



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020 No: 4

6th November 2020

Cherish Challenge

Dates for your diary

Nov 2020

- Mon 2nd Applications open for Primary School places (Reception & Year 3) for Sept 2021 entry.
Deadline for applications 15th January 2021
- Mon 9th to Fri 13th Year 6 Bikeability 1.15pm-2.45pm
- Mon 9th Friends of BJS Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm
- Tues 10th Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Wed 11th Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
- Fri 13th Y5 Trip to Rural Life Centre **CANCELLED**
- Mon 16th Y6 trip to Haslemere Museum **CANCELLED**
- Fri 20th Friends of BJS Virtual Zoom Quiz Night
7.30pm for 8pm start
- Mon 23rd to Fri 27th Year 6 Bikeability 1.15pm-2.45pm
- Tues 24th Parent Info Evening on Talk for Writing -
MOVED TO SPRING TERM

Dec 2020

- Mon 7th FGB meeting (PM)
- Tues 15th Christmas Church Services
- Fri 18th Last day of term - finish time tbc

****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 2020

Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2020
Half term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

INSET Days: Tuesday 1st September 2020

Thursday 5th November 2020

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January to Thursday 1st April 2021
Half Term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2021

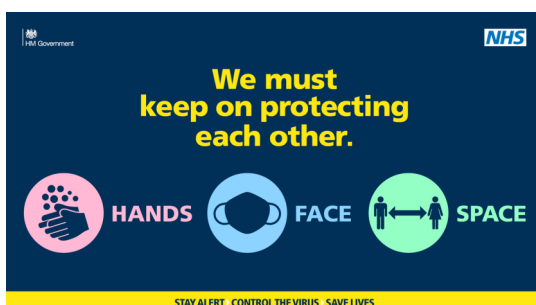
INSET Days: Monday 4th January 2021

Friday 26th February 2021

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April to Wednesday 21st July 2021
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
Bank Holiday (school closed) : Monday 3rd May 2021
INSET Day: Friday 28th May 2021

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



We hope you all had an enjoyable half-term break. This half-term sees us enter National Lockdown #2 but thankfully schools staying open. As detailed in my Headteacher Update #4, in line with DfE guidance we have taken some additional measures to safeguard children and staff. Thank you for your understanding with this.

INSET day Training

Yesterday, as part of a Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) training project, the teachers participated in further 'Talk For Writing' training. This project is aimed at improving children's writing in all Godalming schools, as well as providing a common approach in the teaching of writing. In February 2021 we will be holding a (live?!) Parents Information Evening on Talk For Writing.

DoubleDays - Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October

Last half term saw the first of our DoubleDays. The highlight of the first day was the magic show where the children were wowed by Ketsy the Magician whilst also learning a new trick. I am sure that, like me, you have been shown the vanishing 2p trick on many occasions! The underlying message of the day was about taking time to look after our own mental health and well-being. The children explored strategies for recognising and managing their own feelings. The second day focused on how we can cherish others. Our staff and children alike had a fantastic two days, learning about cherishing themselves and challenging us all to think about others. Thank you to you as parents for your support with mufti, bringing in resources and encouraging the children to talk about the content of the days at home.

Video Parent Tours

Applications have now opened via Surrey CC Admissions for parents applying for Reception and Year 3 school places for September 2021 entry. This year due to Covid restrictions we are unable to run parent tours on site for prospective parents. Instead we have posted onto the About Us/Admissions section of the school website a series of parent tour videos via this link https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/parent_tours/510877

Parent Evenings - Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November

Our parents evenings will take place next week virtually via the School Cloud platform as communicated before half-term. All appointments have now been booked. If you need to make a change please contact the school office via admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. On the day of your appointment you will need to sign into the School Cloud app/website at your allocated appointment time and press the green 'Join Video' button to be connected to your child's class teacher:

<https://busbridgejunior.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

If IT gremlins make an appearance the teachers will endeavor to phone you and carry out the appointment that way.

New Local Authority Governor

Congratulations and thanks to Mrs Sarah Speirs (Isla, Y4) on her appointment to the school's Governing Body.

Ambassadors:

Congratulations to the following children who received their Ambassador Awards last half-term:

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| Class 3B: | Ted Botting and Lucy Baker | Class 3W: | Isla Woodcock and Jacob Ramsden |
| Class 4MB: | Beau Stephens and Rosabel Pike | Class 4WT: | James Crossley and Posy Furhman |
| Class 5L: | Oakley Lyne and Daisy-Mei Pearcey | Class 5W: | William Marsh and Millie Olsen |
| Class 6E: | Ellie Boardman and Henry Hayter | Class 6M: | Luchia Neal Literas and Emily Broadbent |



As ever, the teachers state that selecting the half-termly Ambassadors is the hardest part of their job as they could easily award the certificate to all 30 children in each class.

Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School - PTA Fundraising Initiatives

Rudolph Cards Christmas Fundraiser - information was sent home on Wednesday about the Rudolph Cards Christmas Fundraiser the Friends are organising. **Please complete the order form and submit your child's creation on the drawing/order sheet via the class teacher by Monday 9th November.**

Virtual Quiz Night - Friday 20th November

In these socially distanced times where large gatherings sadly aren't allowed, we are jumping on the Zoom bandwagon and will be running the first (and hopefully last before we can get back to normal!) Friends PTA Zoom Quiz Night on Friday 20th November. This will be hosted as usual by Ben Kellett and promises to be a fun night! Please see attached the flier and the booking form. Bookings are now open, so if you would like to take part, please fill in the form (or just provide us with the required details in an email if easier) and **send the booking form back to us isabelmelliou@yahoo.co.uk and hannah.jones@gmail.com, no later than Friday 13th November.** Maximum team size is 6 and we will be using Zoom breakout rooms to discuss answers with your team, so you can virtually mix with other households! Hope that we can get lots of support for this event and raise some money for the school! If anyone has any questions, please let either Isabel or Hannah know on the emails above.

Friends of BJS Virtual Zoom Meeting - Monday 9th November

Our next Friends of BJS PTA meeting will be held by Zoom on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm. Parents/carers are welcome to join the meeting using the following login details: Meeting ID: 919 164 5176 / Passcode: 583814
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9191645176?pwd=MjN2NnJpMctKZUtzdzlaeHF4eUJlYQTO9>

Remembrance Day - Wednesday 11th November



We will hold a **2 minute silence in school on Wednesday 11th November at 11am.** We do not have poppies to sell in school this year so if the children wish to make and/or wear their own please do so. Traditionally members of uniformed associations, such as Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Boys Brigade, are invited to wear their uniform to school on 11th of November. We are extending this invitation this year to our children as well. However, if your child has PE on Wednesday they will need to bring their PE kit in to school to change in to.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 2nd November to 18th December:

Year 3 : £ 81.60

Year 4 : £ 81.60

Year 5 : £ 81.60

Year 6 : £ 81.60

Amount per day: £2.40 Amount per week: £12.00



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 Parent-mail 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".

Primary School Applications

Is your child starting school in September 2021 or currently in Year 2?

If so, you need to apply online for a Primary or Junior school place **by 15 January 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 2020/21:

Breakfast Club from 7.50am - 8.45am @ £5.50
After-school club half session 3.15/3.30-4.45pm @ £7
After-school club full session 3.15/3.30-6.00pm @ £14

Please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail - **07432 304562**
Email: jmcphail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

