



Bournville Junior School

Newsletter

Friday 16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

We are at the end of a very busy term and Christmas is almost upon us.

In assembly today, David Roberts talked to us about the brilliant year that the PTA have had. We are thrilled to announce that this year's donation to the school is £8000. The money raised is going towards the development of the playground and we are very grateful to all our parents and friends of the school who have donated time and energy to the PTA events.

Last week we said 'good luck' to Jess Mattocks, one of our Assistant Head Teachers, who broke up for her maternity leave. The baby is due at the end of December and Miss Mattocks is enjoying a well-earned rest before her arrival.

We have to say goodbye to Luke Renwick today. Mr Renwick is a much loved Year 4 teacher who will be missed, but he has a fabulous teaching opportunity in Switzerland to tempt him away from Bournville. We wish him all the best and hope he will pop in to see us whenever he is back in Birmingham.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Robin Adkins to the BJS team after Christmas. He has already spent an enjoyable two days with 4R this week and will be taking the class full time in the new term.

We will also be welcoming Wendy Rudge back from her maternity leave in January. She will be sharing responsibility for 4RHP with Mrs Hennessy-Priest and we are looking forward to having her back.

We also say goodbye to Gale Atkins, our senior lunch time supervisor, who is leaving us to continue her studies. She will be greatly missed on the playground. We are pleased to announce that Tonya Elton will be stepping up into the role, who all of the children already know well.

I would like to wish you a fun filled holiday and a peaceful New Year. To our families and friends celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah, we hope you all enjoy the festivities. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 4th January.

Mrs Williams

Tuesday 3rd January—Teacher Training Day
School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 4th January

Other news

Medication in School

If your child has an inhaler in school, we ask that it be taken home at the end of term in order for it to be cleaned and renewed as necessary. Any essential medication (eg epipen) also needs to come home to be checked and updated as necessary. Please ensure that your child returns these items to the first aid room again next term if they are still needed. Thank you.

PE Kits

We would like to remind you that all PE kits should be taken home at the end of term to be washed. Please remember to send them back into school at the start of the new term in January.

LOST PROPERTY

All named lost property has now been returned but we still have a large number of unnamed items. Please could you take some time over the Christmas break to label your child's uniform.

Attendance

High Attendance=High Achievement

Congratulations to class 3S for achieving 99.4% week ending 2nd December and to class 3S for achieving 100% week ending 9th December. Well done 3S. Congratulations also to Class 3M who won the trophy for the best class attendance figure for the month. The November figure was 98.7%. They will keep the trophy in their classroom. Well done 3M. Our attendance raffle was drawn today. Congratulations to the lucky winners who each received a £25 Amazon voucher.

Year 3 Ava M-T 3M

Year 4 Thomas R 4R

Year 5 Skye-Rose 5E

Year 6 Mary H 6C

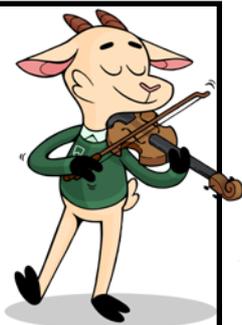
Pupils who have been achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term will be presented with their certificates when we return after Christmas.

Music news

Choir will resume on Friday 6th January.

Peripatetic music lessons will commence week beginning Monday 9th January. There will be six lessons for the first half term up to Friday 17th February costing £37.80. There are also six lessons for the second half term, 27th February—7th April costing £37.80. Total cost for the term £75.60.

Bournville Mixed Ensemble Area Band will commence on January 11th and finish on March 22nd.



'Behind the Stable Door'

Thank you to our amazing staff team and children for making our Christmas production so memorable. It was so lovely to see so many of you at this very special annual event.

School Meals

For those of you wishing to pay in advance for school meals for the next half term, Wednesday 4th January to Friday 17th February, the cost will be £70.95 which can be paid via your parentpay account. Cost of opt-in meals will vary according to choice as per letter.

FSM Eligibility Checking Service

We have had a few enquiries regarding Free School Meal eligibility. **To clarify, if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit you do not qualify for Free School Meals, unless you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.** To check if you qualify for free school meals please complete the FSM Eligibility form available from the school office or visit www.link2ict.org/fsm. We are automatically updated by the Government database if your circumstances change.

Governing Board News

Each of our six committees have met this term, as well as the full Governing Board meeting earlier this month. The six committees are called Pupil Welfare, Buildings, Pay & Governance, Finance, Staffing, and Curriculum & Standards. Each committee considers a different section of the School Development Plan and then continues to monitor it through the school year. Below is an overview of things discussed at each meeting.

Pupil Welfare – A number of statutory policies were discussed including our Safeguarding policy, Complaints policy and Freedom of information policy and schedule. This committee also receives reports on attendance, holiday leave applications and updates on admissions and appeals

Buildings – We were pleased to welcome representatives from BVT to this meeting. We discussed the minutes from the Safety advisory group, accessibility and a report from Mr York, our Buildings Services Supervisor.

Pay & Governance – In the autumn term, this committee considered the appraisal of school staff as well as the school's strategic direction.

Finance – This committee has a number of responsibilities regarding the finances of the school. An expenditure update was presented, as well as the Charging and Remissions Policy being considered.

Staffing – A large number of statutory policies were presented to this committee, including: Dignity at Work (previously Anti-harassment), Grievance Procedure, Teacher Appraisal Policy & Procedure, and Disciplinary procedures. The staffing structure was also presented.

Curriculum & Standards – In the autumn term, this committee has to consider and challenge the previous set of SATs results. There are also reports on the spending of Pupil Premium and Sports Premium – both of which can be found on our website.

Anne Cull, Chair of Governors

PTA

What a great end to the year! Thanks to all those that came along and made the Christmas Fair a success, and to those that gave up their time to run the stalls and activities. It was great to see the event so well attended. A particular thanks to Abbi Nash, Alison Martin, Justine Raven and Michelle Neal and the wider team for pulling it all together, not only with the Fair, but throughout the year as well. Thanks also to those that were on the dream team for the Junior Disco last week.

In fact there isn't anyone that we aren't going to thank, as if you are reading this you are more than likely to have supported the PTA activities in one way or another throughout 2016, either by attending the events, buying items from the shop, ordering DVDs, Christmas Cards, sending your kids to the disco or volunteering your time to make fun things happen around School!

As a result of this support, the total the PTA can donate to both Schools is £14,000 with £6,000 going to Infants and £8,000 going to Juniors. The funds will go towards kitting out the Bus in Infants playground and the development of the new teaching spaces in the Juniors playground.

Next year we will be looking at bringing more parent volunteers closer to specific activities to share out the tasks so that the PTA can continue to be both as active as it has been, and sustainable with more core volunteers. We are particularly looking for parents that love admin tasks to help with processing event tickets sales and Christmas card orders. Also parents that love mass catering - particularly BBQs. Lucette, who oversees the School Shop, will also be looking for new volunteers to ensure that the Year 6 Shop Team can continue to run and develop the Shop and all the enterprise activities that have emerged from having that resource available to them. Have a think and if you are keen please say hello!

In the meantime, have a great Christmas, and see you in 2017 ready for another full year of PTA activities!

Quick Updates

- Santa Photos from Christmas Fair are in book bags today
- Congratulations if you are raffle prize winner. All winners have been contacted.
- Behind the Stable Door DVDs will be available in January from the School Shop priced at £5 each
- The calendar of events is now on our website at <https://bournvillehsa.wordpress.com/calendar>

Community News

Advent-Christmas—Epiphany at St Francis Church

Sunday 18th December—Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24th December—Christmas Eve

6.00pm Carols on the Green

11.15pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December—Christmas day

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Crib Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

Sunday 1st January 2017

8.15am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

