



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Cherish + Challenge

Spring Term 2020 No: 3

5th March 2020

Mar 2020

- Fri 6th Class 5L Assembly at 9.15am
 Sat 7th Junior Schools Swimming Gala at Charterhouse Club from 6.00pm
 Mon 9th to Wed 11th Year 4 Residential trip to Sayers Croft
 Mon 9th Y6 Netball Tournament at Rodborough (PM)
 Wed 11th Y3/Y5/Y6 Football Competition at Tillingbourne School (PM)
 Wed 11th Y5/Y6 Basketball Tournament at Rodborough (PM)
 Wed 11th Y3 Tag Rugby Tournament at Guildford Rugby Club (PM)
 Tues 17th Rescheduled Y5/Y6 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne School (PM)
 Wed 18th Class 6E Trip to Godalming Museum
 Wed 18th Year 5 Trip to Prior's Field School AppArt Sculpture Trail - Class 5L (AM) / Class 5A (PM)
 Wed 18th Y5 Netball Tournament at Rodborough (PM)
 Wed 18th Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Guildford Rugby Club (PM)
 Fri 20th SATRO Programming & Robotics Workshops for Year 5 & Year 6 girls
 Fri 20th Author visit (Y3/Y4) by Steve Skidmore (PM)
 Fri 20th Second-hand Uniform sale at 3.30pm in the playground
 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

- Thurs 2nd Mufti day for donations of Easter Eggs for Friends of BJS Easter Egg Raffle
 Fri 3rd Friends of BJS Easter Egg Raffle (AM)
 Fri 3rd School breaks up for Easter holiday at 2pm
Easter Holiday
 Mon 20th **INSET Day 4**
 Tues 21st Back to school for summer term

SPRING TERM 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 3rd April 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

The second half of the Spring half-term is well underway....

One World Week

We started off this half-term with our One World week. Thank you for all your contributions to the One World map which is available to view in the Learning Lab. The children learnt about different countries in their year groups, finding out about life for a child and environmental challenges.



Pancake Day and Charity Fundraiser

The children enjoyed the Pancake day activities on Shrove Tuesday. The hotly contested House pancake race was won this year by Busbridge house. A big well done to Ella and Molly in Year 5 for organising the charity pancake fundraiser and a big thank you to Mrs Barker for all her time spent helping the girls provide pancakes for over 200 children! The event raised a brilliant £181.50 which will go to the Hunter Hospice who help people with dementia.

Ash Wednesday 'Ashing' Service and Lent Booklets



On Ash Wednesday our Church leaders David, Anto and Judith came to school to lead our Ashing service. Some of our Year 6 children helped to place ash crosses on those children and staff who wanted them. Anto also talked to the children about the Lent booklets which they brought home last week. The booklets have information on what Lent is, and challenges for the children to complete each week. Do read the booklets with your children as they are a lovely way to learn about Lent.

Inter-Generational Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Inter Generational event. I know that some of our visitors travelled from a distance to be with us. It was lovely to see all the children interacting with our older guests who very much enjoyed seeing school life again from a new perspective! We will no doubt hold a similar event in the future, so if your guest has any feedback on the event we are open to receiving it.

Fair Trade Focus

This week our school councillors have been doing a grand job helping to run the pop up Fair Trade stall every afternoon after school in the playground. Thank you to Mrs June Higgins from Busbridge Church for supporting us once again in this venture, and to all the parents/carers who have helped and supported the stall too.



New Foundation Governor

A big welcome to Beckie Whiteman who this term joins our school Governing Body as a Foundation Governor. Beckie is also a parent with two children at our school in Year 4 and Year 5.

Usborne Book Sale for World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

This year we have celebrated World Book Day with a whole school assembly led by Miss Warner. We also hosted an Usborne book sale after school run by one of our parents Mrs Garner. Books bought at the sale earned free books for our school so thank you for your support. The children have also received a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be spent at the sale or in your local book shop. Enjoy sharing a million stories with your children!

School Uniform

After the Easter holiday the children can start wearing our summer uniform - please see the list on the school website for more information. Our uniform supplier BalletHoo in Godalming High Street has asked us to make you aware that there will be a price increase on the polo shirts and summer dress uniform items after 15th March as follows:



Current prices: Polo shirts - **£7.00** aged 5/6 and 7/8 & **£8.00** age 9/10, 11/12 & small adult

Summer dresses - **£13.99** (all sizes)

Prices after 15th March: Polo shirts - **£7.50** aged 5/6 and 7/8, **£8.50** age 9/10, 11/12 & **£9.00** small adult

Summer dresses - **£14.50** (all sizes)



BalletHoo would encourage parents/carers to pre-order and will hold the current prices up until 15th March.

They will also accept exchanges on sizes up to the start of the summer term in case children suddenly grow!

The best way to order uniform is through the BalletHoo website and select click and collect or delivery:
<https://ballethoodancewear.co.uk/categories/school/busbridge-junior-school>.

Second-hand Uniform Sale - Friday 20th March at 3.30pm

Our pre-loved second hand uniform is also available and a big thank you to Beckie Whiteman for all the hard work she does with this. There will be a second-hand uniform sale in the playground (in learning lab if wet) after school at 3.30pm on Friday 20th March. All items will be £1. If you have any unwanted uniform (all items welcome!) in good condition (no marks or holes) please bring them into the school office by Friday 13th March.

Ambassadors

Congratulations to last half-term's ambassadors who received their Ambassador Awards.

Our Ambassadors are:

Class 3B: Gemma Allpress & Elliott Watkins

Class 4P: Seth Connold & Chloe Hartley

Class 5A: Erin Payne & Callum Coleman

Class 6E: Emily Allpress & Joey Hanson

Class 3W: Faye Smith & Thomas Blinston

Class 4WT: Alice King & Alex Bond

Class 5L: Henny Forder & Ariel Kellett

Class 6M: Zac Skelton & Chloe Howarth



Holloway House Ratidzo Trust Charity Event

Well done to our Holloway House Captains who organised the Ratidzo Trust charity fundraiser before half-term. On Thursday 13th February Richard and Edline came in to school to give an assembly and to collect all the donations of books which were kindly brought in. The Holloway House captains also presented them with over £200 raised from the treasure hunt which will be used to give valuable resources to the schools the Ratidzo Trust supports in Zimbabwe - thank you for all your support with this venture. For more information and how you can further support the charity, please visit the Ratidzo Trust website <https://ratidzotrust.com/about-ratidzo-trust/>.



Friends of BJS Smarties Tube Challenge

Before half-term the Friends of BJS launched the Smarties Tube Challenge. We hope the children have been enjoying finding jobs to do in return for coins to fill up their Smartie tubes! There's still time to do a few more jobs around the house to earn some coins! Please return the monies collected by Friday 6th March - thank you.



Gardening Club - thank you for the gloves!

The Friends of BJS kindly bought some gardening gloves for our budding green fingered gardening club to use. On behalf of the club and Mrs Toulson they would all like to say a big thank you! The gloves are being put to good use in the school garden. Do have a look and see how the garden is growing next time you're in the playground!



Year 3 Stranger Awareness and Year 4 Internet Safety Talks

Last week a couple of officers from our local Surrey Police team came into school and talked to the Year 4 children about Internet Safety. This followed the talk last term to the Year 3s about 'Stranger Awareness'. Both presentations have been very useful for the children and are available for you to view and talk through with your children on the school website curriculum pages (Year 3 & Year 4) : https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/pupils__learning.



'Annual Healthcheck' of Busbridge CE Junior School – a brief summary

Each year schools host a visit from a senior adviser in education to review the school's performance and aspiration. A report is written which highlights Strengths and Next Steps. This is then shared with staff and Governors. Earlier this term we received our healthcheck and I'm sure you will be interested to read some of the feedback the school received.

Strengths:

- The head teacher and deputy head teacher are a cohesive and highly effective team who have worked assiduously to provide the best education for pupils
- Academic standards have steadily risen over the past three years but aligned to these standards are efficacious systems of pastoral care that have resulted in an inclusive and thriving school environment.
- Attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 for reading, writing and maths is very strong,
- Leadership are rigorous in their monitoring and evaluation of the way teaching supports pupils to learn the curriculum.
- A calm and orderly environment is fostered in the school and the classroom by encouraging the setting of clear routines and expectations for the behaviour of pupils across all aspects of school life, not just in the classroom.
- Teachers have a very good knowledge of the subjects they teach, and they present subject matter clearly and in a way that engages and motivates pupils.
- Behaviour for learning: evidence of a strong work ethic in all classrooms with pupils demonstrating high levels of motivation and engagement, with positive attitudes to their learning.

The **Next Steps** that she highlighted were focused around our ongoing development of the wider curriculum to ensure that teaching and learning remains strong across all subject areas. She also made some useful points regarding being 'Ofsted ready'.

Parent Survey

At this halfway point in the school year, we like to give parents the opportunity to share their feedback about the school year so far in a Parent Survey. Earlier this week information about this survey was emailed to you, and we would appreciate it if as many of you as possible could fill it in to help inform us for our future planning. The survey is anonymous, however, if you have a particular issue which you share on the survey it would be useful to have your name so we can discuss it further with you. **Please complete the survey by Monday 16th March.** The links to the survey monkey Parent Survey are:

Year 3 Parent Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZTP2HVM>

Year 4 Parent Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZMFZ363>

Year 5 Parent Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZX9R6CV>

Year 6 Parent Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZXMDTXW>



We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey.

INSET Days 2020/21

The first INSET day of the 2020/21 academic year will be Tuesday 1st September 2020 - we will be confirming the remaining 4 INSET days soon.

Richard Catchpole - Headteacher

School Meals:

The amount for the half term 24th February to 3rd April 2020 are:

Year 3 : £70.50

Year 4 : £63.45 (taking into account Sayers Croft trip)

Year 5 : £70.50

Year 6 : £68.15 (taking into account Godalming Museum trip)



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