



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter



**Autumn Term 2023 No: 3**

**20th October 2023**

### Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn 2023	
Mon 23rd to Fri 27th Oct	Half Term
Mon 30th Oct	Staff Inset Day
Tues 31st	NHS Flu Vaccinations—all years
Wed 1st Nov	Non-Uniform Day - PTA Sweet Donations
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Nov	DoubleDay - see parent information letter Thursday—non-uniform day Friday - Chocolate themed dress-up day
Fri 3rd Nov	PTA Fireworks Event
Tues 7th Nov	Friends of BJS PTA Meeting—7.30pm (Zoom)
Thurs 9th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Fri 10th Nov	Non-Uniform Day—Gift Donations
Wed 15th Nov	Year 4 - Visit from Surrey Police Year 6 - Trip to Haslemere Museum
Sat 18th Nov	Cross-country competition
Wed 22nd Nov	Young Musicians Orchestra Day at Rodborough (Year 5 and 6, by invite)
Wed 6th & Thurs 7th Dec	Christmas Plays - Lower School, 9.15am & Upper school, 1.45pm.
Fri 8th Dec	Panto in School - Cinderella
Tues 12th Dec	Christmas Church Services
Fri 15th Dec	Last Day of Term
Tues 2nd Jan	Spring Term Starts
Thurs 18th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Fri 19th Jan	6W Class Assembly
Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb	Half Term

## AUTUMN

Where has the first half of this term gone?

We have had a brilliant few weeks, with lots of events happening in school, including football tournaments, our annual Harvest Festival, Year 4 swimming, Year 6 Bikeability training and our first Year 3 trip to Butser Farm! We were delighted to see so many of you at this week's Parents Evenings' and we have enjoyed welcoming prospective parents for the 2023/24 intake on school tours. We have much more planned for after the holiday! We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all the children back on Tuesday 31st October raring to go!

**Chocolate DoubleDay: 2nd, 3rd November**

Do please look out for the letter about our DoubleDay after half term. It talks about the dressing-up on Friday, as well as asking you to give permission for a couple of things.

### #DoSomethingForNothing Challenge

In our assemblies this term, we have been thinking about Responsibilities. As part of this we have heard about a chap called Joshua Coombes who almost accidentally started a grass roots 'help others' social movement called #DoSomethingForNothing:

### #DoSomethingForNothing Challenge

<https://www.dosomethingfornothing.org/>

<https://www.positive.news/society/the-stylists-who-gives-free-haircuts-to-homeless-people/>

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We have started our own #DSFN Challenge. Your child will come home with a sheet today. How many #DSFN activities can they complete by Fri 10th November? This will hopefully help them to realise that their actions and words can make a difference.

*"Small acts of love can make a big impact"*

### Recycle your Pens!

Our brilliant eco warriors have started a new pen recycling scheme at school! Instead of throwing away your old pens at home, please send them in to us for recycling—what a great idea. Pens can be handed in the school office.

### Non-Uniform Day on Wednesday 1st November

On Wednesday 1st November we are having a non-uniform day in school and kindly ask that in return, the children bring in donations of 'sweet treats' for the Fireworks Spectacular. These could be flapjacks, brownies, cookies, cakes, sweets or popcorn (just no nuts please!). Donations will be sold on the 'sweet treats' stall at the Fireworks Spectacular, which is always a popular stall! Collection boxes will be in the playground at drop off on 1st November. For any home baked items, please provide a list of ingredients for those who need to be aware of allergens.

### **Year 6 Residential to Windmill Hill**

Windmill Hill was a hit again this year as the children climbed, zipped wired and fired their way to success in experiences that were known and new. Their enthusiasm, team work and kindness was super to see. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to the adults for making the trip possible.

### **Butser Farm**

Our year 3 children had a brilliant day on their first school trip to Butser Farm this week! The theme of the day was Stone Age Life. They learnt how to make copper bracelets and rings; made string from blades of grass and created beautiful clay pots and chalk carvings. We all enjoyed sitting in roundhouses and were very thankful for the dry weather! A good day was had by all.



## **Sports Update**

It's been another brilliant term of sporting activity and events. Huge thanks to all parents who have helped with transport, and to 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.

### **Year 3 Boys Football Tournament**

On 10<sup>th</sup> October, the Year 3s travelled to Tillingbourne School's football tournament. Every player in the squad played an important role in winning three from three in the group games, resulting in Busbridge topping the group. Up next was a semi-final against Beacon Hill, who would be sure to offer a stern challenge. A huge amount of determination and fantastic teamwork resulted in Busbridge winning and making the final. The final, against Park Mead, was a very close affair. The point of difference was Busbridge's determination and never-give-up attitude. The final score was a 2-1 victory to Busbridge. Well done to the whole team for playing excellently and behaving impeccably.

### **Year 4 Girls Football Tournament**

"We went to the girls football tournament earlier month. The players were Effie, Emily, Freya, Alice, Madeleine, Maisie, Ellie and Scarlett. We did an amazing job! We won a game, lost two and drew one. We worked really hard as a team, especially in our attacking skills. We now know that we need to work more on our passing skills. We had a great time!" *Effie B (4W) and Madeleine B (4S).*



### **Year 5 Football Tournament**

"On 10th October, a group of Year 5's went to a football tournament. We did really well and ended up coming third. We got to the semi-finals and it was 0-0, so it went to penalties. Four of us took amazing shots at the goal. Our first match was against Cranleigh—it ended 0-0. Our second match was a win. Our third match was against Beacon Hill—we won 3-0! In total we got 7 points!" *Lucas N-L and Max S (5GT)*

### **Years 5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament**

"Earlier this month, some girls from Years 5 and 6 went to Tillingbourne to participate in a football tournament. We did really well and came 4<sup>th</sup> in our league. We had 1 win, 1 draw and 2 losses. All of the team loved passing and scoring as a team. It felt like we were the lionesses playing in the World Cup.

Sophie said, "I had a great time and enjoyed passing as a team." *Hannah T and Amelie J (6E)*

### **Dodgeball**

Our two dodgeball teams participated enthusiastically at the dodgeball festival, showing their impressive dodgeball skills! Thank you to Mr Ossai, PE teacher at Rodborough for running the hugely enjoyable session.

### **Cross Country—Save the Date!**

There will be a cross-country competition taking place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at Glebelands School, Cranleigh, from 1pm. This event is open to anyone wanting to take part and numbers are unlimited. There will be 8 races in total; two per year group- separate for boys and girls.

Approximate course length is as follows:

Year 3 - 1km    Year 4 - 1km    Year 5 - 1.5km    Year 6 - 2.5km

More details and letters to follow after half term!

### Class Assemblies

This years' 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		

### Artist of the Month

Our current Artist of the Month is Yayoi Kusama. The children have been told about her in assembly . If they would like to find out some more about her and have a go at some 'dotty' art work that would be great . Miss Friend would love to see their creations. <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-yayoi-kusama>

### Statutory Consultation: Admission Arrangements for 2025/26

In accordance with DfE requirements, this week we circulated our proposed 2025/26 admission arrangements for Busbridge Church of England Junior School to staff, parents/carers, Governors and other interested Stakeholders. The draft policy and associated documents are available for comment, the deadline for the receipt of comments being **30 November 2023**. Comments may be sent by post addressed to the School Secretary, or emailed to [admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk). The proposed varied admissions policy can also be accessed on the school's website: [https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/admissions\\_consultations/384794](https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/admissions_consultations/384794)

### 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:

- \* Teddy F (5GT) - Teddy was awarded 2 gold medals and 2 silver medals at a recent Kickboxing Championships! Fantastic!
- \* Phoebe S-C (3BF) - Phoebe appeared on TV (the BBC!) representing the charity Challengers. Challengers provides play and leisure opportunities for disabled children and young people. Amazing!
- \* Libby G (5S) - Libby achieved her 7th Kyu Orange belt at karate this week from Premier Karate Do Wado Kai! Huge well done!

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

### 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 \(busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk\)](#) . It outlines roles, responsibilities and procedures in the school along 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.

**Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

### School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 31st October to Friday 15th December 2023:

Year 3 : £91.80

Year 4 : £91.80

Year 5 : £89.10

Year 6 : £89.10

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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