



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

*Cherish + Challenge*

**Spring Term 2022 No: 2**

**11th February 2022**

### FEBRUARY 2022

**Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022**

w/c Mon 21st One World Week

- Mon 21st Capoeira Dance Workshops in school
- Mon 21st Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Tues 22nd Class 6E to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Tues 22nd Friends of BJS PTA meeting at 7.30pm
- Fri 25th Year 4 Surrey Police visit in school (PM)
- Mon 28th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)

### MARCH 2022

- Tues 1st Class 6E to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Tues 1st Y3/4 Sportshall event at Broadwater (PM)
- ~~Tues 1st Parents Information Evening in school on~~  
~~Talk 4 Writing at 7.00pm~~ **moved to Thurs 28th April**
- Wed 2nd Ashing Service in school
- Wed 2nd Y5/6 Girls Football friendly match at BJS (PM)
- Thurs 3rd World Book Day
- Sat 5th Friends of BJS Quiz Night (PM)
- Mon 7th Year 4 residential trip to Sayers Croft
- Mon 7th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Tues 8th Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Wed 9th Year 4 return from Sayers Croft (PM)
- Wed 9th Year 3 Tag Rugby at Guildford RC (PM)
- Thurs 10th Y4 Football tournament at Tillingbourne (PM)
- Mon 14th Year 5 swim lessons (PM)
- Tues 15th Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Thurs 17th Y3/4 Girls Football tournament at Tillingbourne (PM)
- Fri 18th MUGA Joint House event
- Mon 21st Year 5 swim lessons (PM) finish
- Tues 22nd Class 6W to Charterhouse Science (PM)
- Wed 23rd Y5 boys football friendly match at BJS (PM)
- Thurs 24th Children's Disco for Lower school & Upper school (PM)
- Fri 25th Class 5L Assembly at 9.15am
- Mon 28th Year 5 trip to Winchester Science Centre (letter to follow)

### APRIL 2022

- Fri 1st Break up for Easter holiday at 1.30pm
- EASTER HOLIDAY**
- Tues 19th INSET Day 4
- Wed 20th Children return to school for summer term
- Mon 25th Class & Year 6 Leavers Group Photos

**\*\*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\*\***

### SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 1st April 2022

Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022

INSET Day: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Please check the school website regularly for more information: [www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

### Half way through the school year!

The February half term break is now upon us. Phew! Thank you for your support this half term. Although Covid has not affected us as badly as some schools, the ongoing Covid precautions have brought challenge to many aspects of our school life. However, school life continues to be rich and vibrant a curriculum packed full of exciting and challenging activities for the children. And there's plenty more where that came from ... !

### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – NOT an Inset day for BJS

Please note that some schools in Godalming are holding an INSET day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. BJS are not (we had a Spring inset day on 4<sup>th</sup> January), so **children are due back to school after half term on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.**

However Monday 21st is the day of our Capoeira dance workshops as part of One World Week. All children need to wear their PE kit as all classes will be taking part during the day.

### Staffing News...

We have three new members of staff joining us after half-term:

**Mr Steve McPhail** - joining us as our new caretaker,

**Miss Lily Whittle** - joining us as an LSA in 3BF,

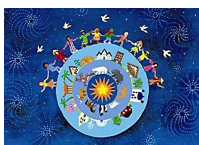
**Mrs Amanda Sessions** - teaching 5L on Thursday and Friday (with **Miss Loudon** teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

Today is **Miss Helen Smith's** last day with us. She has worked at BJS since 2013, being a superb LSA and latterly an HLTA. She is joining the staff team at Guildford County School after half term.

Yesterday we informed you that **Mrs Liz Mitchell**, our school secretary, will be leaving us at the end of this term.

We are recruiting to fill her role, with an advert out now on eTeach (job ID 1211424) and on the school website soon.

### School Events: Here are a few things coming up...



### One World Week (w/c 21st February)

Each year group will be metaphorically jetting off to learn a little about the life and culture in another part of the world. Destinations are India, China, Nepal, Mexico and South Africa. I wonder where your child will be heading off?

### World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

This year to celebrate World Book Day, the children are invited to wear comfy clothes and bring with them their favourite book to curl up and read in school. There will be a competition between classes to collect the most second hand books to fill our library shelves. These must be for children aged 7-11 and be in a good condition. The class will receive a different amount of rewards depending on how tall their pile of donated books is. The children should **bring these books in on Thursday 3rd March** to their class teacher. Thank you in advance for your donations.

### Gardening Club & Godalming in Bloom

We have been invited to take part in the Godalming in Bloom competition which is running again, and in which we have taken part (and won!) in previous years. The theme this year will be Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with judging taking place at the beginning of June. We would love to be involved in this and plan to restart our wonderful gardening club under the expert green fingers of Mrs Toulson. However we also need some help - if any parents/carers can spare some time to assist in the school garden please let me or Mrs Toulson know - thank you.

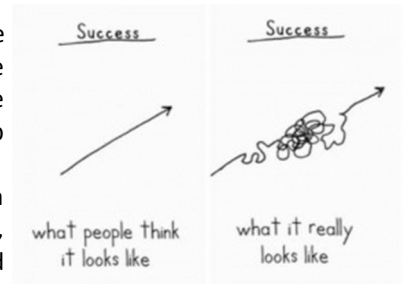
### Round up of some events in school ...

**Feel Good Friday Art Day** - what a marvellous day. It was wonderful to see the children spending so much time being creative and exploring art themes beyond the normal curriculum.

**Problem Solving DoubleDay** - No doubt your child(ren) came home raving about the activities they had completed. The children showed superb teamwork, resilience and creativity in solving a number of problems and scenarios. Their were audible squeals of delight from Year 3 when they tested their tomatoes on the Perilous Drop Challenge.

The activities gave us the perfect opportunity to practice our Transferrable Skills, a part of our curriculum introduced this year: Problem solving, Communication, Collaboration, Self-management, Resilience, Positive attitude, Leadership and Creativity.

As part of our intro to the DoubleDay we shared this diagram about Success. I am sure we can all relate to this, and it is so important for our children to know that Success is usually not just that simple straight line.



**NSPCC Tuesley House Event** - Thank you to everyone who supported our Tuesley House Event. The Tuesley House captains organised the event, which raised a stunning £500 plus for the NSPCC. It was great fun, but, more importantly, opened up some really good conversations about looking after each other, the different forms of child abuse, what to do if a friend is upset, etc.

### Sports Update

Our sporting calendar has continued this half-term with a range of events:



### Sports Taster

We took some of our Year 5 children to Broadwater School to take part in a sports taster event along with some other local primary schools. The children spent an action packed morning trying out a number of different sports: badminton, benchball, hockey and trampolining. It was a great opportunity for them to experience the full-size trampolines, all weather hockey pitches and sports hall for badminton and benchball. The activities were led by small groups of Year 7 & 8 Broadwater School pupils who had been set the task of planning and delivering the activities for the children. It was lovely to see our children approach all the activities with enthusiasm whilst remaining respectful towards the young leaders.

### Year 5 Football

Recently, 12 of our Year 5's took part in a football tournament at Tillingbourne School. In the first match against St Edmunds BJS dominated possession and had better chances but could not find the net finishing 0-0. The second game against Park Mead was more successful with BJS winning 1-0 thanks to some silky dribbling by Richard. In the third match against Tillingbourne BJS provided a masterclass in attacking football with Freddie, Monty and David all finding the back of the net. In the final group game against Godalming Junior BJS needed a draw to make the semi-finals. Although they controlled the game GJ won 1-0. In the final friendly match against Chandler, BJS's determination, resilience and skill shone through with a comfortable win. Ruben and Logan were commanding in defence, Ben and Olly shared heroic goalkeeping responsibilities resulting in BJS only conceding one goal all day. The rest of the team, Thomas, James, Freddie and Harry, all played their part superbly in a variety of positions. Champion!

Well done BJS and thanks to Mr Stuart for coaching the team on the day.

### Ambassadors:

Congratulations to this half-term's ambassadors who received their Ambassador Awards as follows:

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| Class 3BF: | Lily Minnett & Sam Gionis               | Class 3MB: | Torben Marlow & Freya-Rose Pratt |
| Class 4A:  | Benji Rothwell & Lola Skerry            | Class 4WT: | Hannah Taylor & Henry Ferris     |
| Class 5L:  | Freya Hodges & Oliver Howarth           | Class 5S:  | Sophie Waddilove & Flora Kellett |
| Class 6E:  | Scarlett Cooper & Rufus Taylor-Jennings | Class 6W:  | Scarlett Haine & Oscar Edwards   |



### Class Assemblies

Well done to Classes 3MB and 4WT for re-enacting their Roman and Viking workshops for their class assemblies. The next class assemblies will be as follows (an invite will be emailed nearer the time of each assembly):

Friday 25th March - **class 5L**

Friday 6th May - **class 5S**

Friday 20th May - **class 4A**

**\*Friday 17th June\* - class 3BF: \*Please note this is a change to the original date of Friday 13th May.**

### Friends of BJS Update



The next meeting of the Friend of BJS is on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7.30pm in the school hall - all welcome.

Please see the recent newsletter emailed out with information about fundraising and events coming up but here is a couple of reminders:

**Bouncing for Busbridge** - the children have had great fun and bounced brilliantly today to raise funds for our MUGA project. Please can all sponsorship monies be paid in by Friday 4th March. Thanks to all the parent helpers too!

**Quiz Night** - following the phenomenal virtual quiz last year, the ever popular BJS Quiz Night is back even bigger and better - and most importantly - in person on Saturday 5th March. Once again we will be quizzed by our fabulous host Ben Kellett. The Friends PTA will run a bar but feel free to bring your own snacks or picnics. Tickets are priced at £8 per person. Each team can have a max of 6 people. Tickets usually sell fast so don't miss out - get your tickets on Classlist now!

### MUGA Update

Our MUGA project is moving steadily forward. We have reached the impressive total of £21,000 so far. A huge thanks to everyone who has contributed financially, with their time and/or their expertise. It is so good to see the school embracing this project, and when you look at the current condition of the school pitch you will see why it is so needed. We are currently pursuing more grant opportunities, and going out to tender. Exciting!

With the end of the tax year approaching a company you work for or have contacts with may have had a really good year and be in the position to sponsor / donate towards our MUGA. Please do let us know if this is the case!

**'Our Shared Approach to Reading' leaflet** - hopefully you have seen the reading information leaflet which was emailed and sent home as a hard copy last week. It outlines really important information about our approach to reading.

**Digital cameras** - a repeat plea: if you have any at home not being used we will be able to put them to good use!

**Covid Update** - please read this press release from Surrey: *COVID rates remain high and the best way to protect yourself, and others, is by washing your hands, letting the fresh air in, cleaning, wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, testing regularly and getting vaccinated. It is particularly important during the half-term holiday to be aware of protecting yourself and others when mixing with people that you do not usually meet with.*

Here's to a happy and healthy second half of the term!

**Richard Catchpole - Headteacher**

### School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 21st February to 1st April:

Year 3 : £73.50

Year 4 : £66.15 (taking into account Sayers Croft)

Year 5 : £71.05 (taking into account Winchester Science Centre)

Year 6 : £73.50

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".



### Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Club (ASC)

Thank you so much for your valued custom and continued use of the Breakfast & After-School Club - it is very much appreciated. We are giving advance notice **from Tuesday 19th April 2022 the cost of the sessions will be increasing to the following prices:**

**Breakfast Club** 7.50am - 8.45am from £5.70 to £5.80

**ASC half session** 3.30-4.45pm from £7.20 to £7.35

**ASC full session** 3.30-6.00pm from £14.40 to £14.65

We are sorry to have to increase fees but this reflects the rising costs of running the club. The increase is approx. 1.8% broadly in line with inflation and other increases in costs. Thank you for your understanding.

**To make a booking please contact**

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