



# Busbridge CofE Junior School

## Newsletter

**Spring Term 2020 No: 2**

**6th February 2020**

*Cherish + Challenge*

### Feb 2020

- Fri 7th Holloway House Ratidzo Trust Charity Event - mufti day & treasure hunt
- Tues 11th Safer Internet Day
- Tues 11th Parents' Evening 6.00pm-8.30pm
- Wed 12th Parents' Evening 4.00pm-6.30pm
- Thurs 13th Year 5 Air Quality & Sustainability Workshop
- Fri 14th **INSET day 3**

### Half-Term

- w/c Mon 24th One World Week
- Wed 26th Y4 Internet Safety talk by local police (PM)
- Wed 26th Y5/Y6 Football at Tillingbourne 12.30pm – 3.30pm (rescheduled from Autumn term)
- Fri 28th One World Week Nation themed mufti day

### Mar 2020

- w/c Mon 2nd Fairtrade Week
- Mon 2nd Inter-Generational Extravaganza
- Wed 4th Singing day at Rodborough School (choir)
- Thurs 5th Usborne Book Fair at 3.30pm
- Fri 6th Class 5L Assembly (parents/carers invited)
- Sat 7th Junior Schools Swimming Gala at Charterhouse Club from 6.00pm
- Mon 9th Year 4 Residential trip to Sayers Croft
- Wed 11th
- Wed 18th Class 6E Trip to Godalming Museum
- Fri 20th SATRO Programming & Robotics Workshops for Year 5 & Year 6 girls
- Fri 20th Author visit by Steve Skidmore (PM)
- Mon 23rd Primary Schools Music Festival (school choir) at Dorking Halls (afternoon/evening)
- Mon 23rd Full Governing Body Meeting at 4pm
- Wed 25th Class 6M trip to Godalming Museum
- Wed 25th Friends of BJS School Disco:
- Years 3&4: 5.30pm-6.45pm / Years 5&6: 7.00pm-8.15pm
- Fri 27th Class 4P Assembly (parents/carers invited)
- Tues 31st Easter Services at Busbridge Church:  
9.15am - Lower School / 11am - Upper School  
(parents/carers are invited to join us)

### April 2020

- Fri 3rd School breaks up for Easter holiday at 2pm
- Easter Holiday**

### SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 2020

**Half Term:** Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020

**INSET Day 3: Friday 14th February 2020**

### SUMMER TERM 2020

Monday 20th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2020

**INSET Day 4: Monday 20th April 2020**

**May/VE day Bank Holiday: school closed Friday 8th May 2020** (note moved from Monday 4th May 2020)

**INSET Day 5: Friday 22nd May 2020**

**Half Term:** Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

### OUR SCHOOL VISION

*To be a school that reflects the love of Christ:  
cherishing each other as unique individuals and  
challenging all to achieve and succeed.*

### Year 5/Year 6 Sportshall - Surrey Champions!



On Tuesday 4th February our Y5/6 indoor athletics team represented the Godalming area in the Surrey Final for Sportshall Athletics. Competing against the school champions from the various districts in Surrey was never going to be easy. Our children's skill, tenacity and team work shone through and they finished the event as overall winners. For a school our size to become Surrey Champs is an impressive achievement. A huge well done to the whole team. A big thank you to Clare Parsons and Bill Bingham for their involvement as well. Surrey Champs - wahoo!

### Welcome to....



Mrs Auger's new baby girl! We are delighted to announce the arrival of Mrs Auger's baby. Josephine Emily was born on Monday 27th January weighing 8lb and 5oz. Congratulations to Mrs Auger and her husband - all the family are doing well and thank everyone for their kind greetings.

### Mrs Mead

We also welcome Mrs Philippa Mead who has joined our Learning Support Team. Mrs Mead also continues to help as a volunteer with the gardening club helping Mrs Toulson and the children on a Friday lunchtime.

### Holloway House Charity Event - Friday 7th February

Tomorrow Friday 7th February, Holloway House captains are running a charity event to raise awareness and money for the Ratidzo Trust charity the school supports. The children can wear mufti and bring in a £1 donation to take part in a treasure hunt around the school. All the money will go to the Ratidzo Trust. Thank you also for the **donations of old books suitable for primary school children**. Well done to the Holloway House captains for organising this.



### Events coming up....

#### One World Week - w/c Monday 24th February

On our return after the half term break we are having a 'One World' week. The children will be learning about life in another country of the world. The foci will include (i) life of a child, (ii) environmental challenges in that country. The week will finish with a 'nation themed' mufti day on Friday 28th February.

Countries of study are: Y6 - Mexico ; Y5 & 3B - India ; Y4 - Nepal ; 3W - South Africa. This is a new project for us which will replace a DoubleDay this term.

#### Fairtrade Week - w/c Monday 2nd March

Following on from the success of our pop-up Fair Trade stall last year we are repeating it this year (2nd to 6th March). Our School Council will be manning the stall. Let me know if there are any specific Fair Trade items you would like us to stock. We are once again grateful to Mrs June Higgins from Busbridge Church for supporting us in this venture.

#### Inter-Generational Extravaganza! - Monday 2nd March

A date for your diary : **the afternoon of Monday 2nd March**. This will be an afternoon for older members of our school community / families to pop in to school and live the life of a school child again. Please feel free to invite grandparents or older neighbours who your child is friendly with. Our guests will come in to share some relaxed learning with the children (reading, maths games, Computing), have a cup of tea, chat with the children and generally hang out in school for a bit. More info to follow.

### Events round up...

#### Happy Monday Mufti and Dance day

On Monday 27th January we chased the January blues away dressing up in bright summer colours and dancing our way through the day. Miss Loudon led each class in turn in a series of Street Dance workshops which the children all enjoyed taking part in. A big thank you to Miss Loudon for her hard work organising and keeping dancing the whole day through!

#### Rainbow Theatre Roman and Viking Workshops and Class Assemblies

On Monday 20th January the school hall was invaded by the Romans and Vikings! The Rainbow Theatre company came in and performed two brilliant workshops with our year 3 and year 4 children to help them learn interactively about those times. The Year 4s re-enacted the tale of two Viking brothers voyage across Scandinavia to England while the year 3s re-enacted a mighty invasion of Roman soldiers! The workshops gave the children the opportunity to become true Romans and Vikings for the day which class 3W and class 4WT went on to tell us about in their class assemblies to parents and the school. Thank you to all the children and teachers for their enthusiasm in all the performances, and to all the parents for their help with the amazing array of costumes. The Roman shields the year 3s made are fabulous.



Lucas and Ivan in year 4 said *'It was great fun learning about the Vikings and how they lived. Our assembly was exciting because the monks had a real-life battle with the Vikings. Luckily no one died!'*

### Sports Round Up...

**Swimming Gala:** The Junior Schools Swimming Gala is coming up on Saturday 7th March. If your child has signed up for the swimming gala they should have received a letter with all the details. Please ensure that the consent slips are returned to school by tomorrow Friday 7th February. If your child would still like to be considered for the squad, please collect a letter from the school office or email Clare Parsons on [sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:sport@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

**Y4 Sportshall:** Last week our year 4s went to Rodborough School for a Sportshall competition against Chandler and St Edmunds School. Tom and Mikey said *'We had a great time and came second by 4 points! We did lots of fun things including obstacle races, relays, jumping, speed bounce and throwing activities. We cheered everyone on like mad which was very noisy! Our mums and dads cheered us on along the way too. St Edmunds won but we had the best time ever. It was great having our coaches Bill and Olivia there with us who trained us very well. We had an awesome time!'*

**Sports Taster:** some of our year 5 children took part in a sports taster event at Broadwater school last week along with some other local primary schools. They tried out different sports including badminton, handball, hockey on the all-weather pitches and trampolining on the full-size trampolines. The activities were led by small groups of year 7 and 8 Broadwater school pupils and it was lovely to see our children approach all the activities with enthusiasm whilst remaining respectful towards the young leaders.



### Friends of Busbridge CofE Junior School

Thank you to all who came along to the Friends of BJS meeting last week and for the amazing support they are giving the school through all the fundraising they do. They have agreed to fund 30 new Chromebooks from the money that you, the parents, have raised for the school. These will be an essential addition to our school ICT curriculum as we will once again have a viable portable IT provision that broaden the learning opportunities for the children. The Friends have also agreed to fundraise for replacement PCs in our ICT Suite, which will be welcomed by both children and staff. The Friends of BJS newsletter will be coming out soon about what's coming up which includes:



### Friends of BJS Smartie Tube Challenge - from Thursday 13th February

Before the half-term holiday we will be launching the 'Smarties' tube challenge. Those children who want to take part will be provided with a tube of Smarties which they can eat but need to keep the tube. The children then do small jobs around the house to earn 20ps (or other coins that fit in a smartie tube!) which they collect in the empty Smartie tubes. Watch out for the letter coming home next Thursday 13th February.

### Friends of BJS Disco - Wednesday 25th March



The school disco will take place on **Wednesday 25th March from 5.30pm-6.45pm for years 3 & 4 and 7.00pm-8.15pm for years 5 & 6**. To reserve your child's place, please complete the consent slip on the flyer coming out next week and return with payment to school by Friday 20th March. Offers of parental help will be greatly appreciated too!

### Sickness Policy and Medicines in school

**48 hour rule:** please can we remind you that if your child is off with sickness (vomiting and/or diarrhoea) please ensure they are off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

**Coughing and sneezing:** please encourage your child to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue. Please find attached a letter from the Public Health England with guidance about the Novel Coronavirus situation for your information.

**Handwashing:** please talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands regularly to help control the spread of infections.

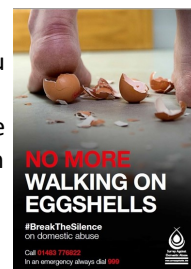
**Medicines in school:** if your child requires medicine to be administered in school, please ensure a parent/carer brings any medication to (and collects from) the school office in its original packaging to show what the medication is, dosage instructions and is clearly labelled with the child's name. This includes any creams or cough sweets. A temporary medication form needs to be completed by the parent/carer to be kept with the medication in the school office.

### #Break The Silence: Domestic Abuse

Surrey Against Domestic Abuse are running a campaign entitled **#BreakTheSilence**. If you or someone you know is the victim of Domestic Abuse then 'phoning this number might help: **01483 776822**.

If you or someone you know perpetrates Domestic Abuse then help can also be found via the same number. Please remember that witnessing domestic abuse is classed as a form of child abuse which can have long-term negative effects on children (NSPCC).

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/domestic-abuse/>



Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

### School Meals:

The amount for the next half term 6th January to 13th February 2020 will be:

Year 3 : £68.15

Year 4 : £68.15

Year 5 : £68.15

Year 6 : £68.15



Amount per day: £2.35      Amount per week: £11.75

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 PMX 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".

### Healthy Snacks in School

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.**

### Busbridge Breakfast & After-school Care Club Times and costs 2019/20:

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 or email [jmcphail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jmcphail@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)