



Busbridge Bulletin - Back for 2024!

The Continual Pursuit of Excellence



Dear Families

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you enjoyed the holiday and would like to thank all of you for your kind and generous gifts on behalf of not only myself but all of the wonderful staff. Thank You!

This is the beginning of another fantastic year at Busbridge Infant School and it goes without saying that the reintroduction of the Busbridge Bulletin has come at a very exciting time for the school's journey; there are so many things to share with you that I plan to have a focus each month. The bulletins will be emailed on the first Friday of each month and newsletters twice every half term, depending on the length of term.

In January's edition:

- Some reminders for everyone about expectations including the important aspect of safeguarding.
- Initiatives in response to last year's parent survey.
- New build development.
- Priorities in the school's development plan.

Expectations for Everyone including Safeguarding

- ***Safeguarding*** is everyone's responsibility and continues to be an embedded part of the school's culture and ethos having successfully gained recognition from the Local Authority for delivering a robust safeguarding action plan.
- ***Governors*** continue to uphold the values of the school and continue to hold the leadership team to account, this may involve asking you about the policy section on the website.
- ***Children*** continue to follow the Golden Rules/Expectations and uphold the school's values.
- ***Staff*** continue to uphold the vision and values of the school and promote the British Values.

The school's vision is '***The Continual Pursuit of Excellence***' and the school's values are '**Respect**' (everyone, everything and everywhere) '**Resilience**', '**Creativity**' and '**Collaboration**'.

British Values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and Individual Liberty.

Understanding Our Reward System

Celebration Assembly continues to recognise children's achievements in their House Teams. This aspect of the school curriculum promotes the school's values and the Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) dimension that underpins the school community.

Children are awarded with a Busbridge Bear stamp in their **achievement card** for completing learning objectives, which are totalled up by the House captains who demonstrate the importance of

understanding Maths in context. House captains meet to propose ideas for each milestone total and take this to each class where children then vote to decide.

A **raffle ticket** is given by any member of staff who recognise children demonstrating the school's values through gestures such as being kind to friends, helping others and going over and above with excellent behaviour. These raffle tickets then go into a bag and the previous trophy winner helps to pull out the winner for that week. As well as being an excellent maths lesson in probability it also provides an opportunity to develop resilience, especially if children always try but never win the coveted trophy!

Initiatives following the Parent Survey

Resulting from the survey and how to feedback to better inform families about school life (especially those who joined the school in September) there are further developments in the pipeline.

- A revised family handbook is being developed and would benefit from the input of parents who are new to the school. If you feel this is something that you could help with, then please contact the school office.
- A parent friendly version of the school priorities since OFSTED will be available soon and will summarise the progress, successes and achievements so far.
- Improved communications, already in place from school, generally fall into these categories:
 - Newsletters to signpost, celebrate and advise.
 - Bulletins to feature and inform e.g. Wellbeing.
 - Emails to remind, request or clarify.
 - Website to promote school life and events, compliance and information for the public.
 - Instagram for instant publicity.
 - PTA use classlist as a platform for communication about events. Class reps use WhatsApp as an additional mechanism for reminders. (A friendly reminder to remember to use this appropriately).

New Build Project

- Discussions about the opening of the new build are happening and plans for an event are also being given consideration.
- This is a major achievement in the school's history since joining South Farnham Educational Trust in April 2022.
- The final stages of ordering equipment, deciding layouts and plans to move Year 2 into the new classrooms are well underway.
- The actual dates for this timeline are undecided at present.

Priorities in the School's Development Plan

- A draft version is being presented at the next Governor's meeting and a parent friendly version will be published.
- It will detail the headline achievements since the last inspection so that you are aware of the progress in all areas.
- The headings will be the same as those which are used in OFSTED's Education Inspection Handbook:
 - Leadership and Management
 - Quality of Education
 - Personal Development
 - Behaviour and Attitudes
 - Early Years and Safeguarding will run throughout.