



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

Spring Term 2024 No: 6

28th March 2024



### Term Dates 2023/24

<b>Summer 2024</b>	
Mon 15th April	Inset Day—No children in school
Tues 16th April	Children return to school
Tues 23rd April	Class photo and Year 6 Leavers photo
19th, 22nd, 24th, 25th & 26th April	Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability - <b>New Dates!</b>
Fri 3rd May	5GT Class Assembly - <b>New Date!</b>
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tues 7th May	Year 4 Trip to RHS Wisley
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
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 - <b>New date!</b>
Tues 4th & Wed 5th June	Year 6 First Aid Training
Sat 15th June	PTA Sponsored Bike Ride
Wed 19th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
Fri 21st June	Sports Day - Years 3 & 4, 9.30am - 12pm. Years 5 & 6 - 1pm to 3.30pm
Fri 28th June	5S Class Assembly
Tues 2nd July	Year 6 Transition Day—Broadwater & Rodborough
Wed 3rd July	Year 6 Transition Day - Rodborough
Thurs 4th July	Whole School Beach Day!



It's almost the Easter Holidays! What a fab Spring Term we have had. The buzz in school has not slowed down as the end of term has approached. Last week, we were treated to a brilliant musical performance

by our Music Works teachers and students; Class 4S performed a song-filled assembly all about their residential trip to Sayers Croft; our Bouncing for Bars event was a huge success and a group of Year 5 children took part in a Singing Day at Rodborough School! And Ofsted came calling! We hope you have a lovely, relaxing Easter break and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Tuesday 16th April (15th is an Inset Day).

### **OFSTED**

After months of anticipation and waiting, as you will know OFSTED visited us in school last week. We are not able to share the outcome yet, but the report will be made available a couple of weeks into the Summer Term. We were so proud of all the children - they were amazing. The inspector was bowled over by their behavior and attitudes in class, in the playground, and towards others. All the staff were equally amazing. We were ready and waiting for the inspection, and felt confident in the outcome, but it was still a tiring and draining few days. Many thanks to all the parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaire and/or spoke to the inspector. She read us a selection of your comments, which was a wonderful affirmation of all we are doing here at BJS. Thank you also to the many parents who encouraged us through words and edible gifts. Both sustained us in different ways! Mrs Barker and I could not be prouder of the entire BJS family. Most definitely, 'Champion!'.

### **PE Days Next Term**

The Summer term PE days will be as follows:

**Year 3** - Monday and Wednesday

**Year 4** - Thursday and Friday

**Year 5** - Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 6** - Tuesday and Monday

### **Inset Days for 2024/25**

Monday 2nd September - Shared with BIS

Tuesday 3rd September - Shared with BIS

Friday 25th October, Tuesday 22nd April, Friday 23rd May

### **Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy**

Our current Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website: [Safeguarding](#). Just to remind you, Mr Catchpole, Mrs Barker and Mrs McPhail are our DSLs.

### Staffing News

Today we say a very fond farewell to our wonderful School Business manager, Mrs Kirsty Morris. She leaves an incredible legacy in the school, and we shall miss her professional work as well as her lovely personality.

On Monday 15 April we welcome our new School Business manager to BJS, Mr Shaneel Shajpal . We look forward to making him feel at home and part of our BJS family.

### Trips and Visits

#### **Winchester Science Centre - Year 5 Trip**

On 14th March, Year 5 visited the Science Centre in Winchester. The children went on an adventure through sound while exploring the sound, hearing, and vibration exhibition. They climbed into a massive guitar and felt it vibrate whilst other children plucked the strings, explored exhibits for meteorites and stardust fact-finding and learned about robots and coding. One of the most popular activities was slime-making. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special.

#### **Godalming Museum - Year 6 Trip**

This week Year 6 visited Godalming Museum and enjoyed an informative walk on the Godalming history trail, taking in the park, the Jack Phillips Memorial and significant buildings around the town. The children also sent messages via Morse Code, deduced the type of passengers on the titanic, and explored Godalming museum. A lovely day was had by all!

#### **Rodborough Singing Day**

A group of Year 5 children had an exciting time at a recent singing day at Rodborough School where they learned five songs and showcased their talents in a fantastic performance at the end. Despite the songs being quite tricky, the young performers rose to the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Their performance was nothing short of amazing, with their voices blending beautifully and their stage presence shining brightly. It was evident that they had put in a lot of effort and practice, and their hard work truly paid off, leaving everyone impressed and inspired by their incredible performance.

#### **Music Works Concert**

We were totally wowed by the Music Works concert in school last week! We were treated to a number of upbeat songs, expertly performed by the children who take Music Works lessons in school. The concert was watched by all the children, as well as quite a large number of parents and carers. The backing band from Music Works also tried hard—plenty of potential in there. JK! The Music Works backing band was made up of Music Works teachers, who are clearly a very talented menagerie. A huge well done to everyone who took part - it looks like we might have some future famous performers in our BJS ranks.

#### **Prayer Space Event and Easter Services at Busbridge Church**

Last Friday each class popped over to the church to engage in a number of Prayer Space activities. Our good friends at the church, Ben and Marcus, had set up a number of interactive, thought provoking activities to help the children reflect on a number of themes, values and emotions. There was a wonderfully calm and focused atmosphere in the church as the children quietly went from station to station.

Then on Tuesday we joined Simon and Marcus at the church for our Easter services. Apparently, when Mr Cadbury opened his chocolate factory, he said that employees could eat as much chocolate as they liked (!). Simon cleverly weaved this into the Easter story.

Do remember that there are many Easter events happening at Busbridge Church over the coming days, as is the case in all churches across Godalming.

### PTA Update

**Thank you** for all of your support to Create Fun and Raise Funds. We are currently raising money for a re vamp of the hall, including the addition of some new gym wall bars.

#### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Children's Disco**

Get your dancing shoes on and be prepared for an evening of fun music and dancing. Tickets available soon via Classlist.

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Evening Event**

Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to help with this. Some more helpers would be brilliant to pull this event together. Please let the PTA committee know via [bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

### Class Assemblies

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

Friday 3rd May - Class 5GT (new date!)

Friday 17th May—Class 3BF

Friday 28th June— Class 5S

### Ambassadors Award

We are delighted to announce that our Busbridge Ambassadors for Spring Term 2024 (second half term) are:

3B	Hattie D & Jamie K	3BF	Holly F & Hugo F
4W	Sam M & Ottollie HH	4S	Alice T & Josh M
5S	E Denney & Tristan T	5GT	Teddy F & Viana A
6E	Rowan J & Isla W	6W	Raff G & Arabelle W

### Online Safety and Prevent

A reminder to please review what children are seeing and where they are going online. Often in the holidays they have more time to play online. Please remind them to tell a trusted adult if they see something upsetting or inappropriate online.

### 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:

- \* Olly G (6E) - For achieving his orange belt in Karate! Amazing work.
- \* Dylan M (5GT) - For entering the UK Open Taekwondo competition - his second ever competition, amazing stuff!
- \* Pippa W (5S) - For showcasing her gymnastics skills in front of a large crowd of spectators! We are very proud.
- \* Thomas Y (5S) - For playing in the Tier One Hockey Surrey Cup and winning! Together with his teammates, they will now progress to the regional final! We wish them all the best.

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

Finally, we are in need of soil and / or compost for our school garden. Can you or someone you know help, please?!

**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. Please contact the Club Manager, Jackie McPhail, to book.

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

**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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