Class 3BF Assembly
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Fri 19th May	Year 5 Greeks Day (Rainbow Theatre)
Thurs 25th May	Children Break up for Half Term



Christmas already seems a distant memory, but we hope you all had a great break and are enjoying the New Year so far. School life is back in full swing and the children have thrown themselves back into the new year with their usual enthusiasm and buzz. We have lots planned this term, including our upcoming DoubleDay next week (see below for more details) and a number of school trips and class assemblies. It's going to be busy!

#### MUGA Update

Since we received the amazing news that the Godalming Town Council were willing to increase their funding grant from £60,000 to £125,000, it has been full steam ahead with our MUGA project. A full planning application has been submitted and we will be launching our tender process by the end of January. We will be doing our very best to complete the entire project before the start of the 2023/24 academic year.

#### G Live Trip

Last Tuesday, a group of Y4 and Y5 children went to see Children's Concert at G Live in Guildford. Each year, the orchestra, Southern Pro Musica, hold live concerts with the aim of introducing children to different styles of music and instruments. Everyone was captivated from the moment the music started and there were even opportunities for some of the children to get involved as conductors and drummers! Awesome.

#### Christmas Reindeer Run in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell

As you will recall, on Wednesday 14th December the children took part in a sponsored reindeer run in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell. I'm delighted to let you know that the school raised a fantastic £2023.12!! Wow! Thanks to your support, Phyllis Tuckwell will be able to continue their incredible hospice care. Thank you.

#### DoubleDay—'Keeping Safe'

Next week, the children will take part in our second DoubleDay of this academic year, on the theme 'Keeping Safe'. The children will explore four themes through a series of activities: Anti Bullying, Community Safety, Basic First Aid and Keeping our World Safe. The children may wear non-uniform on both days and we ask that they all bring in a small teddy bear to perform some basic First Aid on! Further info was sent out via email last week.

#### Our recent Safeguarding Audit - January '23

Our recent Audit was very positive. The consultant gave the following summary: "Safeguarding policy and procedures are based strongly on Busbridge Junior School's vision of Cherish & Challenge. Safeguarding practices are embedded in the school by all stakeholders. The leadership of the school is proactive in questioning and refining their approach, which ensures a robust culture of safeguarding". Thank you to all who participated.

## Class Assemblies

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

Friday 10th March—**Class 3B**

Friday 17th March—**Class 6E**

Friday 24th March—**Class 4S**

Friday 5th May—**Class 3BF**

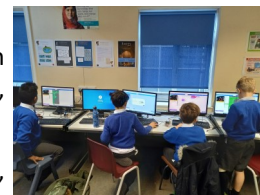
Friday 9th June—**Class 5S**

Friday 30th June —**Class 6W (\*new date)**

## Y5 Trip to Rodborough

This week a group of year 5 students enjoyed an afternoon of computing at Rodborough School, with their Head of Computing, Mr Matt Toombs. The children were tasked with programming a small robot, which was a wonderful learning opportunity.

Over the next few months, different groups of year 5 students will visit Rodborough to take part in Art, DT and Science workshops.



## BJS Kids Disco

Last Wednesday night the PTA held their popular BJS Kids disco. The children danced the night away under UV lights, treated themselves to glitter tattoos and body art, and bought drinks and snacks from the tuckshop. A fun-filled night was had by all! As always, a huge thank you to our PTA who worked really hard to organise the event. Future events include a quiz night, Easter fun on the playground, an adults 80s and 90s disco - and of course our annual Summer BBQ.

## Recent Football Tournaments

Unfortunately, the rearranged Y4 and Y6 football tournament was once again postponed due to the weather this week, along with today's Girls football tournament. We will let all the players know as soon as new dates are arranged.

## 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 the last newsletter, we have added:

- \* Ernest (4W) - For winning 6 swimming medals (4 gold and 2 silver)! Amazing achievement Ernest!
- \* Alice (3B) - Alice wrote to King Charles III following the death of Her Majesty the Queen and received a personal card of thanks in response. Such a lovely gesture Alice.
- \* Carys (5S) - For achieving the highest grade possible in her swimming lessons—Grade 10!
- \* Emilia (4W) - For joining the Chelsea Football Girls Foundation Squad, after being spotted while in year 3! Emi also recently sat her prep exam for piano and did very well. Well done Emi!

**SCL Update** - Please see covering email for an important update on SCL Active.

**Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

## School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 to 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Year 3 : £72.80

Year 4 : £72.80

Year 5 : £72.80

Year 6 : £72.80

Amount per day: £2.60      Amount per week: £13.00

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.** We prefer you to pay through Arbor 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)

Spaces are available in the Breakfast & After-School Club from September 2022. Please contact the Club Manager, Jackie McPhail, to book. Session costs are as follows:

**Breakfast Club** 7.50am - 8.45am - £5.80

**ASC half session** 3.30-4.45pm - £7.35

**ASC full session** 3.30-6.00pm - £14.65

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 Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy has been updated and 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) .