



Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2017

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to term with lots of exciting learning happening!

On Thursday, we welcomed colleagues from Birmingham Music Service, ABRSM (Exam Board of the Royal Schools of Music) and the Department for Education including Nick Gibb, the Minister of State for Schools. The purpose of the visit was to showcase the fantastic music provision available to Birmingham schools and use of the Classic 100 app. We were proud to have been one of only two schools approached to host the visitors and it is a testament to our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on the arts in our curriculum. The visit was a great success, with Nick Gibb checking on our times tables, history and geography knowledge and joining in with a year 3 music lesson using the hand bells.

Jobs January is in full swing and we have welcomed visitors to talk to the children about the work that they do, as well as the skills and attributes required to be successful. So far, we have heard from a jewellery designer, a medical historian, a make up artist, a social worker, the Royal Ballet company, an electrician, a civil engineer, a doctor, a theatre technician and a talk about online safety.

Huge thanks to all of our visitors so far, and we still have other speakers to look forward to as the month goes on. Our school blog has details and pictures of some of our workshops so far.

Mrs Williams

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOL

In exceptional circumstances, schools are closed because of severe weather conditions. In the rare event of extreme weather conditions (eg: heavy snowfall) across the whole of the city, the Local Authority (LA) may, as previously agreed, issue central advice to close schools maintained by the LA. A central decision on whether advice to schools should recommend whether to close or stay open will be made by the Strategic Director for People in consultation with the Cabinet Minister for Children and Family Services. Any such advice affecting schools will be issued by 6.45 a.m. at the latest. The advice will then be available **online** through Heart FM, Capital and Smooth Radio and will also be put on the City Council disruption website, Twitter service and Facebook. On occasion though, an individual school may be closed due to severe weather conditions or because of a particular problem, e.g. burst pipes or a heating breakdown. These announcements are also put on the school website, school text messaging service and twitter.



TERM DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

	Opens	Closes
Spring Term	Weds 4th Jan	Fri 17th Feb
Summer Term	Mon 27th Feb	Fri 7th April
Summer Term	Mon 24th April	Fri 26th May
Summer Term	Mon 5th June	Fri 21st July

YEAR 6 PARENTS - Advance Notice:

Standard Attainment Tests (SATs) will take place from **Monday 8th to Friday 12th May 2017 (inclusive)** for all Year 6 children.

LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR REQUIRED

Lunch Time Supervisor role, ensuring the safety and welfare of children at lunchtime.
Monday

Friday 12 noon – 1.22 p.m. term time only. £8.14 - £9.75 per hour. To start Monday 27th February or earlier if possible.

Contact the school office on 675 9098 for further details and an application form.

Deadline for applications is Friday 27th January.

MUSIC NEWS

Happy New Year to all our musicians. We would like to welcome back our woodwind teacher Delyth Taylor, who will be teaching flute and clarinet on Mondays and Thursdays.

Peripatetic Music Lessons -

Music lessons have now started for the term and the school should have received payments for this half term. The fees for this half term are £31.50.

Young Voices Concert - Friday 27th January I'm glad to tell you that the tickets have now arrived for this event, and I will distribute these to parents next week. We are expecting the T-shirts to arrive shortly. A letter with details of the day, travel arrangements etc. will be handed out at next week's choir rehearsal.

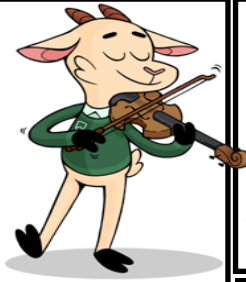
Please note that there will be **no choir practice on Friday 27th January** for those choir members not attending the Young Voices concert. There will also be **no choir rehearsal on February 17th**, the last day of this half term.

Year 3 Choir - is now up and running for the term and is being run by Miss Miles on Wednesdays at 12.30 in 3M. All are welcome.

Year 5 Arts Award - Year 5 have now completed their compositions on the topic of 'pollination' and are busy investigating arts organisations within Birmingham. This work will be added to their Arts Log and be submitted for their Explore Arts Award.

Year 4 Ukulele Lessons - Please note that Mr Reed will now be teaching all Year 4 classes the ukulele on **Fridays**.

If you do have any music queries at all please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office or on c.vaughan@bnvillej.bham.sch.uk.



ST BASIL'S COLLECTION

We are collecting items for St Basil's this term. St Basil's helps homeless young people to get back on their feet. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries and clean bedding. Find out more about what they do at <http://www.stbasils.org.uk/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bournville Rugby Club are looking for mini and junior players. <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/bournvillerfc> for more information.

Dixonian's Rugby Club are offering a "try rugby for free" session to males, with any level of rugby experience, aged 18 plus. The session is free and will be held at Rowheath playing field on Saturday 14th Jan at 11.00am.

GOVERNING BOARD NEWS

Our Governing Board will continue to meet this term. The dates of the committee meeting are listed below:

16th January	Pupil Welfare
23rd January	Buildings
10th February	Curriculum & Standards
13th February	Finance
2nd March	Pay & Governance
13th March	Staffing
30th March	Full Governing Board

ATTENDANCE

High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to class 6C for achieving 98.8% week ending 16th December and to classes 3S, 4R and 5E for achieving 100% week ending 6th January. Congratulations also to Class 3S who won the trophy for the best class attendance figure for the month. The December figure was 98.8%. They will keep the trophy in their classroom. Well done 3S.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Parents and carers are invited to:

5E's Assembly on Friday 3rd February at 9.00am.

There will be coffee, squash and biscuits available after the assembly so that you can spend a few minutes with your child.

DATES FOR DIARIES

- 25.01.17 - Year 6 Imperial War Museum trip
- 27.01.17 - Young Voices Concert
- 30.01.17 - Year 5 Birmingham Buddhist centre
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- 02.02.17 - Year 3 Parent Residential Meeting
- 15.03.17 - Parents' Evening - 5.45-8.15pm
- 16.03.17 - Parents' Evening - 3.45-6.15pm
- 24.03.17 - Red Nose Day

ABSENCE

Mrs Short is our Attendance Manager and she monitors the attendance of all the children on a daily basis to ensure their safety and well being. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school before 10.00 a.m. on the first day of absence. You can also contact Mrs Short regarding any absence/attendance matters via email:

Attendance@bnvillej.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for your co-operation.