



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Spring Term 2023 No: 5

31st March 2023

Term Dates 2022/23

Summer 2023	
Mon 17th Apr	Inset Day
Tues 18th Apr	Children Return to School & PTA Meeting
Mon 24th Apr	School Photos—Groups & Year 6
Wed 26th to Fri 28th April	Y4 Bikeability
Sat 29th April	PTA 90s Disco
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Wed 3rd May	Y4 Trip to Wisley
Thurs 4th May	Star Wars Day!
Fri 5th May	Class 3BF Assembly
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Mon 15th & Tues 16th May	Year 3 Feet First Training
Tues 16th May	Children's PTA Disco
Thurs 18th & Fri 19th May	DoubleDay—a Royal theme
Thurs 25th May	Children break up for half term
Fri 26th May	Inset Day
Mon 29th to Fri 2nd June	Half Term Week
Fri 9th June	Class 5S Assembly
Mon 12th June	Pet Day!
Wed 14th June	Year 6 Cathedral Service
Sat 17th June	PTA Family Cycle Ride (Bramley to Cranleigh) 1pm
Fri 23rd June	Sports Day (Y3/4 in AM, Y5/6 in PM)
Tues 27th / Wed 28th	Secondary School Induction Days (Y6)
Fri 30th June	6W Class Assembly
Wed 5th July	Whole School Beach Trip!



It's almost the Easter Holidays! What a fab Spring Term we have had. The buzz in school has not slowed down as the end of term has approached. Yesterday, we were treated to a brilliant musical performance

by our Music Works teachers and students, our Bouncing for Busbridge event last week was a huge success and all the children thoroughly enjoyed their non-uniform day last week! We hope you have a lovely, relaxing Easter and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Tuesday 18th April.

PE days in the Summer Term

For the Summer term, PE days will be as follows:

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Thursday and Friday

Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Monday and Tuesday for the first half term, Monday and Wednesday for the second half term.

Summer Uniform and Water Bottle reminder

As it is the start of the summer term after the Easter break, the children should come back in their summer uniform (see school website for details - <https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/uniform/150268>). Please can we also remind you that the children should bring a named hat and water bottle to school with them each day, particularly as the weather starts to warm up. As you may recall, the school's Governing Body recently set up a working party to review our uniform policy and the purchasing of uniform. A letter will be sent out after Easter with an update.

Inset Days for the next academic year

Our Inset Days for 2023/24 have now been set. They are in line with the vast majority of schools in our GLP group and where possible, Busbridge Infants School. They are - **Friday 1st September 2023**; **Monday 4th September 2023**; **Monday 30th October 2023**; **Monday 15th April 2024**; **Friday 24th May 2024**.

Air-Up Drinks Bottles

From September 2023, we ask that Air-Up drinks bottles stay at home. We know they are popular with some children, but they are also very pricey. Often in class we need to look after them more carefully because they are expensive, and this is often just another thing for teachers to keep an eye on. Cheaper water bottles may not be as tasty, but they are just as effective in carrying water. We appreciate that parents may have already bought them, hence the delay in asking them to stay at home.

Sports Update

It's been another brilliant term of sporting activity and events. Huge thanks to all parents who have helped with transport, to Bill for his enthusiasm and training, and Clare Parsons for keeping us all on task and turning up ready at the right place at the right time. Fantastic team work! So much sport takes place at school. I am always impressed by our child-led clubs, for example as run by Ben, JoJo and Izzy (6E) - not club leaders of the future, but club leaders today.

Year 6 Girls Football Tournament

"On Tuesday 7th March, a team of football players went to play football at Tillingbourne. Everyone was very enthusiastic and ready to go. When we got there, we listened to the talk and then played our first match. Izzy was a fantastic goal keeper and saved many goals. After the first match, we had a short break and then played another match. Everyone had so much fun! The final match we played was a great one - we had so much fun and saved lots of goals. Everyone went home with a smile on their face". Year 6 Girls

Swimming Gala

On Saturday 11th March our school swimming squad took part in the Godalming Schools Swimming Gala at Charterhouse School. Prior to the gala, the children had worked really hard to practice their skills, and it all paid off –the team won in all categories and were crowned overall champions! Huge congratulations to all of the children who took part, as well as Mrs Parsons for organising the event. Thanks also to our parent helpers who kindly gave their time to help out. Go Busbridge!
"We arrived early at 9am on a Saturday morning to register in Charterhouse School. We all got shiny blue Busbridge school caps that we wore. After getting ready, we all arrived at the pool. There was a giant audience. Sadly we only had a 25 meters warm up. There were 3 other schools. On average, most of us took part in at least 2 races. At half time we came first by 21 points. We won all our breaststroke races, most of our freestyle and the double points relay. At the end, we won 3 out of 4 awards!" By Rosabel and Jess, 6W



Sportshall Final

"We arrived at The Spectrum nice and early at 9.30am, anxious to start. We warmed up and were ready! We did really well in all our races and field events, securing 1st place! We will never forget how Bill came second in the teachers javelin event. Once we won, we cheered really loudly—our ears were ringing for the rest of the day". Harry and Ruben, 6W



Ambassadors Award

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

3BF - Thomas R and Ella D

3B - Maisie W and Edward M

4W - Evelyn S and Matthew W

4S - Zac A and Xanthe W

5GT - Lucy B and Zach K

5S - Edward R and Sophie G

6E - Mila N and JoJo A

6W - Logan O'B and Ella C

Staff! - Mr McPhail (Caretaker) and all our brilliant teachers!!



Bringing forgotten items to school

Just a reminder that after Easter we will be trialing a new system for dropping off forgotten items during the school day. From Tuesday 18th April, you will not need to buzz the gate and speak to the office. Instead, there will be a box placed just inside the gate, but reachable from outside, into which you can deposit your child's forgotten item. This box will be checked by our Year 6 Prefects at break time and again at lunch each day, and any named items will then be delivered to the children's classroom. We will trial this system in the summer term and see how we get on!

Pet Day—Monday 12 June

Back by popular demand! Dogs in the afternoon (Dog Show!) and all other animals in the morning. Clearly most animals will need to be accompanied by an adult, but pets like stick insects can be left in school all day. Put the date in the diary, please!

Class Assemblies

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

Friday 5th May—**Class 3BF**

Friday 9th June—**Class 5S**

Friday 30th June —**Class 6W**

Winchester Science Centre Trip—Year 5

On the 15th March, Year 5 visited the Science Centre in Winchester. The children went on an adventure through sound while exploring the sound, hearing, and vibration exhibition. They could climb into a massive guitar and feel it vibrate whilst other children plucked the strings. Children also explored exhibits for meteorites and stardust fact-finding, and they learned about robots and coding. One of the most popular activities was slime-making. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special.

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:

- * Luke (6W) - For being unbeatable at hockey!
- * Iona and Lily (6W) - For coming 1st place in the Godalming Performing Arts Festival.
- * Darcey (4S) - For her incredible gymnastics skills (one-handed cartwheel, no less).

Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child would like to feature on our SuperStars board.

Single Equality Scheme Objectives (June 2022 to July 2025):

Our current Equality Scheme objectives are shown below. We review them each year and report back our progress to the schools Governing Body.

- (1) Raise the achievement of our **Disadvantaged children in maths**.
- (2) Raise the achievement of **girls in maths** so that it matches that of boys.
- (3) Ensure Disadvantaged and EAL cohorts are **secondary ready** by attaining at least EXS in Reading, Writing and maths.
- (4) Have minimal difference in **attendance** between different pupil cohort groups (e.g. gender, SEND)
- (5) Broaden the opportunities to learn about **other faiths and cultures**.
- (6) Ensure equality of opportunity in accessing **wider and extra-curricular activities**.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term Tuesday 18th April to Thursday 25th May 2023:

Year 3 : £70.20

Year 4 : £67.50

Year 5 : £70.20

Year 6 : £70.20

Amount per day: £2.70 Amount per week: £13.50

Please note, as mentioned in a previous newsletter, school meals are increasing from £2.60 to £2.70 per day due to ongoing exceptional circumstances driving up food and energy prices. 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 18th April. 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 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) .