

Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020 No: 5

30th November 2020

Cherish + Challenge

Dates for your diary

Dec 2020

Tues 1st	Busbridge Church Advent Calendar Walk starts until 24th Dec - flyer coming home
Fri 4th	Mufti day for bottle tombola donations
Fri 4th	Friends of BJS Secret Shopping Room event
Fri 4th	Music Works drum taster sessions (PM)
Mon 7th	Friends of BJS Hamper raffle draw
Mon 7th	FGB meeting (PM)
Mon 7th	Comfort & Joy Exhibition opens in Busbridge Church
Tues 8th	Online bottle tombola draw
Tues 15th	Christmas Services at Busbridge Church in year group bubbles
Wed 16th	School Christmas lunch & Busbridge House Christmas Jumper charity day
Fri 18th	Last day of term - AM - Wishing Service in school 1.15pm: Year 4 & 6 finish / 1.30pm: Year 3 & 5 finish

Christmas Holiday

Jan 2021

Mon 4th	INSET day 3
Tues 5th	Children return to school for Spring term
Thurs 21st	Year 3 Roman & Year 4 Viking Rainbow Theatre Workshops in school (AM)

****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

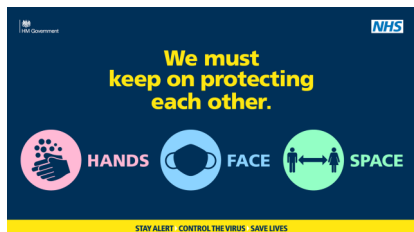
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SUMMER TERM 2021

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



As we head into the last three weeks of term thoughts in school are turning to Christmas albeit in a slightly different way this year...

Welcome to our new School Caretaker

We warmly welcome our new school caretaker Rowan Calitz. He was very touched by the welcome cards made by the children for him and is enjoying meeting everyone and getting stuck in. We have taken delivery of six new, recycled plastic picnic benches in different colours which Rowan has helped move into place. The benches are already getting used by the children in the playground - thank you to the Friends who have helped fund some of them.

Christmas Events:

The Friends of BJS have done a stella job arranging as much as possible in the way of Christmas festive events Covid style. A round up is contained in this newsletter and in all the comms sent out recently and available to view on the Friends page of the school website under 'For Parents' / 'Friends of BJS':
https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/friends_of_busbridge_cofe_junior_school/150276



Christmas Production/Assembly

As you will have seen from Mr Catchpole's Headteacher update #5, this year we are going to video each class for their part in our whole school Christmas assembly and post these videos on our school website. Video consents have been checked against the parental photo consent forms we hold in school. If necessary specific permissions have been obtained from parents. If parents do not wish their child(ren) to appear on the school website then that is fine and we will work around this in our videoing. If you have any questions around this, then please do ask. Class teachers have sent an email out if children need to bring in costumes for these videos. If you don't receive an email no costume is required!

School Events Round-up:

Year 5 Virtual Victorian Classroom Experience - it was great that Year 5 were able to participate in a virtual Victorian classroom experience last week. Edelyn said 'On Victorian day we were taught by a trained Victorian teacher on Zoom. He called out 5 people and told them each to do something. I was one of them and I really enjoyed the experience!' Thanks to the team at the Rural Life Centre, Tilford for facilitating this, and our enthusiastic year 5 children, teachers and LSAs for taking part.

Year 6 Bikeability - well done to all of the Year 6 children who have completed their Level 2 Bikeability training over the past 6 weeks. Thanks to the SCC cycle instructors for taking the children out on the local roads and honing their cycling skills. The children will receive their certificates and badges this week.

GLP Remembrance Writing Challenge

As communicated last week, well done to Hannah T (Y3), Rosie P (Y4), Thomas McW (Y5) and Tabby P (Y6) for their winning entries in the GLP Remembrance Writing Challenge. Their work will appear on the GLP website soon. So many children submitted entries - they were all of a very high standard. Top job!



Road Safety

Last week we spent time discussing road safety with the children. Please reinforce these messages at home, especially with Y5 and Y6 who are more likely to be walking home by themselves. Reflective sections on coats are also an excellent idea.



Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School - PTA Fundraising Initiatives:

Virtual Quiz Night - Friday 20th November

A huge thank you to Year 4 parents Hannah, Isabella, Katherine and Ben for organising a hugely successful Virtual Quiz last Friday. Amazingly, in the first Friends of BJS social event and fundraiser of its kind, there were no technical glitches and much fun was had by everyone who took part. Despite the fact that there was no bar, the event managed to raise an amazing £460 for the school. Congratulations to the winners "Comfortably Dumb", and thank you to everyone who took part.

The Friends of BJS Christmas Fundraisers

Please do not forget to support the school through the Friends PTA Christmas fundraisers. Further information has been emailed out and is also available via the Friends page of the school website. Events include wreath making, online bottle tombola (don't forget the **Mufti day for donations on Friday 4th December**), Christmas Bake-Off, school tea towels and the Hamper raffle. Don't forget to return sold ticket stubs and payment by Friday 4th December. Also this **Friday 4th December your child can take part in the Secret Shopping Room** at school. Thank you for all your generous donations for the Hamper raffle and the Secret Shopping Room event - look out for the letter and shopping list for it coming home with the children.

Easyfundraising & Amazon Smile

These are both excellent and easy ways to raise money for the school whilst shopping for Christmas online.

For Easyfundraising go to: www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select 'Busbridge Junior School' as your 'Cause'.

For Amazon Smile go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk. Go to Your Account > Your Amazon Smile > Change your Charity and choose Busbridge Junior School PTA.

Godalming & Villages Community Store

Busbridge CofE Junior School has very kindly been supporting The Godalming & Villages Community Store by having a box for donations. The team are extremely grateful for all of the wonderful donations. They are keen to help as many people as possible during these difficult times. We've been asked by Godalming Town Council to pass on information to help those living in the Godalming & Villages area who have been financially affected by COVID-19. The Godalming & Villages Community Store in the town centre has food, toiletries and household items for emergency assistance. It looks just like a normal shop to walk around and choose what you need, but you have a private appointment and there is no till! We've been asked to assure people there is a warm welcome, contact details to organise a visit are as follows: email: office@godalming-tc.gov.uk / Phone: 01483 523575. If you wish to continue supporting this scheme please leave your donations in the trolley by Busbridge Church - thank you.



Busbridge Church Events - 'Comfort & Joy' Exhibition and Advent Walk

Thank you for the contributions so far from the children for the 'Comfort & Joy' exhibition. Our **closing date for these is Thursday 3rd December**. You will find information regarding the novel Advent Walk in your child's school bag today.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 5th January to 12th February 2021:

Year 3 : £ 69.60

Year 4 : £ 69.60

Year 5 : £ 69.60

Year 6 : £ 69.60

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

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