



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Autumn Term 2023 No: 1

21st September 2023

Term Dates 2023/24

Autumn 2023	
Wed 4th Oct	Year 6 NHS National Childhood Measurement Programme
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
Fri 3rd Nov	PTA Fireworks Event
Thurs 9th Nov	Year 5 Trip to Preston Manor
Wed 15th Nov	Year 6 Trip to Haslemere Museum
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
Mon 4th March to Wed 6th March	Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential
Thurs 14th March	Year 5 Winchester Science Trip
Thurs 28th March	End of Spring Term



Welcome back to all our families and an extra special welcome to all our new year 3 children, parents and new staff members! We hope everyone had a lovely Summer break. It has been brilliant to see all the children back in school—there has been lots of laughter and excitement and they all seem to have settled well! Our year 6 buddies have been doing a great job in helping our new year 3's settle into junior school life and it seems everyone is happy in their new classrooms.

Parents Evenings'

Autumn term Parents' Evenings will be held on Wednesday 18th (4pm—6.30pm) and Thursday 19th October (6pm—8.30pm) 'face to face' in person in the school hall. The purpose of the meeting is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress so far this term. Booking will be available from Wednesday 4th October—further details will be sent out soon.

Our PTA needs you! Please help!

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM on Tuesday. A big thank you to Debbie Baker for taking on the role of PTA Secretary, and to Rich Day for continuing as Treasurer. We are still in urgent need of a Chair / shared Co-Chair. **Without this role being filled we are unable to function the PTA, both legally and practically.** Please do give consideration as to whether you (and a friend?) can take on this essential role. We have an enthusiastic bunch of class reps and occasional helpers, but we do need someone to hold the reins. With school funding becoming even tighter, the PTA plays an ever crucial role. If you would like to get involved, or to find out more information, please email me (head@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk).



Pick-Up and Drop-Off at School

Just a gentle reminder, that to ease the flow of traffic at drop off and pick up times, we would be grateful if cars could not stop or park on the approach to school (on the roundabout), to let children out or pick them up. This often causes a tail back of traffic on Brighton Road. Parking on the zig-zag lines approaching the pedestrian crossing is also not permitted—this is for the safety of your children and for everyone in the local area. Please can children either be dropped off/collected from the village hall car park (in the allowed times) or alternatively, please park considerately away from school and walk the remainder of the school-run.

MUGA

The children are having a wonderful time on our new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). So far we have played basketball, football, hockey, as well as hosting our weekly after school Athletics, Hockey and Football clubs. It is great to have this facility, and we are extremely grateful to Godalming Town Council and the Friends of Busbridge Junior School for funding the project. We are also indebted to our Governing Body, who have supported us with the project, in particular Matt Rooke, the Chair of our Resources Committee, who has given many, many hours of his time, and without whom the MUGA simply would not have happened.

The MUGA will be officially opened by the Mayor of Godalming at 1.45pm on Tuesday 26th September 2023. We are looking forward to welcoming him to the school to see what a great facility we have. The opening ceremony will last for about 30 minutes, and parents are welcome to join us.

Fundraising – we are working out our final costs on the MUGA but there will be a small balance that we still need to cover, in the region of £6100. If you are interested in donating towards this balance then do please let Mr Catchpole know, or donate via our [Just Giving Page](#). We are so close to reaching the final goal!



A huge thank you to Mrs Spencer, mum of Anna in Year 5, for taking the amazing photos above —and many more for us to use! We really appreciate her time, support and talents.

Summer works

A **lot** of works took place on the school site over the holidays. As well as the installation of the multi-use games area, we were delighted to give the Year 4 block a fresh lick of paint —the classrooms are now looking very smart. The Year 6 block received new internal doors, intumescent paint in the corridors and library, and fire compartmentation in the loft space. Projects planned within the next 12 months include resurfacing of the Boaty play structure, replacement school entrance gates and replacement of the school boilers with air sourced heat pumps, as well as upgraded lighting. The majority of our planned projects are funded by the Diocese of Guildford, with the boiler project funded via the government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. More details will follow on this in 2024.

House Captains and Vice Captains

Last week saw the election of our House and Vice Captains. The children in Year 6 did themselves proud, presenting short speeches to the children in their House. Year 6 children also completed written application forms for this role, as well as the Prefect and Librarian roles. This year's House Captains and Vice Captains are as follows:

Munstead - House Captains - Edgar H & Bella G. Vice Captains - Harry B & Martha S

Tuesley - House Captains - Ethan H & Lola S. Vice Captains - Jack N & Arabelle W

Holloway - House Captains - George B & Caitlin C. Vice Captains - Jack T & Erin B

Busbridge - House Captains - Isaac R & Laila R. Vice Captains - Rowan J & Zach K

Prefects

Jacob R, Dee Dee T, Amelie J, Sophie G, Issy P, Emilia C, Preston E, Morgan E, William B, Eloise D, Eddie R,
Ava N, Annabelle W.

Librarians

Henry F, Hannah T, Valerie OB, Lucy B, Isla W, Carys Y, Janushan K.

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	

Flu Immunisations – Tuesday 31st October

The School Immunisation team will be in school on Tuesday 31st October to administer nasal flu immunisations for all year groups. Details about this flu immunisation programme and the E-consent form which parents need to complete, will be sent out in the coming weeks. If you arrange to have the flu immunisation elsewhere for your child or do not want your child to have it in school, you will need to decline the immunisation on the E-consent form you receive from school. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

KOOSA Kids Holiday Club—Ofsted Report

KOOSA Kids are delighted to report that they were recently awarded a 'Met' rating in their Summer Ofsted inspection. Due to recent changes in the Ofsted standards, they can no longer be graded as 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. However, 'Met' represents the best possible outcome they could achieve! All credit to the team on site for establishing such a fantastic club. Huge congratulations! A copy of the report has been circulated with this newsletter for your information.

Reading at Home

Reading remains a central, key learning skill in every school subject. Please do remember to read regularly at home with your child, from Y3 right up to Y6. Please find attached with this newsletter our school Home Reading guidance.

Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Welcome to Busbridge C of E Junior School \(busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk). It outlines roles and responsibilities in the school and 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 5th September to Friday 20th 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

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