



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

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Summer Term 2023 No: 1

28th April 2023

Term Dates 2022/23

Summer 2023	
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Wed 3rd May	Y4 Trip to Wisley
Thurs 4th May	Star Wars Day!
Fri 5th May	Class 3BF Assembly & Coronation Tea
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Mon 15th & Tues 16th May	Year 3 Feet First Training
Tues 16th May	Children's PTA Disco
Thurs 18th & Fri 19th May	DoubleDay—Coronation
Wed 24th May	Year 5 Greeks Day (rearranged)
Thurs 25th May	Children break up for half term
Fri 26th May	Inset Day
Mon 29th to Fri 2nd June	Half Term Week
Fri 9th June	Class 5S Assembly
Mon 12th June	Pet Day!
Wed 14th June	Year 6 Cathedral Service
Sat 17th June	PTA Family Cycle Ride (Bramley to Cranleigh) 1pm
Fri 23rd June	Sports Day (Y3/4 in AM, Y5/6 in PM)
Tues 27th / Wed 28th	Secondary School Induction Days (Y6)
Fri 30th June	6W Class Assembly
Wed 5th July	Whole School Beach Trip!
Fri 7th July	Summer BBQ
Mon 10th—14th July	Book Fair in School
Wed 12th & Thurs 13th July	Year 6 Play

SUMMER

The Summer term is always an exciting term in school with lots planned. We have much to look forward to with our Coronation themed DoubleDay coming up, Star Wars Day, Sports Day, Pet Day and of course our whole school beach trip to West Wittering in July - fingers crossed for good weather!

Y6 SATs Week—W/C 8th May

I'm sure everyone will join us in wishing our Year 6 children the very best with their upcoming SATs exams. If you have any questions regarding the timetable for the week or require any further information, then please do get in touch with your child's Y6 teacher. Due to the additional bank holiday on 8th May for the King's Coronation, the exams will start on Tuesday 9th May and finish on Friday 12th May.

Star Wars Day - Thursday 4th May

The eagerly awaited annual Star Wars Day will take place next Thursday 4th May! As in previous years, children are welcome to come to school dressed in a Star Wars theme. Light sabres are of course to be encouraged. If your child would rather opt for a space-theme outfit (or school uniform and a light sabre) then that is fine as well.

Coronation Tea Party — Friday 5th May (PM)

On the afternoon of Friday 5th May we will be holding our Coronation Tea Party. The children will be enjoying a cream tea (with scones made by their own hands) followed by some games on the field. If you can spare an hour or so from 2pm to help with serving, please let the office know.

Coronation DoubleDay - Thurs 18th and Friday 19th May

Our Coronation DoubleDay coming up on 18th and 19th May will have a Royal theme this year, in honour of the The Coronation of His Majesty The King. Details to follow. However, heads up on the Dressing Up front: children will be encouraged to wear appropriate mufti: red/white/blue or something along a Royalty/Kings and Queens theme.

Assembly with Dan Fox—Guildford Hockey Club

Last Thursday, Dan Fox came in to school and talked to the children in assembly. Dan is an English international field hockey player who played as a defender for England and Great Britain until his retirement from international hockey on 22 December 2016. He is now the director at Guildford Hockey Club. Dan inspired many of our children telling them about his passion for sport, his resilience and the time he spent at two Olympic games. Hockey club on Friday evenings, is run by Mike Wood, a colleague of Dan's, and there are spaces available. Please contact James Bennett for more details: jfbennett13@gmail.com.

MUGA Update

Exciting developments with the MUGA project. At the end of March we received planning permission for the MUGA to be built. We have also engaged the services of a contractor, and we are looking at a start date of early July. This will mean the MUGA should be up and running by September 2023. We will make sure to invite our current Y6 back for a session on the MUGA in September, as we know they and their families have helped with fundraising.

Re fundraising, we are still a bit short of our target, so your continued support at our upcoming PTA events will be much appreciated. We are almost there!!

Friends of Busbridge School / PTA

Our school PTA does a tremendous job supporting the ongoing work of the school. They do so much to enhance the experiences of your children at BJS. Thank you, as ever, to everyone who helps out in large or small ways.

From September we are in need of a new PTA Chair. Sarah Speirs, our current Chair, is standing down as her BJS child moves on to secondary school in September. We have not yet been able to find a parent to take on the Chair role, so please have a think as to whether now is your time to take on this essential role. Do speak to Sarah or anyone on the PTA committee to find out more.

Air-Up Drinks Bottles

As mentioned before Easter, from September 2023, we ask that Air-Up drinks bottles stay at home. We know they are popular with some children, but they are also very pricey. Often in class we need to look after them more carefully because they are expensive, and this is often just another thing for teachers to keep an eye on. Cheaper water bottles may not be as tasty, but they are just as effective in carrying water. We appreciate that parents may have already bought them, hence the delay in asking them to stay at home.

Drop-Off Box

This way of passing forgotten items to your child during the school day is proving to be effective. The Drop-Off box can be found inside the school fence. Just reach through, open the lid and drop the item in. It is checked regularly so there is no need to inform the school office. However if it is a pricey or essential item (e.g. glasses) please do use the buzzer to tell the office that it is there.

Pet Day - Monday 12th June

Pets are welcome in school on this day. Dogs in the afternoon and any other pet in the morning. Most pets will need to be accompanied by an adult please (e.g. cats, sheep, rabbits) but some smaller pets could possibly be left in school and collected later (e.g. stick insects). We can be flexible with timings, so if as a parent you can only bring Tiddles the cat in from 10.45 to 11.15 we can work with that. More details to follow, along with a reply slip so we know what we are letting ourselves in for!



Vaping

Some of our older children have been discussing vaping as part of our Science / PSHE lessons. Interestingly, some of the children were unaware of the health issues around vaping. Worryingly, some of the children said that older children had offered them / encouraged them to vape when out and about (e.g. up at Busbridge rec). These may be topics you wish to discuss at home with your children.

Uniform Update

Parents will have received an email yesterday detailing our new uniform policy and supplier, which come into effect from September. On Thursday in assembly, we discussed why wearing uniform is beneficial. Laila in 5GT gave us a fantastic reason: *"In the word uniform is the word 'uni', which means united, unity, equal together.... We wear school uniform to be EQUAL! United with uniform".*

Tuesley House Event

Tuesley House Captains held an assembly today to share with the children the work of the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'. They delivered some really important messages. After assembly, the rest of the school went back to their classes to take part in some drama activities and decorated a keyring showing the key messages they had learnt. Well done Tuesley House and thank you to everyone for wearing red to school today!

Friends of Busbridge Update!

The Return of Ice Cream Fridays! Starting on Friday 5th May, the PTA will be selling ice creams & ice lollies on the school playground every Friday after school this term. Prices will be 50p or £1 each, depending on size. Vegan alternatives will be available. This year, you can pay £10 in advance to cover your child for all this term's ice-cream Fridays, then there's no need to remember to bring cash on the day – see Classlist for further details. Alternatively, please bring the correct change if possible each week. Parents from each class will be taking it in turns to sell the ice creams so if you are able to help, please let your class rep know. Thank you for your support!

School Disco—Tickets for the next school disco on Tuesday 16th May are now available on Classlist! The timings for the evening will be as follows—Lower school (Y3 and Y4) 5.30pm to 6.45pm, Upper school (Y5 and Y6) 7pm to 8.15pm. Further information will be sent out soon.

Bouncing for Busbridge— Our Bouncing for Busbridge fundraiser raised over £2500!! Thank you so much to everyone who took part—bouncing and helping out on the day! and for all your kind donations—they really will make a difference.

Bikeability

Our year 4's have been busy this week 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! Certificate's will be handed out soon to those who took part. Here is just some of the feedback we received:

"Bikeability was amazing, as we learnt how to use our gears and brakes properly" (Billy S). "Bikeability was loads of fun! We learnt communication skills and control. We also played games" (Emi H). "Bikeability is amazing. You learn lots of things like how to ride one-handed" (Alex B). "Bikeability was great. It was challenging, but fun! (Alex D). "We had the best instructors in the world! They taught us lots of interesting things about bikes" (Ioan W).

Artist of the Month

Every 4 weeks, we are going to be having an 'Artist of the Month' across the whole school. The children will be told about them in assembly, shown pictures of their work and learn about their life. Following this, the children will then be invited to produce a piece of Art work at home inspired by them. This could be a drawing, painting, collage, photograph etc. (no bigger than A4). Work is to be handed into Miss Friend in 3BF. We will then award house points and display some of the work in the hall. Our first artist is Stephen Wiltshire, who draws amazing landscapes from memory after only seeing them for a short amount of time. We are hoping this has got the creative juices flowing! Please could any work be handed in by **Friday 12th May**.



We hope you all have a lovely long weekend!

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term Tuesday 18th April to Thursday 25th May 2023:

Year 3 : £70.20

Year 4 : £67.50

Year 5 : £70.20

Year 6 : £70.20

Amount per day: £2.70 Amount per week: £13.50

Please note, as mentioned in a previous newsletter, school meals are increasing from £2.60 to £2.70 per day due to ongoing exceptional circumstances driving up food and energy prices. 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 18th April. 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

Our Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy has been updated and 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) .