

# **Busbridge CofE Junior School**

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2021 No: 4

### 23rd November 2021

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### NOV 2021

Wed 24th	Year 5 Victorian day trip to Rural Life Living Museum
Fri 26th	Museum Mufti Day for Christmas Fair - Luxury
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Mon 29th	Year 4 Swimming lessons (PM)
Tues 30th	Y4/Y6 Benchball tournament at Broadwater
1023 30(1)	School (PM)
DEC 2021	
Wed 1st	Flu Immunisations for all year groups (AM)
Thurs 2nd	Mufti Day for Christmas Fair - Bottle & Jar
	Tombola donations
Fri 3rd	Mufti Day for Christmas Fair - sweets &
	cakes donations
Sat 4th	Friends of BJS Christmas Fayre 12 noon to
	3pm
Mon 6th	Last Year 4 Swimming lessons (PM)
Mon 6th	Dress Rehearsals for Christmas Assemblies
Tues 7th	Christmas Show Performances:
	9.30am: Lower School for Y3 parents only
	11.00am: Upper School for Y5 parents only
Wed 8th	Christmas Show Performances:
	9.30am: Lower School for Y4 parents only
	11.00am: Upper School for Y6 parents only
Thurs 9th	Parent Tour 7 for 2022/23 Y3 intake 9.15am
Fri 10th	Children's Christmas Secret Shopping Event
Mon 13th	Prime Time Carol Service at Busbridge
	Church at 2.30pm
Tues 14th	Christmas Church Services at Busbridge
Church: 9.15am Lower school/10am Upper school -	
	parents/carers & family welcome to join us
Wed 15th	School Christmas Lunch (info to follow)
Fri 17th	Wishing Service in school (AM)
5	School breaks up for Christmas (time tbc)

### JAN 2022

Tues 4th	INSET day 3
Wed 5th	Children return to school for Spring term
Sat 15th	Deadline for Reception/Primary (Year 3)
	school applications for Sept 2022 entry

\*\*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

### SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022 Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022 INSET Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022

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

### **Staffing News**

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our team - Maggie Ingham and Kara Blackman. Both will be working in our Learning Support team. We will sadly be saying goodbye to one of our LSA team in a couple of weeks - Mary Ellis-Cope is moving on to take up a new role. We will miss her but wish her all the best in her new job. We have an LSA vacancy so if you or anyone you know may be interested the details are on the eteach and our school website: https://www.busbridgejunior.surrey.sch.uk/web/vacancies\_1/267423.

### Events in school...

Since our last newsletter we have had quite a few events in school as well as trips out:

**Parents Evenings** - it was good to be able to have face to face parents' evening appointments in school once again before half term, and for parents/carers to be able to see their children's work in person. The next parents evenings will be in the Spring term.

**Parent Tours** - we have had a bumper round of tours for prospective parents looking to apply for school places for September 2022. Our year 6 prefects carried out a fantastic job showing them around and being ambassadors for BJS.

**Year 3 Butser Farm trip** - just before the half-term break Year 3 set off for a day at Butser Ancient Farm to step back in time to learn about Roman and Stone Age times.

**Year 6** - have had a busy time over the past few weeks. Both classes re-enacted their residential trip to Windmill Hill in their Class Assemblies. Thanks to all the parents/carers for coming to watch them. The children have been taking part in the Level 2 Bikeability cycle training out and about on the local roads. Well done to them all and for earning their badges and certificates. Last week year 6 visited Haslemere Museum as part of their Egyptian topic.

**Police Visits** - thanks to PCSOs Kim and James, and PCO David who have been into school a couple of times this term to say hello and meet the children over lunchtime putting a friendly face on policing.

**Hedgehog Day** - on Thursday 11th Graham from the hedgehog rescue charity came into school with some very special spiky visitors. Here is an excellent resume from Alex in Year 3:

'Year 3 & 4 had a visit of the hedgehogs!!! The hedgehogs names were Henry and Harry, they were naughty. They could live up to 7 years old. It was fun and all the 120 people in year 3 and 4 loved it!!!!!!! We raised £111.85 for the hedgehog rescue charity by the chocolate crispies we made and sold after school'. Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale and our amazing school staff for helping the children create them.



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### **Other Events Round-Up:**

### Poppy Collection & One Minute Silence



Also on Thursday 11th November we joined with the rest of the country in commemorating Remembrance Day with a one minute silence. In our whole school assembly we reflected on those who have served our nation, as well how we can help peace to grow in the world around us. Thank you to our school council team who helped sell poppies in school, and to everyone who supported the British Legion through purchasing a poppy: we raised £91.46.

### **Munstead House Event**

On Friday 12th November we saw the first house event of the academic year. Rather than raising money Munstead house captains were set the challenge of raising awareness of a very important cause. On Friday morning the whole school had an assembly, planned and delivered by the house captains, about the Surrey Crisp Packet Project. This is a charity who turn empty crisp packets into blankets for the homeless. Thanks to the event, we have collected over 300 crisp packets so far and have also got the children thinking about how we can help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We will continue to collect crisp packets and a collection box can be found in the school entrance. Thank you to the Munstead House Captains and Vice-Captains for planning and running such a successful day of events, and to the children and parents who donated crisp packets.



### Ambassadors:

Congratulations to last half-term's ambassadors who received their Ambassador Awards as follows:

Class 3BF: Pippa Watkins & Thomas Lucas

Class 4A:Edward Lister & Arabelle WilliamsClass 5L:Ben Connor & Isabella Dodd

**Class 6E:** Thomas Morris & Bella Kennedy

o received their	Ambassador Awards as follows:
Class 3MB:	Olivia Faulkner & Dylan Maynard
Class 4WT:	Sophie Glennon & Jenson Vasey
Class 5S:	Lucas Arter & Lily Beamer
Class 6W:	Gracy Kayes-Thorpe & Leo Ramelli

### Food Hygiene Inspection

Last half-term Waverley Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer visited our school kitchen as part of the Food Safety Visits they conduct. We are delighted to inform you that our kitchen received the top rating. This means no action is required by either Twelve15 or the school and that our catering service and premises have been awarded a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 which is defined as **Very Good**. This reflects the hard work of Jenny and her team for which we highly commend them. Last week we said goodbye to Tracey in the kitchen who has relocated to Wales. Please find attached with this newsletter the latest bulletin from Twelve15 about how they are tackling the food supply chain disruption.

### Sport Round-Up:

Our sporting calendar has continued with our children taking part in football tournaments and a badminton festival: **Football:** Our Year 6 boys and girls have both participated in an inter-schools tournament at

Tillingbourne School. Before half-term Mr Evans and the boys team enjoyed a fantastic afternoon's football returning all conquering heroes. All the boys played fabulously well and in a great spirit. Having gone undefeated in the league section of the competition, BJS then saw off St.Mary's one goal to nil in a tight semi-final and local rivals Chandler in an even tighter final! A fine goal by Alfie Lambert sealed the deal but all the children were amazing. Well done to Lucas, Nat, Alex, Arthur, Tom, Thomas, Mikey, Ethan, Gracy and Ollie and a very proud Mr Evans!



**Football (Girls tournament):** Earlier in November our Y6 Girls Football team participated in an inter-school tournament at Tillingbourne School. The turn out was wonderful: 13 teams in total. The girls played superbly, growing in skill, confidence and team-work as the tournament progressed. The team topped their group being unbeaten, and then progressed to the semi-final. In that match they showed an indomitable attitude, narrowly losing to St Edmunds. A huge well done to all the girls who took part, and the parents who helped cheer them on. The squad was: Scarlett, Chloe, Elsa, Gracy KT, Daisy-Mei, Ella B, Lucie, Bea, Tillie and Izzy W.

Badminton Festival: At the beginning of this half-term we took twelve children along to a Badminton festival at



Broadwater school. In two teams of 6 the children worked their way around a carousel of badminton skill-based activities to collect points for their team finishing in 2nd and 5th places overall. It was great to see the children grow in confidence and show huge improvement throughout the afternoon. Well done to the brilliant Busbridge badminton squad!

As always a big thank you to all the parents and carers who have helped and supported in any way with all of these sporting and educational trips - we really do appreciate it!

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### **BJS Sports For All MUGA Project**

The fundraising towards the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area / 'Astro') project is gathering momentum. To date we have raised just shy of £12,000. Wow! A large chunk of this has come from two brilliant events and the hard work of our Friends of BJS PTA team - the Skipathon before half-term and the Fireworks Night at the beginning of this half-term.

The children had a great time skipping for BJS, and the year 6s enjoyed adjudicating procedures which has so far culminated in raising about **\*\*£3,700**\*\*. Thanks to Clare Parsons for overseeing the event on what was a sunny but very cold day. Thank you for the generous donations as well. Champion!

The Fireworks event was a sparkling way to start this half-term and its success was down to the army of parent volunteers led by Sarah and Jackie who put the event on. Thanks to all who came along and for the lovely feedback which makes it all worthwhile. Funds raised that evening were close to \*\* **£5000**\*\*! A huge thanks to the generosity shown by friends and families of our school.

Our school website has a dedicated MUGA page Welcome to Busbridge C of E Junior School (busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk) this webpage also contains a link to our JustGiving page. Thank you to those who have already signed up to support this project via a monthly contribution: a little from many people will go a long way to help us make the MUGA happen.

### **Christmas is coming to BJS - Christmas Show Performances:**



We plan to hold live Christmas shows with a live audience. Please note the following performance dates and specific parent/audience dates:

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December:

9.30am: Lower School performance to Year 3 parents/carers only 11.00am: Upper School performance to Year 5 parents/carers only Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 9.30am: Lower School performance to Year 4 parents/carers only 11.00am: Upper School performance to Year 6 parents/carers only

### Friends of Busbridge Junior School: Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 4th December 12 noon - 3pm and the Friends of BJS are very busy organising it all. This will be an outdoor Christmas Market style event with Christmas crafts, games, activities, tombolas, hot food, mulled wine, cake and our amazing Christmas raffle. Don't forget to return your raffle ticket stubs with monies by Thursday 2nd December so you can be entered into the prize draw.



All the information has been emailed out and is attached with this newsletter but just a reminder that the remaining mufti days are as follows:

Friday 26th November Thursday 2nd December Friday 3rd December

- luxury hamper donations

- bottle & jar donations (please ensure sealed)

- sweet & cake donations

Thank you for all your support - we can't do this without you.

In addition there will also be a separate Christmas Secret Shopping event for the children in school on Friday 10th December. The Friends of BJS have also arranged for the delivery of the Christmas tree for the school hall which will be arriving soon. Thanks again to Oxenford Farm in Elstead for very kindly donating the tree.

### **Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

### **School Meals:**

The amount for the this half term 2nd November to 17th December:



Year 3 : £83.30 Year 4 : £83.30

Year 5 : £80.85 (taking into account Rural Life Museum trip) Year 6 : £80.85 (taking into account Haslemere Museum 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".

### **Primary School Applications**

If you need to apply for a Reception or Primary (Year 3) school place the deadline for online applications is by 15th January 2022.

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 Email: jmcphail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk





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