



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023 No: 4

16th November 2023



### Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn 2023	
Sat 18th Nov	Cross-country competition
Mon 20th Nov	Friends of BJS PTA Meeting—8pm, Zoom
Wed 22nd Nov	Young Musicians Orchestra Day at Rodborough (Year 5 and 6, by invite)
Wed 29th Nov	PTA Non-Uniform Day—Hamper goodies
Sat 2nd Dec	Christmas Fayre!
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
Spring 2024	
Tues 2nd Jan	Spring Term Starts
Thurs 18th Jan	Year 3 Roman Workshop Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Fri 19th Jan	6W Class Assembly
Fri 2nd Feb	4W Class Assembly
Mon 12th to Fri 16th Feb	Half Term
Fri 23rd Feb	3B Class Assembly
Mon 4th—Wed 6th March	Year 4 Residential to Sayers Croft
Fri 8th March	5GT Class Assembly
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

## AUTUMN

It has been a few week's since our last newsletter and so much has happened in school! Our Chocolate DoubleDay was a huge success, Fireworks Night 'went with a bang', Year 4 had a very interesting visit from Surrey

Police, Year 5 spent the day as Victorians at Preston Manor and Year 6 mummified teddies at Haslemere Museum —to name but a few things! We are now in full swing getting ready for Christmas and all the festive events we have planned.

Sadly, we will be saying 'Goodbye' and 'Thank You' to Learning Support Assistant, Lily Whittle next Friday 24th November. Lily will be hugely missed by the team at Busbridge—and I know by the children and parents too... We wish her all the best for the future and in her new role.

### 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. They are running an online information evening on **Thursday 07 December at 7.00pm** for anyone interested in finding out more about their unique and bespoke School-led PGCE teacher training programme which starts in September 2024. Register on Eventbrite for this online event using the link below: [GET Teaching with the GLP](#). For more info in the meantime, see the [GET Teaching](#) website and *GET Teaching* information evening flier. We look forward to meeting you.

### Anti-Bullying Week

This week, Mr Evans has been talking to the children about Anti-bullying week 2023. We discussed bullying being physical, verbal or psychological and who children should go to if they felt bullied. We also discussed banter and teasing, online teasing in games/chat rooms and what is okay and what is not okay when messaging one another. This is an opportunity for your children to talk to the adults at home about what they would do if they were picked on or bullied, both in the real world or the online world. We talked about how working together and supporting each other will help make their world a happier place.

### Parking at Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Just a gentle reminder to please be considerate when parking at drop-off and pick-up times. It has been brought to our attention that some parents/carers are parking their cars on Heath Lane. Residents have reported to us that on several occasions they have been blocked coming out of their driveways by parked cars, or have been unable to drive down. Please can we ask that parents/carers do not park on Heath Lane and instead either use the village hall car park (during the designated times) or park considerately away from the school and walk across.

### **School visit from The Right Honourable Jeremy Hunt, MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer**

Last week we were delighted to welcome The Right Honourable Jeremy Hunt into school for a visit. During his time with us, he enjoyed a tour of the school, which included reading Remembrance poems written by the children and participating in a Year 5 lesson. He also met with the school leadership team to discuss the financial challenges that we, and all state schools face, specifically around supporting children with additional needs.

### **Would you like to work at Busbridge Junior School as a Learning Support Assistant?**

We are seeking a motivated and conscientious Learning Support Assistant to join our friendly staff team. The role working hours are 9.10am to 1.30pm (21.7 hours per week) Monday to Friday. The successful candidate should be available to start on 2nd January 2024. Further information about the role and how to apply, can be found on both our website and the eteach website: <https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1381386>.

### **Year 6 Trip to Haslemere**

Year 6 enjoyed a super visit to Haslemere Museum this week as part of their Egyptians topic. Handling 3000 year old artefacts, seeing a genuine mummy and practicing the whole mummifying process (on a teddy bear!) was only part of the fun. The day was a great success.



### **Y5 Trip to Preston Manor**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Year 5 headed to Preston Manor in Brighton dressed as Victorians and ready to gain a job as a servant in the house! They were all put to work: cleaning the floors and windows; making beds; getting the dinner ready; flower arranging; laying the dining room table whilst learning about life in Victorian times. It was hard work and some even managed to gain a job as a servant! Max and Harry from 5GT said that they really enjoyed cleaning the bedroom - let's hope this means their bedrooms at home will now be nice and tidy!



### **Year 4 Surrey Police Visit**

On Wednesday 15th, Year 4 had some special visitors to their classes, PC Barnes and PC Sneddon, from the Godalming Town Council offices. They spoke to the children about a day in the life of a police officer, what the role of the police force is and how to become a police officer. Some of the children were even allowed to wear PC Barnes uniform!

### **Chocolate DoubleDay**

On 2nd and 3rd November, we celebrated all things chocolate in school! The children took part in lots of chocolate inspired activities, including chocolate maths, designing packaging and advertising campaigns, baking and learning about Fair Trade. We also talked about healthy eating and how as yummy as chocolate is, we should not eat too much of it! Everyone had a great two days—and we loved seeing all the chocolate inspired outfits for Dress-Up day!

### **PTA Update - Christmas Fayre, dates for your diary!**

Anytime between now and Wednesday 29th please bring into the school office area:

1. Completed raffle tickets, 2. Soft toys/teddies to sell at the fayre, 3. Christmas jumpers to sell at the fayre.

Wednesday 29th November - non-uniform day, please bring in:

1. Luxury food items for Christmas hampers, 2. Bottles for bottle tombola, 3. Any final donations of soft toys or Christmas jumpers.

Saturday 2nd December, 12 - 2pm

Christmas Fayre and raffle draw - come for the whole time to enjoy a party atmosphere with music, magic, hot and cold drinks and food, crafts, stalls, stocking fillers, stationery, uniform etc. Purchase pre-paid tokens in advance on classlist and volunteer for a slot to make the event a success for everyone.

### **Flu Immunisations**

On 31st October, the West Surrey Immunisation Team came into school to administer the nasal flu vaccine. They were so impressed with how well behaved the children were and were delighted to exceed their vaccine update target. If you chose not to have your child vaccinated in school, but would still like to do so, the portal has now been reopened for you to self-book a clinic appointment. To access the consent form, please click on the link below and enter the school's unique code: [www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk](http://www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk) - school's unique code SR125186.

### 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		

### Reading at Busbridge CofE Junior School

We have updated our website to give an overview of our approach to reading here at BJS. On the dedicated reading webpage there is information about our whole school approach to Reading including information about Little Wandle, V-PERS reading lessons and the ways in which you can support your child at home. Please do take a look at: <https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/reading/665345>

### SATs Results 2023

Our latest SATs results can be viewed on our website, along with a table showing how impressive our results have been over the last few years. [https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/attainment\\_and\\_sats\\_results/150250](https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/attainment_and_sats_results/150250)

### 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:

\* Maggie FL (3B) - Maggie raised almost £500 for Ukrainian families living in our local area, by swimming 500m - wow, great work Maggie!

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 \(busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk\)](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.

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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