



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish  Challenge

Autumn Term 2021 No: 2

24th September 2021

Sept 2021

- Mon 27th Year 4 Swim lessons (PM)
Tues 28th Parent Tour 1 at 9.15am for parents of children applying for Year 3 Sept 2022 entry
Thurs 30th Parent Tour 2 for 2022/23 Y3 intake 11am

Oct 2021

- Mon 4th Year 4 Swim lessons (PM)
Tues 5th Harvest Services at Busbridge Church (AM)
(parents/carers are welcome to join us - details to follow)
Tues 5th Y4/Y6 Hockey Tournament at Broadwater school (PM) - *children taking part to be informed*
Wed 6th Parent Tour 3 for 2022/23 Y3 intake 9.15am
Thurs 7th & DoubleDay *(details to follow)*
Fri 8th DoubleDay *(details to follow)*
Mon 11th Year 4 Swim lessons (PM)
Fri 15th Class 6W Assembly - parents invite to follow
Fri 15th Parent Tour 4 for 2022/23 Y3 intake 11am
Mon 18th Year 4 Swim lessons (PM)
Mon 18th to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
Thurs 21st *(groups 1 & 2 - info to follow)*
Tues 19th Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm *(letter 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

- Sun 31st** Closing date for Secondary School applications for Y6 children for Y7 Sept 2022 entry

Nov 2021

- Mon 1st Primary school online applications open for Reception/Year 3 Sept 2022 entry
Mon 1st Year 4 Swim lessons (PM)
Mon 1st to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
Fri 5th *(groups 3 & 4 - info to follow)*
Thurs 4th Parent Tour 5 and 6 at 9.15am & at 11am
Thurs 4th Friends of BJS Fireworks night *(details to follow)*
Fri 5th Class 6E Assembly - parents invite 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 Day 2: Friday 22nd October 2021

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

What a glorious September we are having, both in terms of weather and being back in school and out of Bubbles. All our new children have settled in so well. Champion!

Staffing News

A communication has gone out today regarding some staffing news. Please look out for it in your emails.

Attendance and Absence Reporting



As flagged in our last newsletter every day counts in school. Please note that our Attendance policy has been updated and can be viewed on the school website (hard copy available from the school office). Please also bear in mind that The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents do face the possibility of a penalty notice if their child's absence is an issue, and in certain circumstances penalty notices can be given to parents in response to poor attendance at school. Please see the attached Attendance Information leaflet which helps explain why high attendance is so important for your child and their schooling.

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 \(\[www.nhs.uk\]\(http://www.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

Just a reminder - 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.

SEND Support Meetings/Plans

Over the course of the next two weeks, our SENCo Mrs Barker will be meeting with the class teachers and Learning Support Assistants to write SEND support plans for the children on our Special Needs Register. These plans will be emailed to parents/carers of those children once written.

Busbridge Infant School Access

Parents with children who attend BJS and who have a sibling at Busbridge Infant school will be allowed to use both Infant School gates as a 'shortcut'. As there may be children playing on the playground at the Infant school we ask that you and your child keep to the footpaths. Regrettably, however, Busbridge Infants will not be able to admit any other adults through the school. This includes parents who may have had children attend the school previously or if their child is currently attending BJS.

House Captains and Vice House Captains and School Council Elections

Election fever has been in the air over the last week as elections took place in school for the House Captain/Vice House Captain and School Council positions. The Year 6 children who wanted to stand for election for House & Vice-House Captains all stepped up to the mark with enthusiastic campaigning presenting to their House groups their reasons for why they should be elected. This helped the other children cast their votes and following equally enthusiastic voting, the teachers carefully considered all the applications and we are proud to announce the 2021/22 House and Vice House Captains as:



House	House Captains	Vice-Captains
Munstead	Mikey De Abreu & Jean Grose	Alex Bond & Gracy Kayes-Thorpe
Tuesley	Leo Ramelli & Eva Searle	Lottie Allen & Thomas McWilliam
Holloway	Lucas Lindsay & Scarlett Haine	Sylvia Abbott & Arthur Lambert
Busbridge	Grace Hann & Oscar Newnes-Smith	Eddie Holmes, Millie Olsen & Isabel Dubock

The School Council elections have also taken place with just as much energy and we are proud to announce the 2021/22 School Council members are as follows:

Class 3BF - Harriet Meacham & Jacob Clifford

Class 4A - Laila Ranasinghe & Morgan Elley

Class 5L - Freya Hodges, Faye Smith & Freddie Davies

Class 6E - Logan Pearce & Tilly How

Class 3MB - Jude Willmore & Sophia Carey

Class 4WT - Erin Barnes & Ethan Hartley

Class 5S - Lucy Pearce & Richard Fern

Class 6W - Edelyn Hole & Harry Burton

In addition to these elections we have also appointed six Year 6 children to be Librarians and twenty six Year 6's to be Prefects. The children have all been given their badges which they are proudly wearing, and we are sure all the children will do a fabulous job over the coming year.

Friends of Busbridge Junior School AGM

At the recent Friends AGM, we said goodbye to the outgoing committee members - Steve Muir and Lorraine Collins. They have both played a huge role in helping to run the Friends PTA over the past few years: a big thank you to both of them and the other parent volunteers who have now left as their children have moved onto secondary school.

Thanks to our PTA committee who continue to hold the reins: Co-Chairs - Sarah Speirs and Jackie Ahrens and Secretary - Katherine Carter, to one of our new parents Richard Day who has taken on the Treasurer role and to Wendi Lancaster and Rachel Roberts who are stepping up to take on the Vice-Chair role. Thanks also to all parents who have signed up to be class reps/parent volunteers. If you would like to get involved with the Friends PTA please contact Sarah on BJSCChair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk or Katherine on BJSSecretary@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk to see how you can help.

BJS Sports For All MUGA Project

The project to establish a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area / 'Astro') on our school field is underway. Next week we will be sharing with you ways in which you can help this project become a reality (e.g. monthly donations). In the meantime, if you have any experience of applying for charitable grants our MUGA Working Party would love to pick your brains - please let me know via an email to either head@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk or admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. Thank you.

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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