



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021 No: 1

10th September 2021

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Sept 2021

Mon 13th Full Governing Body Meeting at 4pm
Wed 15th House Captain Elections
Fri 17th School Photographer in school
Fri 17th Friends of BJS 2nd Hand Uniform Sale in the playground at 3.30pm

Mon 20th to Fri 24th Year 6 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill
Mon 20th Year 4 swimming lessons start
Tues 21st Friends of BJS PTA AGM at 7.30pm in the Learning lab
Tues 28th Parent Tour 1 at 9am for parents of children applying for Year 3 Sept 2022 entry
Thurs 30th Parent Tour 2 for 2022/23 Y3 intake 11am

Oct 2021

Tues 5th Harvest Services at Busbridge Church (AM) *(parents/carers are welcome to join us)*
Wed 6th Parent Tour 3 for 2022/23 Y3 intake at 9am
Thurs 7th & DoubleDay
Fri 8th DoubleDay
Fri 15th Parent Tour 4 for 2022/23 Y3 intake 11am
Tues 19th Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Mon 18th to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
Thurs 21st (groups 1 & 2 - info to follow)
Wed 20th Parents Evenings 4.00pm-6.30pm
Thurs 21st Parents Evenings 6.00pm-8.30pm
Thurs 21st School breaks up for half-term at 3.30pm
Fri 22nd INSET Day 2 (not a Bank Holiday as issued in newsletter at end of summer term)

Half-Term: Friday 22nd October - Friday 29th October

Nov 2021

Tues 1st to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
Fri 5th (groups 3 & 4 - info to follow)
Mon 8th to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
Fri 12th (groups 5 & 6 - info to follow)
Mon 15th to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
Fri 19th (groups 7 & 8 - info to follow)

****Please note events planned above may be subject to confirmation/change - please look out for information which will be sent out nearer the time for each one****

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 1st September to Friday 17th December 2021

Half term: Friday 22nd October to Friday 29th October 2021

INSET Days: Wednesday 1st September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Please check the school website regularly for more information: www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Welcome back to all our families, and an extra special welcome to our new year 3 children, new children in other year groups and our new staff members.

I have been so impressed with how all our new children (and new staff!) have settled in so far. Happy days: good to be back in school. Our year 6 buddies have been doing a great job in helping our year 3's make a smooth transition into junior school—it's a joy to be free of bubbles.

Year 3 Welcome Service

Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined us for the welcome service on Tuesday at Busbridge Church. We were made to feel very welcome by Simon, Patrick and Anto.

Attendance and Absence Reporting

Attendance: Please remember that every day counts in school. I am unable to authorise absence for holidays, etc. Parents do face the possibility of a penalty notice if their child's absence is an issue.



Reporting Absence: If your child is absent from school, please telephone or email the school office by 9.15am at the latest on each day of absence giving reason for absence - if necessary leave a message on the answerphone. If you need to request a particular leave of absence, please email the school office - you may be required to complete a leave of absence form....

Drop off time in morning / Gate opening time at pick-up



Please note that children are allowed onto the school playground **from 8.45am onwards**. If they need to be dropped off earlier you may wish to book into the school's Breakfast Club.

The school gates open at 3.27pm, and parents are welcome to come onto the playground at that point. We need to keep the school gates locked up to this point for safeguarding reasons.

Covid, Self-Isolating and Covid Testing

Clearly we all need to continue being vigilant around Covid especially as we are in Stage 4 of the governments pandemic response. Guidance around Covid, self-isolating, testing, etc can be found via this link:

[When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If your child is showing any Covid symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) they should self-isolate straight away and take a **PCR test** as soon as possible (**not an LFT test**). Upon receiving a negative PCR test result they can return to school.

School Photos - Friday 17th September (AM)

Our school photographer Imago will be coming in to take the children's photos - individual and with their siblings in school (if applicable) next Friday 17th September. Please make sure your child is in full winter uniform and looking smart! The year 5s should come to school in uniform in the morning - they will then change into PE kits ready for afternoon PE after the photos are taken. All the children will have their photo taken on the day unless you inform us otherwise. If you do not want your child to have their photo taken please email the school office by Thursday 16th September.

Friends of Busbridge Junior School AGM



The Friends of BJS AGM will take place on Tuesday 21st September at 7.30pm. All members of the school community are welcome, and there will be wine and crisps served! Our amazing school PTA (Friends of Busbridge CE Junior) carries out a really vital role for the school in two ways: (i) raising essential funds and (ii) organising fun, school community events for children, parents and staff to enjoy. With school funding falling in real terms and the dearth of community events due to the pandemic, there has never been a more important time for our PTA to do its stuff.

For our PTA to be as effective and successful as possible we are in real need of more parent helpers. Please, please consider whether you are able to help out. These are the roles that the PTA need to fill ASAP:

Vice Chair, Treasurer, Class Reps for 4WT and 5S (two per class), One more Class Rep for 3MB and one more for 4A.

If you wish to know more about the roles do contact Sarah or Jackie (co-Chair BJSChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) or Katherine (BJSSecretary@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk). It does not matter how much time you can give – all help is greatly appreciated and definitely need. The roles will not take over your life! The more people on board helping the greater the share out of the load. Thank you for giving your consideration to this matter.

Second hand Uniform and Uniform Labels

Huge thanks to Beckie Whiteman for all her hard work with the second-hand uniform service we offer. She has now passed over the reins to Claire Hemmings - thanks to Claire for taking this on. If anyone is having a sort out and has any school uniform they no longer need, please will you consider donating it to be sold as second hand uniform and drop it into the school office. Enquiries about second hand uniform can be made via BJSsecondhanduniform@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

And if you are in need of name labels for school uniform and school equipment, please consider ordering from Stikins as the school earns commission for labels bought - visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk>. They can be used on anything, don't require any sewing or ironing and are despatched the same day they're ordered. If you enter code 3307 to your order, the school earns 30% of the cost. Happy labelling!

Summer BBQ

Thanks to everyone who came along to the summer BBQ at the end of last term, and to the army of Friends of BJS PTA and parent helpers who worked so hard to put the BBQ on. It has raised over £3000 profit....for context that's about £1000 more than in 2018! A huge thanks to everyone for their support.

MUGA Fundraiser

At the end of last term we launched our Sport For All MUGA fundraising project. We will be communicating more about this in the near future.

'Art in the Stations' Art Project

As a school, we have been invited to take part in an 'Art in the Stations' project whereby local schools artwork is displayed in local train stations.

Godalming is the station of choice for BJS so do pop in and admire the art work provided by the current year 5 and 6 children. We hope to add to the collection as the year progresses.



Young Carers

At the end of last term, BJS were awarded the Angel Award for Young Carers. The award recognises the work we have put in place to support any children at our school who care for a family member, with a disability or other need, as part of their daily lives. We were delighted to welcome Petrina Foster from Surrey Young Carers who presented the award. If you think that your child is a Young Carer or you would like to know more about what we do at BJS to support our Young Carers, please do get in touch with our Home School Link Worker, Nicky, who will be able to give you more information.

Football Goals

Many thanks to Farncombe Youth Football Club who have kindly donated two football goals for the school field. The year 6 children have the challenge of putting them together and then they will be able to be used by everyone. Due to the generosity of FYFC, the money raised by the House Event at the end of last term will now be spent on playground equipment.

Year 3 Toilet Refurbishment Work



We are delighted that the much needed refurbishment of the Year 3 toilets was completed over the summer. The Year 3 boy's urinals have been replaced with two cubicles which match those in the girl's toilets. We hope that the new Year 3 pupils will enjoy their new toilet provision! In addition, the final two of our Year 4 toilets were also updated to match a modern specification. The funding for the toilets was largely provided by the Guildford Diocese, with a smaller contribution from our school governors. Guildford Diocese have also approved funding for the replacement of our Year 6 toilets, and we expect this project to take place in summer 2022.



Our school caretaker, Rowan, has been very busy over the summer, and has replaced and painted the fencing around our school pond, which is now looking very smart. He has also worked hard to complete a number of maintenance jobs to make the school safe. We are very grateful to Rowan for his hard work.

Twelve15 Catering Vacancies

Our school caterer Twelve15 is recruiting. Please follow the link <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs> to find out more or see the flyer attached with this newsletter.

Family Voice Surrey

Family Voice Surrey is a parent/carer forum for families with children who have additional needs in Surrey. To join your local Waverley group email: Waverley@familyvoicesurrey.org and find out about free events, workshops and receive a monthly newsletter.



Are you a parent/carer of a child with SEND?

Join our 'Waverley - Family Voice Surrey' Facebook group to connect with other families and to be kept up to date on what's happening in your area for SEND.

Keith Ryder Guitar Lessons

Professional musician and songwriter Keith Ryder offers lessons in contemporary guitar and ukulele at Busbridge CofE Junior School. Spaces are available for this term for new pupils - beginners are welcome. To book lessons or find out more contact Keith directly on 01483 414874/07958 534458 or email keith.ryder@btinternet.com.

Parking in the Village Hall car park from September 2021

As you are all aware, the Village Hall car park is not a public one but, in return for an annual contribution from the school, our parents/carers are able to use it at drop off and pick up times only. However, due to ongoing parking issues please note that the Management Committee now **lock the car park gate from 9.15am to 12 noon every day**. Please park considerately in the roads around the school but not in Heath Lane running beside the village hall, and please do not block other cars/stop the flow of traffic in the school entrance/exit area as this can cause dangerous tailbacks onto the Brighton Road. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 2nd September to 21st October:

Year 3 : £85.75 (taking into Butser Ancient Farm trip)

Year 4 : £88.20

Year 5 : £88.20

Year 6 : £75.95 (taking into account Year 6 Windmill Hill trip)

Amount per day: £2.45 Amount per week: £12.25



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 ParentMail regularly.** We prefer you to pay through ParentMail PMX but if you wish to pay for school meals by cheque these should be payable to "Surrey County Council".

Secondary School Applications

Is your child currently in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place **by 31st October 2021**. You can find out all you need to know about school admissions in Surrey and applying online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or call **0300 200 1004**

Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club

Times and costs 2021/22:

Breakfast Club from 7.50am - 8.45am @ £5.70
After-school club half session 3.30-4.45pm @ £7.20
After-school club full session 3.30-6.00pm @ £14.40

Please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail - 07432 304562
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