

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of the school year. I hope that you managed to enjoy some quality time with family and friends over the holidays. We have loved having the children back and they have settled very well in their new classrooms and are ready for another term of learning!

Best Wishes
Darren Heatley

Shout Out!

As we move into a new school year it's always useful to know if there are parents with skill sets which could benefit the school and help develop the outside areas. With that in mind, if you are a budding gardener, carpenter, bricklayer or feel you have skills which could benefit the school and/or its children, then we'd love to hear from you. Please complete the online form [here](#).

Staff Update

We welcome Miss Stacy Owen, who has joined Brown Bear class as a SCITT student for the year. Miss Owen brings a wealth of knowledge with her and will be mentored by Miss Daughtry.

Mrs Becky Saunders has resigned from her post as Gardening and Woodland TA to take up more hours as a Woodland Teaching Assistant in a nearby school. Mrs Saunders will be missed and has spent many hours tending the garden over the summer months. We wish her well in her new role.

Uniform

Please ensure that all your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name, to avoid it becoming lost property. The weather will inevitably change as we approach Autumn and there will be an expectation that children revert to wearing the Autumn uniform. It is especially important that correct Autumn uniform is worn on **Thursday 14th September** as the school photographer will be visiting school on this day.

Jeans For Genes – 22.09.2023

This year we will be supporting the Jeans for Genes charity. We will be asking everybody to wear Jeans on Friday 22nd September and make a donation to raise awareness and support this charity.



Progress with Building Developments

The school's building project has seen further developments and the new covered walkway has linked the new offices to the existing main building. The builders continue to deliver high quality craftsmanship and work will progress inside with the next phase of installation: electrics, stud walls, and flooring. These photos are a sneak peek -



Classroom One

Classroom Two



The new main office

Website Updates

Teachers will be updating their class pages fortnightly with new ideas for learning and examples of children's successes and photos. Initially the photos will show the classroom environments.

Collection Arrangements

Please complete the online [form](#) you have been sent, so that the most accurate and up to date details are stored about who will be collecting your child at the end of the day.

Parent Survey Feedback

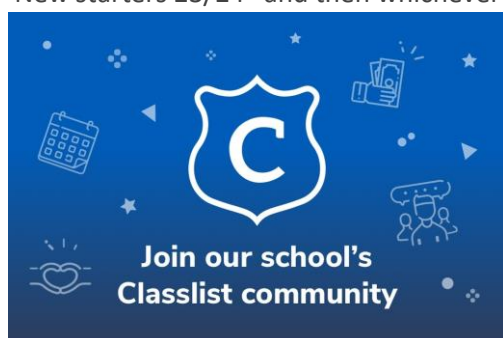
Feedback from the parent survey last term has resulted in some new developments:

- More open opportunities for parents to come into school. We will introduce new sessions every half term, to visit classes and become involved in an activity such as 'create and make' or a 'come and read' or 'learn that numbers are fun' session, in addition to celebrating children's learning by looking at their books. Dates for these will be available in the next newsletter.
- Parents to have a greater understanding about what was being taught for each subject so we have developed a document to explain what knowledge children will learn for each subject. These 'Knowledge Organisers' will soon be on the school's website.

PTA UPDATE

Every parent is a member of the PTA and you are all very welcome to join us for the AGM on Thursday 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the school hall.

If you are a new parent, then please click on the link below to join the school's Classlist community - a great way to get more information about what's happening or expected at school. You will need to select "New starters 23/24" and then whichever class your child is in.



[Classlist - Kinder school communities](https://classlist.page.link)
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Attendance

Excellent school attendance is a top priority at Busbridge Infant School, as attendance has been shown to be a key component in positive academic, social and wellbeing outcomes for children.

At our school, 100% attendance is the expected target and dedicated staff are in place to support with any issues that might impact your child's attendance. Whilst I acknowledge the thinking behind affordable holidays during term time, ***no holidays in term time are authorised***. Although this will not affect your decision to go, it may lead to the issue of a penalty notice. We now have a named Local Authority Inclusion Officer who visits termly.

In line with government guidelines, please note that we do not authorise holidays during school term time. Please see our school attendance policy for further details about the issue of penalty notices.

LATEST DATE CHANGES UPLOADED TO WEBSITE

Please make sure that you have checked the calendar on the website for any upcoming events for this term [here](#).

Tuesday 19th September - EYFS curriculum workshop

Wednesday 4th October - Little Wandle introduction & refresher for YR & Y1 parents & carers.

Safeguarding

A few reminders:

- All staff and Governors have received up to date safeguarding training to reflect the latest changes and revised legislation and guidance.
- Please remember to refrain from using mobile phones whilst in the playground when you drop off or collect your child.
- Unfortunately, children are not allowed to play on the climbing frame and trim trail equipment at the end of the day.
- Please see attached poster explaining [Live Streaming](#) which you may find useful for older children.

C-SPA on:

[0300 470 9100](tel:03004709100)

Alternatively, please see the link below: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/contact-childrens-services>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2023 -2024

AUTUMN 2023

Start of Term: 5 September 2023

Half Term: 23 to 27 October 2023

End of Term: 15 December 2023

SPRING 2024

Start of Term: 2 January 2024

Half Term: 12 to 16 February 2024

End of Term: 28 March 2024

SUMMER 2024

Start of Term: 16 April 2024

Half Term: 27 May to 31 May 2024

End of Term: 21 July 2024

INSET Days for 2023-24

Spring Term: Monday 15th April 2024 (after Easter Holidays)

Summer Term: Monday 22nd July 2024 & Tuesday 23rd July 2024