



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish + Challenge

Autumn Term 2020 No: 2

2nd October 2020

****Dates for your diary****

Oct 2020

Tues 6th Harvest Festival Services - each class will attend at Busbridge Church during the morning
 Mon 12th Year 6 L2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-2.45pm
 Fri 16th (group 1 - info to follow)
 Tues 13th Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
 Thurs 15th Flu Immunisations for all year groups (AM)
 Mon 19th to Year 6 L2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-2.45pm
 Fri 23rd (group 2 - info to follow)
 Thurs 22nd & DoubleDays (with a focus on mental health and well-being)
 Fri 23rd

Half-Term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Sat 31st Oct Deadline for Secondary School Applications

Nov 2020

Mon 2nd to Year 6 L2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-2.45pm
 Fri 6th (group 3 - info to follow)
 Thurs 5th **INSET day**
 Thurs 5th Friends of BJS Fireworks Night - tbc
 Mon 9th to Year 6 L2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-2.45pm
 Fri 13th (group 4 - info to follow)
 Tues 10th Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
 Wed 11th Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
 Mon 16th Year 6 trip to Haslemere Museum
 Mon 23rd to Y6 Level 2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-2.45pm
 Fri 27th (groups 5 - info to follow)
 Tues 24th Parent Info Evening on Talk for Writing

Dec 2020

Mon 7th FGB meeting (PM)
 Tues 15th Christmas Church Services - 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

Here we are in October and all is well at school. Most importantly, we are all physically present. Thank you to the many parents who have completed the survey regarding internet/device access at home in the event of a school/bubble closure (email sent home on 1st October). If you have not done so please do fill in the survey as it will help us support your child during a period of home learning.

Parent Evenings - 10th and 11th of November

These will be held virtually this year. For general timings please see the calendar opposite. More details re signing up for appointment times to follow.

Harvest Services and Donations for the Godalming Food Bank



Next Tuesday 6th October each class will go over in turn during the morning to Busbridge Church for a short harvest festival service. Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to invite parents/carers to join us but we trust you will support these services with donations of non perishable gifts for the Godalming Food Bank which the children will take to the Church with them. We are also supporting Godalming & Villages Community Store 'Trolley Tuesday' initiative. Please leave your donations of food stuffs (non perishable)/cleaning products/household items/toiletries in the collection box provided by the main school gate on Tuesday mornings. More information is available here:

Community Store - Godalming Town Council.



SATRO Workshop

5W had a fantastic afternoon yesterday acting as guinea pigs for SATRO, a Guildford-based company that creates science and technology games for children. The children tested a new game, 'Colourful World', in which they had to make tricky decisions about how to sustainably develop different parts of a local environment. They enjoyed the afternoon, and their feedback will be considered as the game gets rolled out all over Europe. Thanks to Carl from SATRO for delivering the workshop.

Commemorative Plaque

As part of our 150th school anniversary in 2018, pupils and staff at the school each made a commemorative ceramic clay tile with the help of artists from Watts Gallery in Compton. The tiles were



carefully installed over the Easter holiday earlier this year on the wall of class 5W opposite the school reception entrance. This has created a real focal point and lasting memorial for the school so do please take a look. Each child created their own tile, so those who took part should have fun finding their artwork. The designs reference our local links to nature, Godalming's world famous gardener Gertrude Jekyll and the Watts Gallery. Thank you to Gina McAdam for her work on this, and her continuing input to inspire our children in the world of art and creativity.

House Captains and Vice House Captains & School Council

Forget the US presidential elections....elections took place last week in school for the School Council and House / Vice House Captain positions. We are proud to announce the 2020/21 School Council and House & Vice House Captains are as follows:

School Council:	3B	Josie Beckingham & Jack Neale	3W	Jack Turner & Martha Siddell
	4MB	Harry Millen & Ella Buchanan	4WT	Rupert Hayter & Gracie Maybey
	5L	Leon Garner & Gracy Kayes-Thorpe	5W	Lucas Carey & Millie Olsen
	6E	Josh Alexander & Immy Kimbell	6M	Ben Silius & Luchia Neal-Literas

House	House Captains	Vice-Captains
Munstead	Austin Lowe & Scarlett Muir	Kasro Lootus & Emily Broadbent
Tuesley	Ariel Kellett & William Horstead	Jack Donovan & Ellie Boardman
Holloway	Callum Coleman & Hattie Turner	Mia Bartholomew & Harry Burden
Busbridge	Amelia Riley & Freddie Willis	Jake Rexha, Rosie Dally & Blossom Blacklay

Some reminders...Healthy Snacks

We encourage the children to bring in a snack to have at break-time. Please can we remind you that any snacks should be healthy such as fruit and cheese. The children should not bring in crisps, chocolates, biscuits or sweets. Snacks must not contain nuts in line with the school's nut free policy. Please can the children bring their snacks in a named container, place them in the classroom snack trays and not swap them with other children. Thank you for your support with healthy snacks.

Traffic and Parking

Please can we remind you that **cars should not park on the safety zone markings in the village hall car park or wait in the coned off area as you turn into the short section of driveway of the school at any time** when dropping children off or picking children up. Please can you also park safely in the local roads particularly around Busbridge Lane/Park Road/The Drive crossroads. This is for everyone's safety and particularly for our children who walk to/from school. Thank you for your understanding in this matter and please pass on this information to any carers dropping off or picking up your child/children.

Social Distancing

Thank you to all who are making efforts to comply with safe/social distancing advice as emailed out earlier this week. We ask that everyone bears this in mind on their journeys to and from school, and on the playground at pick-up time.

Trading cards

We have asked the children to keep trading cards (Pokemon, Lego, etc) at home. This is to stop a potential cause of cross-infection. On a plus, the children who started bringing them in were sharing and playing with them very responsibly.

Caretaker Vacancy

You may have noticed that we are in the process of recruiting our new caretaker as emailed last Tuesday. The advert can be found on our school website https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/vacancies_1/267423. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying the closing date for applications is Tuesday 13th October at 12 noon.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 2nd September to 23rd October:

Year 3 : £ 88.80 (taking into Butser Ancient Farm trip)

Year 4 : £ 91.20

Year 5 : £ 91.20

Year 6 : £ 91.20

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 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".

Secondary School Applications

Is your child currently in Year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place **by 31st October 2020**. 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 3.30-4.45pm @ £7

After-school club full session 3.30-6.00pm @ £14

Please contact Mrs Jackie McPhail - 07432 304562

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