



## Newsletter – 28th March 2024

Dear Families,



Wow, this term has absolutely flown by! It has been such an exciting term where the children have made excellent leaps in their learning and have continued to blossom as individuals. It is hard to believe we are now approaching the Summer Term which will be the final one for our Year 2 children!

There has been lots to celebrate this term including Book Week and the Easter competition as just a couple of examples. We are also eagerly anticipating the Bake Off winners who will be revealed via our school Instagram.



#### 1 - The Continual Pursuit of Excellence

The Summer term brings, along with some much needed sunshine, lots of events and opportunities. You can read about some of the events below.

For now we wish you a happy, healthy and safe Easter break where we hope you will be able to enjoy some family time and hopefully a few Easter eggs!

Kind regards,

Mr. Heatley & Mrs. Jones

### Busbridge Book Week



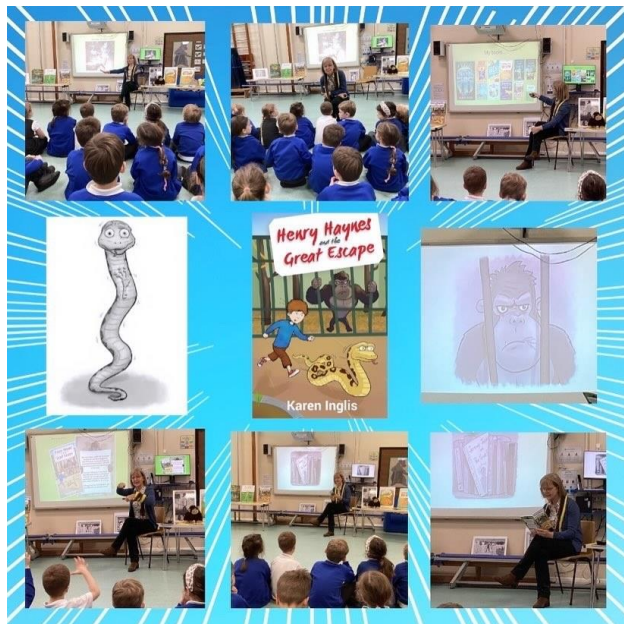
Book Week was a roaring success. Thank you so much to all those families who have given us such fantastic feedback. We loved it as much as the children. We hope that the children have made some lasting memories, as well as being inspired to read.



2 - Our ever popular Masked Reader event. The children were so excited to meet Poodle, Plantpot and Dragon!







One of the highlights was our Author visit from Karen Inglis. Karen inspired the children with her tales and stories. Karen said this about the day "It was lovely to visit Busbridge Infants last week - what a magical setting! Thank you so much for having me. The children were a delight and so engaged."

Bedtime story continues to be magical for everyone involved. There are already discussions about how we can make this event even better. A thank you to our fabulous "Masked Readers" who put themselves

out of their comfort zone (apart from our resident actress Mrs Scully) to make this such an exciting and memorable event for the children. Poodle, Plantpot and Dragon; we salute you!

Our school value of **'Creativity'** appeared to flow from families through to children because the costume parade for World Book Day was fabulous. What a treat for us crayons!

A final thank you to the PTA for organising the Busbridge Infant Bouncing for Books. The children found their inner bounce and have helped to raise money for the refurbishment of our school library. Payments can still be made for this event.

## Easter Celebration at Busbridge Church







What a lovely service we had on Tuesday at Busbridge Church! This was our first event at the Church for our Reception families and what a success it was. It was wonderful to see how proud the families were of their children and the joy that children's singing brings to us all.

Thank you to our friends at the Church for leading our assembly and to all our staff who contributed to such a heart warming time. A special thank you to Mrs Beamer and Miss Chamberlain for leading the singing group, who brought a tear to lots of our eyes. What performers!

## Easter Competition

It was a splendid turn out for the Easter competition. There was such a vast array of gardens, hats, masks and writing. This is such a great opportunity to see the children's individuality and creativity. It was such a difficult job deciding on the winners and there were so many entries that we had to choose a few "special mentions" too! All the children got to view the wonderful creations and celebrate each others' success. The House Captains then helped Mrs. Jones to decide on the winning entries for each category. It is always a difficult decision to choose a few winners. This is a good lesson for one of our school values of '**Resilience**' when we have worked hard on something but haven't won.

Congratulations to the following children:

### **Easter Gardens**

**Winners - Zadie, Oscar & Nuri.**

**Runners Up - Jack G, Monty & Olivia C.**

**Special mention - Grace and Lily C for their collaborative creation.**





### **Easter Hats**

**Winners - Elspeth, Matilda & Esme.**

**Runners up - Skylar, Josh & Jack G.**

**Special mentions to - Myla for her humorous creation and Rose for her originality.**







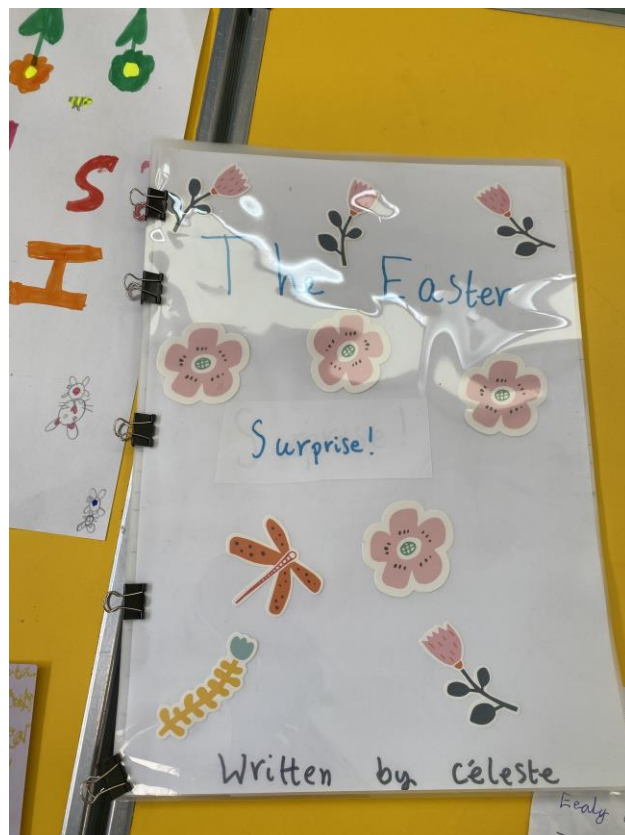
### **Easter Writing**

**Winners - Henry E, Celeste & Zola.**

**Runners Up - Adam, Orla & Joshua.**

Eggs  
Adventure  
Spring  
Treats  
Egg hunt  
Rebirth

I like spring because  
it's sunny and there  
are daffodils, which are  
mummy's favorite.  
Spring is pease-pool.







Behind the scenes at school we have a working group who are developing an action plan to further promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion otherwise recognised as EDI. We are committed at Busbridge Infant School to being an inclusive school which ensures there are equal opportunities for all children to respect and celebrate the diverse lives of people (including themselves) living in modern day Britain. We believe that everyone in our school is of equal value.

As part of this we would like to celebrate the heritage of our families. One of our actions for this is to celebrate all the different languages that are spoken at home by our families. Therefore, if you speak a language at home (other than English) please tell us what this is by completing this form [here](#).

## Science Week



British Science Week starts in school on Monday 22nd April and will be a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). The week's theme will be 'Time' and we will be carrying out experiments looking at different ways we tell the time from sand to the stars, and hands-on projects including exploring food chains and chemical reaction times.

We will also be looking at "Smashing Stereotypes". Who do you think of when you think of a scientist? We want to challenge long standing stereotypes with the aim of encouraging more young people from all backgrounds to see themselves as scientists. If you think you can help with this, we would love hear from you, so please get in touch with the school office.



## Family Events in School for Summer



As a part of our commitment to getting families into school more regularly, we will be hosting two events for families this half term. These are as follows:

**"Stay & Read"** returns from Monday 22nd April to Thursday 25th April. Following your feedback, this will be happening on a termly basis. This was such a popular and beneficial event. The children loved it, we loved it and so did you! Therefore, this will have the same format as previously where we will be asking families to sign up for one of the sessions. The sessions will start at drop off (from 8.45am) and finish at 9.10am. We are asking that just one adult per child signs up due to space in the classrooms. If you have multiple children at school then there are several options for you: one adult can come in on two separate occasions, multiple adults can sign up to multiple children (e.g. two siblings, two adults) or one adult can move between the siblings classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you and ask that you sign up [here](#).

On Friday 24th May we will be hosting our very first **"VIP Picnic"** As you are aware, throughout the year there are opportunities to celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparent's Day. However, at Busbridge Infant School we want to ensure that we are inclusive for the dynamics of our different families. To celebrate that, we will be holding a one off picnic for a VIP in your family. This could be a



Grandparent, Godparent, Parent, an Auntie or an Uncle. Plans are still being drawn together for this day but for now we would like you to save the date and the planned start time (2.15pm).

## Events and Dates for Summer Term 1





Tuesday 16th April - First day of Summer Term.

Wednesday 17th April - Woodland starts for Year 1.

Week commencing Monday 22nd April - Woodland Starts for Reception and Year 2- see website for individual classes.

Week commencing Monday 22nd April - Busbridge Science Week.

Monday 22nd April - Swimming Starts for Year 2 children.

Monday 22nd April - Thursday 25th April - Stay & Read 8.45am - 9.10am.

Tuesday 30th April - Phonics Screen Information Meeting for Year 1 families at 9am.

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday.

Friday 24th May - VIP Picnic.

## Safeguarding



During the holidays (or indeed at anytime) if you have a concern about a child or young person being abused or neglected or an adult who is concerned about a young person's safety and wellbeing, you can contact Surrey Children's Services 'Single Point of Access' also known as CSPA. Lines are open between 9am to 5pm from Monday to Friday.

The telephone number for CSPA is 0300 470 9100 or for out of hours the emergency number is 01483 517898.

## Attendance & Punctuality



A reminder to all families that our gates open at 8.45am where children are welcomed into their classrooms. During this time children are able to settle in for the day by putting away their belongings, changing their choosy books and participating in an early morning activity.

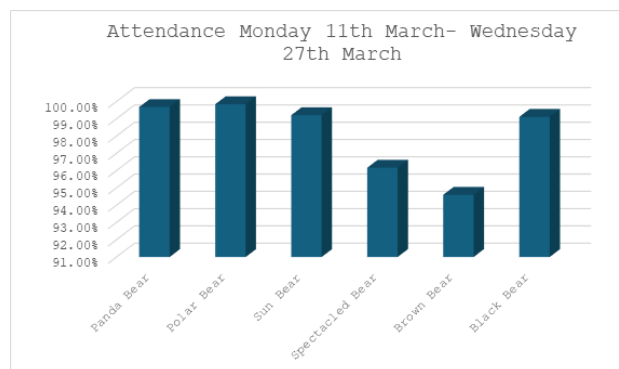
Gates will close at 8.55am sharp to allow all children time to settle before the registration at 9am. A punctual start to the day means that children are "ready to learn" and feel more settled for the day ahead.

Attendance matters and is closely monitored every term. As a result we may contact you with an invitation to see if we can help to improve your child's attendance.

***In line with government guidelines, please note that any holiday during school term time will not be recorded as authorised. Please see our school [attendance policy](#) (under Admissions) for further details about the issue of penalty notices.***

If you think that a child is in immediate danger you should call 999

## Attendance chart 11.3.24 to 27.3.24



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR 2023 -2024

### 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

## Dates for the Academic Year 2024-2025



### **AUTUMN 2024**

Start of Term: 5 September 2024  
Term: 20 December 2024

Half Term: 28 October to 1 November 2024

End of

### **SPRING 2025**

Start of Term: 6 January 2025  
End of Term: 4 April 2025

Half Term: 17 to 21 February 2025

### **SUMMER 2025**

Start of Term: 22 April 2025  
End of Term: 22 July 2025

Half Term: 26 May to 30 May 2025

*\* Inset Days for 2024-2025 are Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September 2024 and Monday 21st July & Tuesday 22nd July 2025.*