

Busbridge CofE Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020 No: 1

16th September 2020

Cherish  Challenge

Dates for your diary

Sept 2020

Thurs 17th Friends of BJS meeting 7.30pm- school hall
Fri 25th School Photographer in school (AM) to take individual & siblings photos

Oct 2020

Thurs 1st Class 5W SATRO workshop in school
Tues 6th Harvest Festival Services - tbc
Mon 12th Year 6 L2 Bikeability from 1.15pm-3.00pm
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-3.00pm
Fri 23rd (group 2 - info to follow)
Thurs 22nd & Doubleday - tbc
Fri 23rd Doubleday - tbc

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-3.00pm
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-3.00pm
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-3.00pm
Fri 27th (groups 5 - info to follow)
Tues 24th Parent Info Evening on Talk for Writing

****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



Welcome back to the first newsletter for this year! It's made our hearts smile seeing all the children settle back in to school. Year 3 enjoyed going to Busbridge church for their welcome service last Tuesday. Our Rector Simon Taylor welcomed all of the children to the school, and the children also met Judith Hawkey who is the Church Families and Children's Worker.

New parents to the school were invited to a coffee morning last Friday in a Covid restricted way. Meeting on the playground, BYO coffee and eating a pre-wrapped biscuit was a little different to previous years but it was a good opportunity to see new faces and get to know one another. Thanks to the Friends of BJS team for organising this.

INSET Day Dates

Please note the INSET day dates for this academic year. The INSET days on 05.11.20 and 26.02.21 have been scheduled by the Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) for our local schools to work on a shared training project focussing on writing. We appreciate that there are consecutive INSET days in November for Infant and Junior schools. As a group of local Heads we all agreed to this so that the training can be delivered more effectively across KS1 and KS2 settings. Local schools do generally try and keep inset days in line with each other but on this occasion we felt that splitting the training over two inset days (one for KS1, one KS2) would lead to more effective training (and therefore better provision for our children). Thank you for your understanding in this.

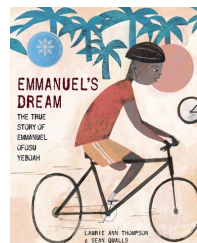
Curriculum & Learning Information

At this time of year we usually hold curriculum and learning presentations to inform parents about what the children will be learning in school for the academic year ahead. Due to the Covid restrictions this year we are unfortunately unable to hold them in school. Therefore from tomorrow (Thursday 17th) the information will be posted per year group on the school website in the Pupils and Learning section. The teachers have produced year group videos for you to watch. Please do take a look to find out more:

https://www.busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk/web/pupils__learning

The Power of Yet

In recent assemblies we have been considering 'The Power of Yet'. This diagram hopefully sheds some light, and I am sure your child can tell you about it. This is part of our '6Rs for Learning' work, looking at Resilience and Growth Mindset.



In assembly we also reflected on the awe inspiring true story told in the book **Emmanuel's Dream**. If you have not read it then look it up: all about a young man who certainly knew the Power of Yet.

Summer Reading Challenge - remember to return your challenge cards!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Summer Reading Challenge this year. Miss Warner (3W) has loved looking through the different texts that you enjoyed at home together. We have had lots of challenge cards (see attached with this newsletter) returned already but if there are any still lurking in bags, or at home, **please can they be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 18th September** clearly marked with the child's name / class so we can allocate certificates.

Coming up:

School Photos - Friday 25th September 9.15am to 12.30pm

Our school photographer Imago will be coming in to take the children's individual and sibling photos (for those children with siblings in school) on Friday 25th September. All children will be photographed unless the parent/carer informs us otherwise. Please make sure your child is in full winter uniform and looking smart on the day. Years 4 and 5 have PE on Fridays but for the photo day only please can the children come to school in uniform and bring PE kit in to change into.

Friends of Busbridge Junior School - Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm in the school hall

Thank you to the Friends of BJS for all their amazing work over the lockdown period continuing to support the school and fundraise wherever possible. The new Chromebooks and IT Suite PCs purchased by the PTA and installed over the Summer have proved extremely popular with staff and children alike. We are delighted that the current committee is staying on for this year and will hold a committee meeting in the school hall this Thursday 17th September.



Second Hand Uniform

Something to donate? Thank you - the Friends would love to take what you have to offer to replenish stocks! We are particularly low on ties, PE t-shirts and size 30-32 jumpers/cardigans. Please drop in items to the school via the class teacher to be collected and stored by Beckie Whiteman who continues to do a sterling job running the second hand uniform service. Please ensure all donations are washed and in good condition (no holes/marks) to sell. Please do not give shoes, socks or tights. Now we are back at school the Friends of BJS are looking at the possibility of running a second hand uniform sale within Covid restrictions but in the meantime contact Becki by emailing 2ndhanduniform@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Community Store Donation Box—Tuesday mornings

Busbridge CofE Junior School is proud to be supporting the Godalming & Villages Community Store 'Trolley Tuesday' initiative by hosting a collection box at the school gates. Your generous donations will make a huge difference to families who find themselves currently in need of some support. If you are able to support this initiative, please leave your donations of food stuffs (non perishable)/cleaning products/household items/toiletries in the box provided by the main school gate. More information is available here: [Community Store - Godalming Town Council](#). Thank you very much for your support.

Pick Up and Drop Off - please note some changes

As Year 3 are settling in well, **from Monday 21st September** can Year 3 parents please drop their children off and not come on to/wait on the playground - thank you.

Clearly the pavements outside school are very crowded at drop off time. This is a road safety issue. **From Monday 14th** we will let Y3 and Y5 children come on to the school site from 8.45am (or 8.40am if you are dropping off a Y4 or Y6 child as well).

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 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".

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

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