



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023 No: 2

6th October 2023



### Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn 2023	
Mon 9th Oct	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 starts
Wed 11th Oct	Year 6 Rodborough Assembly
Fri 13th Oct	Class 6E Assembly—9.15am
Tues 17th Oct	Year 3 trip to Butser Farm
Wed 18th & Thurs 19th Oct	Parents' Evenings
Mon 23rd to Fri 27th Oct	Half Term
Mon 30th Oct	Staff Inset Day
Tues 31st	NHS Flu Vaccinations—all years
Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Nov	Double Day
Fri 3rd Nov	PTA Fireworks Event
Thurs 9th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Wed 15th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum
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

The Autumn term is well and truly underway now and there has been a lot of excitement in school over the last few weeks. Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential at Windmill Hill, it was lovely to visit the church for our Harvest Festivals and of course, the grand opening of the MUGA! Over the last two weeks we have started to hold parent tours for the next academic year - a huge well done and thank you to our Year 6 prefects who have helped with these. We have also been busy starting to prep for our upcoming Parents Evenings'. We hope you can make it!

### 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.

### SuperStars Board

If you have been into school lately, you may well have noticed our SuperStars board in the entrance hall. It's a brilliant way of celebrating out of school achievements, such as competitions, helping others, sporting achievements and much more. If your child has been a SuperStar out of school, e-mail me a photo and some info, then I'll catch up with them and we'll write the citation together. The board is currently devoid of photos and citations, so let's get the board filled up - Champion!

### PTA—Extraordinary Meeting

The PTA is an invaluable part of school life. The work of the PTA benefits the children, the parents, the staff and the school as a whole. There will be an extraordinary PTA meeting on zoom, on Monday 9th October at 8pm to elect a new chair and vice-chair: we have some nominees! There is still space on the committee for the PTA Secretary if anyone would like to step forward. The zoom details for the meeting will be emailed on the day.

Even if you are not able to be on the committee or be a class rep, your support in creating fun and raising funds for the school is much needed - so please look out for Christmas events to get involved in.

### 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 13th October—Class 6E	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	

### MUGA

The MUGA was officially opened by the Mayor of Godalming, Adam Duce, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023! The ceremony was the perfect occasion to bring together everyone who has been involved in its development, including staff, Governors, parents and representatives from the Godalming Town Council. After the cutting of the ribbon, the children had a fantastic time playing with giant, inflatable beach balls, whilst drinks and cake were enjoyed by the esteemed dignitaries! The children were very excited and beautifully behaved throughout.



### Boaty

This week the children were very excited to see Boaty receive a smart new blue mulch surface. We are grateful to the school governors for kindly funding this essential work. Boaty will be back in action from next week.



### Harvest Festivals

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations of food for our Harvest Festival on 3rd October. The children loved taking their goodies across to the Church and we all thoroughly enjoyed the Harvest Assembly presented by Marcus and Ben from the church. All items were donated to the Godalming Community Store and Godalming Food Bank: both are extremely grateful. The Store and Food Bank have proved to be a life-line to many over the last few years, and continues to be in demand. If you would like to make any further donations in the future, we do have a donations box outside the office.

### Year 4 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne

On Thursday 21st September, some of our Year 4 boys took part in a football tournament at Tillingbourne School. Here are some words from Tommy in 4S: "On Thursday we went to this amazing football tournament at Tillingbourne! We played our first game against Grayswood—we won 5-0! With tired legs, we went into the next game and won 1-0, followed by 5-0 against Beacon Hill. We made it to the semi-finals, but lost 2-0 against Tillingbourne. Overall we finished 3rd!"

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

### School Meals:

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023:

Year 3 : £89.10

Year 4 : £91.80

Year 5 : £91.80

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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