



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter



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26th January 2024

Term Dates 2023/24

Spring 2024	
Mon 29th Jan	Year 4 Sayers Croft Information Evening, 5.45pm, Room 4S
Tues 30th Jan	Friends of BJS PTA Meeting - 7.30pm, School hall
Fri 2nd Feb	4W Class Assembly
Sat 3rd Feb	Cross-Country Competition, Rodborough
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
Sat 9th March	Swimming Gala, Charterhouse Club
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 photo and Year 6 Leavers photo
Wed 24th to Fri 26th April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability



The Spring term is now well underway and it has been another busy two weeks in school. Last week we had the very entertaining 6W class assembly (well done to everyone who took part!), Years 3 and 4 were Romans and Vikings for the day and a group of Year 5's took part in an ICT workshop at Rodborough—to name but a few things! The booking link for our upcoming parents evenings also went live this week, so if you still haven't booked your slot, please do so. We look forward to seeing lots of you soon.

One World Week

Straight after Half term we are holding our annual One World Week. The year groups are looking at the following countries: **Y3 – India, Y4 – Nepal, Y5 – South Africa, Y6 – Sri Lanka.** This year the children will be learning about environmental challenges in these areas, and the impact on everyday life.

Caretaker Vacancy—spread the word!

We are in the process of recruiting for a Caretaker. Please see the info sent out with this newsletter. This means we will be saying a sad Farewell to Mr McPhail, our current Caretaker.

Dates for your diary - Inset Days for 2024/25

Inset days for the next academic year have now been confirmed as follows:

Autumn Term Monday 2nd September*, Tuesday 3rd September* & Friday 25th October

Spring Term None

Summer Term Tuesday 22nd April* & Friday 23rd May

*BJS and BIS shared inset days

Romans & Vikings Day—Year's 3 and 4

Last week, our Year 3's and 4's became Romans and Vikings for the day, with the wonderful Rainbow Theatre Company. The school hall was full of excitement and buzz, as the children took part in Roman and Viking themed historical workshops—bringing what they have learnt in class to life. All the children looked amazing in their costumes. Thank you to all the parents for pulling their outfits together!

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our latest Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Safeguarding](#). Just to remind you, Mr Catchpole, Mrs Barker and Mrs McPhail are our Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Artist of the Month

Our artist of the month is Louise Grundy . She is a local artist who designs and creates 3D paper mache heads. We were lucky enough to have Louise visit us earlier in the month and run a workshop for some year 3 and 4 children. This was a fantastic opportunity funded by the Arts Society, Guildford. During the workshop, the children made some super models and learnt new skills. Some of these are displayed in our school hall. They look brilliant. Louise was so impressed with the children, she is going to come back in the Autumn term for some more workshops.



Get Teaching with the GLP

The Godalming Learning Partnership of schools are proud partners with Winchester University and have been training teachers for the last 6 years. Their blend of innovative, immersive school experience and training allied to academic study is used by Winchester as a model of best practice for their new partners. To find out more about their unique and bespoke School-led PGCE teacher training programme, see the GET Teaching website - <https://www.getteaching.org/>

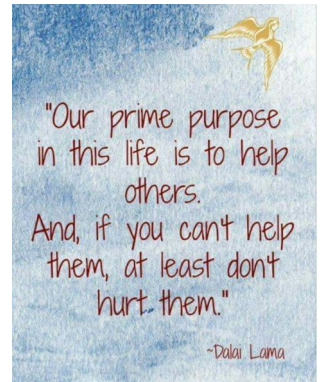
Assemblies this Half Term

In our assemblies this term we have been thinking about living and learning in school and out of school.

Firstly, we are focussing each week on one of our 6Rs (Behaviours For Learning) - Respect, Ready, Resourceful, Responsible, Reflective, Resilient. Part of our rationale for teaching the children about our 6R's is contained within this quote:

*"Since we cannot know what knowledge will be most needed in the future, it is senseless to try to teach it in advance. **Instead, we should try to turn out people who love learning so much and learn so well that they will be able to learn whatever needs to be learned.**" (John Holt)*

More information on our 6R's can be found on this page of our school website: https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/the_6rs_-_behaviours_for_learning/390399



We have also been thinking about the value, **Humility**. As part of this, we looked at the work of Elizabeth Fry and how her Christian faith inspired her to make a positive change in society. We also reflected on this simple yet challenging quote from the Dalai Lama.

Save the Date—Music Works Concert

On Thursday 21st March, Music Works will be holding a concert in the school hall to showcase the talents of their Busbridge Junior students! An invite will be sent out nearer the time - all parents/carers welcome!



PTA Update

You are all welcome and encouraged to come to an in person meeting next Tuesday 30th January at 7.30pm in the school hall, with refreshments, to talk about the year ahead and how we can "Create fun and Raise funds" for our incredible school. Please also note the adult evening football events coming up the week after half term - please book via classlist.

Class Assemblies

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

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

Year 5 Trip to Rodborough

Last 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 using AI to make an ad/video, 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.

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. Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child would like to feature on our SuperStars board. Who will be our first Super Star of this half term?!

Sports Round-Up

Year 3 & 4 Football Festival

On Friday 19th January, 12 children from years 3 and 4 travelled to Broadwater school to participate in a football festival. The freezing weather didn't deter any of the children and they all got stuck into the games. All children involved listened very carefully to the coaches and showed excellent team work. They scored some cracking goals and made some daring saves. Well done to Olly R (4S), Ferris HLJ (4S), Peter BS (4S), Blake B (4W), Harry A (4W), Liam T (4W), Mia M (3B), Iris R (3B), Rory R (3B), Elliot P (3B), Jessica D (3BF) and Bea B (3BF).

Cross Country—Save the Date!

There will be a cross-country competition taking place on Saturday 3rd February at Rodborough School, from 3pm. This event is open to children in Years 3 to 6. Although this competition will be run in the same format as the one in November, this event is not a school competition and will be organised and run by Waverley Athletics Club. Please note, children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. For more information please contact Bill at waverley365@gmail.com

Godalming Schools Swimming Gala

This year's swimming gala will be held on Saturday 9th March at Charterhouse Club. Further information about the gala, including an expression of interest form to take part, was sent out via email today. The final swim teams will be confirmed by Monday 26th February.

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

Our current Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Welcome to Busbridge](#)