



Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020 No: 6

18th December 2020

Cherish + Challenge

Dates for your diary

Dec 2020

- Tues 1st Busbridge Church Advent Calendar Walk starts until 24th December
- Mon 7th Comfort & Joy Exhibition opens in Busbridge Church
- Wed 16th Busbridge House Christmas Jumper charity day - please make donations via the online link sent out
- Thurs 17th Christmas Assemblies available to view on school website
- Fri 18th Last day of term -
AM - Zoom Wishing Services in school
1.15pm: Year 4 finish / 1.30pm: Year 5 finish

Christmas Holiday

Jan 2021

- Mon 4th INSET day 3
- Tues 5th Children return to school for Spring term
- Fri 15th Deadline for Primary (Reception & Year 3) Sept 2021 Applications
- Thurs 21st Year 3 Roman & Year 4 Viking Rainbow Theatre Workshops in school (AM)
- Fri 22nd Deadline for BJS 2022/23 Admissions Arrangements Consultation (see school website/email)

****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

SPRING TERM 2021

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

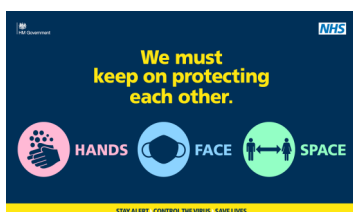
INSET Days: Monday 4th January 2021

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 have finally reached the end of term! I am so proud of all the children and our staff team. They have all coped amazingly well with all the changes to this term. The last couple of weeks have been a challenge, but our school community has shown real camaraderie and empathy. Thank you for the many, many words of support and encouragement we have received from parents. These make all the difference. Thank you for your understanding over the need to have Year 3 and Year 6 Home Learning: this will always be our last resort.

Despite Covid we have been able to enjoy Christmas at school. In a way, overcoming the challenges has made our Christmas events even more special.

Christmas Assemblies

Have you seen them? They are gorgeous! I love the way children's personalities shine through. Follow this link to find them on the school website under 'Pupils & Learning' / 'Christmas 2020':
https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/christmas_2020/525751

Online Advent Calendar

We have been using an online advent calendar from Guildford Diocese to track the progress towards Christmas. It links to short video clips that gradually tell the story of "Jesus Big Family History"

'Christmas Wish For The World' Assemblies

It was such a joy to see so many children joining us for our two Christmas Wishing assemblies on zoom this morning. The Christmas Wishes included:

People to be thoughtful by sharing possessions and food.
Friendship & kindness - no fighting.
To be loved everyday by someone.
Keep families safe over Christmas by following the rules.

In our Wish Assembly we also showed a video called 'An Unexpected Christmas' which is a charming retelling of the Christmas story by a bunch of New Zealander children. Here is the link if you wish to watch it again:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMlXusYVqNY&safe=true>

Angels in the Cathedral

Following a request from the Guildford Diocese we created angels for Guildford Cathedral. Many thanks to Judith and Cath from Busbridge Church who helped a group of our year 4 and year 5 children make angels in school.



Busbridge Church Afternoon Carol Service

Some of our Year 6 boys and class 3W contributed to the church Prime Time carol service this year. You can find them after about 14 minutes: <https://youtu.be/W1TxJZWR1vI>

Busbridge Church have been hugely supportive of the school this term. So Big Thanks to Simon, Anto, Judith and all the team for their practical help and prayer for our school.

The Friends of BJS Christmas Fundraisers....thank you, thank you, thank you!

The PTA have been simply incredible this term.

Thanks to all our brilliant Friends PTA team led by Sarah Speirs for their tireless efforts to support the school and bring some festive cheer through their creative and innovative Christmas fundraisers during this time. It was lovely seeing the children doing their 'secret shopping' in the school hall - thanks to the Friends members who manned the stalls, and the teachers and LSAs for helping with the present wrapping!

The hamper raffle was once again a triumph - thank you to Lorraine Collins for coordinating. There have been a lot of happy faces on picking up their prizes! The bottle tombola was also a success - thanks to Delia Woodcock for running it.

Thanks to everyone for all the generous donations and buying tickets, and for supporting the other events such as wreath making, Christmas Bake-Off, Christmas cards and school tea towels. It's amazing to see what can be achieved with the team work and the support of our fantastic school community. The Friends also organised for our school Christmas tree delivery - thanks to Oxenford Farm in Elstead for donating it once again. It has had pride of place in the school hall and is a welcome reminder of Christmas tradition.

On behalf of the Friends we would like to take the opportunity to thank **everyone** for their support with the various fund-raising activities we've been running over the last few weeks. We honestly could not have done this without you and we know the money raised will be put to very good use in the school. Amazingly, despite the fact that we weren't able to hold the Christmas Fayre, **we have made over **£3800** profit from the various activities** so far as follows:

Hamper raffle - £1343

Secret Christmas shopping - £1025

Wreath workshops - £630 (see photo on right to see the beautiful wreaths created)

Bottle tombola - £377

Bake off - £108

Christmas cards - £388

Tea towels - TBC

This really is incredible and we can't tell you how much we value your continued support. And we promise not to ask you to bring in any donations in exchange for a mufti day for at least half a term!



Tea Towels

For anyone who would still like a BJS tea towel, please get in touch with Katherine (katherinecarter@mac.com)

" I have found the tea towel most useful as it has occupied my children for 20 mins while they look at everyone's drawings and work out who is who. Yes, folks, that's 20 minutes of peace for just £5 without any devices. A Christmas miracle indeed"

Christmas Bake Off

The bakes have been judged and we have our winners. Mr Catchpole and Mrs Barker were wowed by the entries and impressed by the kids creativity. Drum roll please, the winners are:

Year 3 - 3B Zach Kimbell / 3W Erin Barnes

Year 4 - 4MB Flora Kellett / 4WT Oliver Howarth

Year 5 - 5L Milo Shaw / 5W Tilly How

Year 6 - 6E Ellie Boardman / 6M Kitty Newman

Each winner has won a gift voucher supplied by the PTA and a sweetie pouch generously donated by Godalming Delights.

Once again a huge thank you to the Friends of BJS Committee, as well as a few very lovely parents who have led some of the events, namely - Delia (bottles), Fiona Kimbell (wreaths), Claire Hemmings (Christmas sale). And to all the BJS staff , parents/carers as well as the children - a fantastic festive BJS team effort!



The New Copse:....

BEFORE

and

AFTER



The school was gifted a number of trees and hedge plants recently by Surrey County Council. Huge thanks to Richard Taylor (father of Toby in 6M) for spending a very damp day planting our new copse. As long as rabbits, deer and errant footballs don't intervene we should have a gorgeous new area of shade for future generations of Busbridge children to enjoy.

Busbridge CofE Junior School 2022/23 Admissions Arrangements Consultation

Just a reminder that as emailed last Friday our school is undertaking a statutory consultation on the admissions arrangements for 2022/23. All the information can be found on the school website https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/admissions_consultations/384794. The deadline to respond is Friday 22nd January 2021. Please also note that the variation to admissions arrangements for 2021/22 was approved by the Adjudicator under VAR1391 (11th Sept 2020) details of which can also be found on the school website.

PE Days Spring Term 2021

We are aiming to keep the PE days consistent this term and therefore not have to email weekly. As with last term, we are asking children to come into school in their PE kits for the day. The PE days for the Spring term are as follows:

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday / Year 4 - Monday & Tuesday / Year 5 - Monday & Friday / Year 6 - Wednesday & Thursday

Farewell to Mrs Helen Banks

Mrs Banks and Mrs Mitchell have carried out a sterling job teaching Class 4MB this term. We say a sad farewell to Mrs Banks as she is starting a new teaching role. We wish her all the best. However I am pleased to say that Mrs Steph Lucas is joining the team (again!) in January to teach 4MB in partnership with Mrs Mitchell.

Spring Term 2021...

Please remember that the new term starts for children on **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy and safe Christmas. Take care.



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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