



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023 No: 6

15th December 2023

Cherish Challenge

### Term Dates 2023/24

<b>Spring 2024</b>	
Tues 2nd Jan	Spring Term Starts
Thurs 18th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Fri 19th Jan	6W Class Assembly
Tues 30th Jan	Friends of BJS PTA Meeting - 7.30pm, School hall
Fri 2nd Feb	4W Class Assembly
Mon 5th Feb	Capoeira workshop
Tues 6th Feb	Parents Evening 4pm—6.30pm
Thurs 8th Feb	Parents Evening 6pm to 8.30pm
Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb	Half Term
w/c 19th Feb	PTA Football Tournament—info to follow
Fri 23rd Feb	3B Class Assembly
Mon 4th—Wed 6th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Fri 8th March	5GT Class Assembly
Thurs 14th March	Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Thurs 21st March	Music Works Concert, 9.30am
Fri 22nd March	4S Class Assembly
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 Photos and Year 6 Leavers Photo
Wed 24th to Fri	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability



### HoHoHo—Merry Christmas, One and All!

What a wonderful time we have had this Christmas at school and what a brilliant term it has been! On behalf of staff and Governors I wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Christmas.

### The BJS Talent Show!

Wow - what a treat we had this week with the BJS Talent Show! An array of acts took part, including stand up, live music, mind reading, gymnastics, drumming and cheerleading to name but a few! We were so impressed with everyone who took part. The show was held to raise money for the Red Cross and their work supporting children in Gaza. So far we have counted £156! Thank you so much to everyone for sending in their £1 coins, the money really will make a difference. And the winners of the show were, drum roll.... Toby HH (4S) for the lower school and Raff G (6W) for the upper school. Both impressed the audience with their comedy acts - well done boys!

### The First Nowell Christmas Video

You will recall that back in October filming took place for the First Nowell Christmas Video project with Busbridge & Hambleton Church, St Peter and St Paul's and St Mark's. The Video is set to premiere on YouTube on Christmas Eve at 7pm—link below! We hope you all enjoy it.

<https://youtu.be/8JCUDx2fMhw>

### Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our latest 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, responsibilities and procedures in the school along with 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 P Samuels are our Safeguarding Governors.

### Busbridge Ambassador Awards

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Autumn Term 2023 (second half term) are:

Class 3BF - Florence M & Tommy L

Class 3B—Emily F & Charlie S

Class 4W—Sofia H & Thomas M

Class 4S—Ollie R & Amy M

Class 5GT—Harry H & Laura M

Class 5S – Matias D & Martha G

Class 6E—Jacob R & Carys Y

Class 6W—Boston GM & Jack JB

## Class Assemblies

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

Friday 19th January—Class 6W

Friday 2nd February—Class 4W

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

## Christmas 2023 Events Round Up...

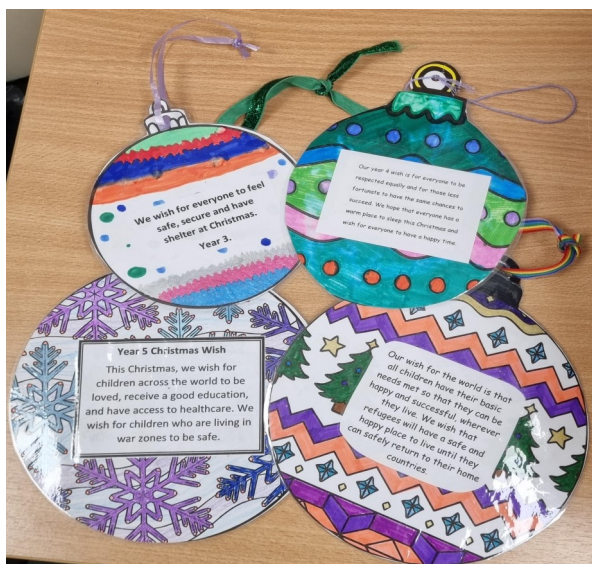
Earlier this week our Year 3 children sang at the **Prime Time Carol Service** at Busbridge Church. The children sang beautifully. Songs included O Little Town of Bethlehem, We Wish You a Merry Christmas and Calypso Carol.

**Christmas Lunch** on Wednesday this week was delicious. Jenny and her staff pulled off a momentous task of cooking the festive feast—I am in awe!! As the children ate they were accompanied by a veritable choir of angels (some of our teaching staff!).

The **Christmas Services** at Busbridge Church were also a highlight. Many thanks to Ben and Marcus for hosting us and leading the services.

Finally, today, we held our annual **Wishing Service** in which children belt out favourite Christmas carols and songs, whilst also spending some time thinking of others in the world around them. Each year group presents their 'Wish For The World'. You

can see the wishes below. The challenge to us all is to make these wishes come true through our attitudes and actions.



**Year 3:** We wish for everyone to feel safe, secure and have shelter at Christmas.

**Year 4:** Our Year 4 wish is for everyone to be respected equally and for those less fortunate to have the same chances to succeed. We hope that everyone has a warm place to sleep this Christmas and wish for everyone to have a happy time.

**Year 5:** This Christmas, we wish for children across the world to be loved, receive a good education, and have access to healthcare. We wish for children who are living in war zones to be safe.

**Year 6:** Our wish for the world is that all children have their basic needs met so that they can be happy and successful, wherever they live. We wish that refugees will have a safe and happy place to live until they can safely return to their home countries.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

## School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 9th February 2024:

Year 3 : £78.30

Year 4 : £78.30

Year 5 : £78.30

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)

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