



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Summer Term 2024 No: 2

10th May 2024



### Term Dates 2023/24

Summer 2024	
w/c 13th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Thurs 16th May	Year 5 Greeks Workshop
Fri 17th May	3BF Class Assembly
Tues 21st May	PTA School Disco (children)
Wed 22nd May	Year 5 Drama Workshop in school
Sat 25th May	Parents/Carers Disco
Fri 24th May	Inset day—no children in school
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May	Half Term
Tues 4th & Wed 5th June	Year 3 Feet First Training
Tues 4th & Wed 5th June	Year 6 First Aid Training
Thurs 6th & Fri 7th June	Olympic / Paralympic Games DoubleDay
Sat 15th June	PTA Sponsored Bike Ride (1pm)
Wed 19th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
Thurs 20th June	Sports Day Field Events ( <i>not for parents</i> )
Fri 21st June	Sports Day - Y3 & Y4, 9.30am - 12pm. Y5 & Y6 - 1pm to 3.30pm ( <i>parents can attend</i> )
Thurs 27th June	Year 6 Leavers' Party—6.30pm to 8pm
Fri 28th June	5S Class Assembly PTA Summer Evening Event on the Field
Tues 2nd July	Year 6 Transition Day—Broadwater & Rodborough
Wed 3rd July	Year 6 Transition Day - Rodborough
Thurs 4th July	Whole School Beach Day!
Mon 8th July	Book fair in school all week
Tues 9th July	Woking Singing Picnic (Y3 invite only)
Fri 12th July	Summer Concert (AM) - <b>New date!</b>



The sun is finally shining and there has been a lot of happy faces running around on the playground and on the MUGA! Our Year 4

children had a brilliant trip to RHS Wisley this week—see more below, and despite the rain last week, our annual Star Wars day was a huge success. With only two weeks left of this half term we still have a lot to squeeze in, including workshops, a class assembly and of course the SAT's exams. We wish our year 6 children all the best next week—we know they will ace it!

#### Mobile Phone Usage by Parents/Carers on school site

We have been reviewing our policy around mobile phone usage in school. To bring ourselves in line with other local schools, **we are asking parents / carers to not have their mobile phones out when on the school site.** This applies to drop-off, pick up at 3.30pm and from after school clubs, and when coming in for school assemblies, etc. It will not apply to PTA events. If you need to finish a call or catch up on messages whilst waiting, please do so offsite. This is part of our Safeguarding procedures.

#### Star Wars Day

Despite the rain last week, the school went intergalactic on May the Fourth (3rd!) with the children (and staff!) dressing up in character and battling with lightsabres! Everyone had a brilliant day, despite the wet weather - and there were some fantastic costumes! We are already looking forward to doing it all again next year.

#### Year 4 Wisley Trip

On Tuesday 7th May, the sun finally came out, and it was just in time for the Year 4's visit to RHS Wisley. As they are exploring the jungle art of Henri Rousseau in Art and researching habitats in Science, this was a brilliant opportunity for them to have some 'hands-on' experiences. All the children observed the tropical plants in the world-famous Glasshouse and carefully sketched their interpretations into their sketch books. They were lucky to find pond skaters, dragonfly larvae, water boatmen, snails and even a newt! The children also, very carefully, searched under logs and found that the habitat was perfectly suited to woodlice, worms, stag beetles and even a family of slugs! The children had a brilliant day and we are sure that they will remember the trip for a long time to come.

#### Help in the School Garden

The school garden is bursting forth with springtime joy, and while our merry gardeners are doing a fab job keeping it tidy, more help is needed. Do you have a couple of hours a week you can spare (before, during or after school) to help us keep it in shape? If so, please contact the school office.

**Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy** Our current Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website.

### Class Assemblies

This years' class assemblies will be as follows (9.15am: an invite will be sent nearer the time of each assembly):

Friday 17th May—Class 3BF

Friday 28th June— Class 5S

### Bikeability

At the end of April our year 4's were busy zipping around the school playground on their Bikeability course. Everyone seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves and lots of new skills were learnt. The cycle training aims to improve balance and control skills (e.g. steering, using gears, looking all round whilst keeping control and controlling the cycle with one hand) and at the end of the course everyone was proud to walk away with their level 1 badge! Here is what some of our Year 4's had to say about the training:

"Bikeability has really helped my confidence in cycling... I also now know how to check my bike in 12 seconds!"—Thomas M (4W). "I enjoyed all the fun games... and learning how to look behind when my bike is moving" - Freya R (4W). "I loved everything about Bikeability—the coaches, games, friends, badges and everything we learnt!" - Freya M (4S). "I now know how to ride a bike safely and how to turn properly around corners" - Effie B (4W). "I really enjoyed when we learnt hand signals, because it helped build my confidence when I only have one hand on the handle bars" - Thomas R (4W).

### PTA Update

**The Return of Ice Cream Fridays!** - Warmer weather is here at last! The children are in their summer uniforms so it must be time for ice creams! Starting on Friday 10 May, we will be selling ice creams & lollies on the school playground at the end of the day. Everything will cost either 50p or £1 each, depending on size. Please bring the correct change if possible. **\*\*YOU CAN ALSO PRE-PAY FOR THE TREATS IN ADVANCE** - you can pay £8 through Classlist for your child to have a treat every week, then there's no need to remember to bring cash on the day. Each class will be taking it in turns to sell the ice creams so if you're able to help, please let your class rep know. Thank you for your support. Your PTA team

**Pick-up and Drop-off for the School Disco** - Please note that on Tuesday 21st May, the village hall car park will only be available for pick-up and drop-off **after 6.45pm**. Please can parents/carers dropping off children for the Lower School disco at 5.30pm, either walk to school or park considerably away from school and walk across. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation. Don't forget, **tickets are also now available for the Parents/Carers Disco on Saturday 25th May via Classlist!**

### 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 our last newsletter, we have added:

- Aldwin L (3BF) - for being chosen to carry the Beaver Scout Flag in the St George's Day Parade in Godalming - you are superstar!

Do email in a photo and a brief outline if your child would like to feature on our SuperStars board.

**Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

### **School Meals:**

The amount for the next half term - Tuesday 16th April to Thursday 23rd May:

Year 3 : £72.90

Year 4 : £70.20

Year 5 : £72.90

Year 6 : £72.90

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 16th April.

Session costs are as follows:

**Breakfast Club** 7.50am - 8.45am - £6.40

**ASC half session** 3.30-4.45pm - £8.10

**ASC full session** 3.30-6.00pm - £16.20

**Bookings can now be made via Arbor, however if you have any queries please contact**

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