



# Bournville Junior School

## Newsletter

18th November 2016

Dear Parents,

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to BJS. The fair will be in the school hall. The opening times are as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3.30—4.00 pm and on Wednesday 8.30—9.00 am. This is a great opportunity to browse a selection of book types with your child and explore books from different authors.

Your child has had the opportunity to sit down with their class teacher and discuss their learning targets for reading, writing and maths as well as a target for learning behaviours. You will find a copy of their targets in their planners and we appreciate your support as partners in your child's learning.

On Friday 25th November the children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in return for an item for our school tombola for the PTA Christmas Fair.

Mrs Williams

### Other news

Reminder—pupils in Year 4 will be having their individual, sibling and class photographs taken on Thursday 24th November.

**Children in Need**—Thank you to everyone who wore something spotty today in aid of Children in Need. The total raised was £484.87. Thank you to everyone who donated.

**Jobs January**—We are preparing for Jobs January (January 2017). In the past we have had support from over 35 different adults, representing a diverse range of jobs and professions, who were prepared to come in and share their experiences of work with the children. This is a fabulous opportunity to inspire the next generation and we would welcome representatives from as many different jobs as possible. If you could help in any way please contact Mr Evans via the school office.

**School Crossing Linden Road**— We thought you would like advance notice that as from Monday 28th November there will be no crossing warden on the bottom crossing by the Infant School entrance.



### Attendance

#### High Attendance=High Achievement

Congratulations to classes 4G for achieving 100% week ending 4th November and to classes 3S and 5E for achieving 100% week ending 11th November. Well done to you all. Congratulations also to Class 6C who won the trophy for the best class attendance figure for the month. The October figure was 98.9%. They will keep the trophy in their classroom. Well done 6C.

### PTA news

The Nutcracker Christmas Fair 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11:00 - 14:00 - it's going to be great! Have lunch in the Café - turkey baps, hot dogs, sandwich grab bags, samosas, hot drinks and cakes and then enjoy crafts, games, House Captain activities, 17 designer/maker stalls, visit Santa and his team in the Grotto, and new for this year the "Gift Room". We have brought a whole stack of presents appropriate for kids to give to their parent/carers. They have to go in to the Gift Room on their own, pick from the selection and wrap it! We also have a raffle running throughout December with prizes donated by the designer/maker stall holders and local businesses. Pre-order your Nutcracker Adventure Tickets here

<http://bournvillejunior.org.uk/forms/> - order as many as you like (they are free!) and have them delivered through book bags ready for the Fair!

### PTA Drinks

Christmas Drinks is instead of Dads' Drinks this month, and we are going to the Bristol Pear, 25th November to watch a couple of local bands "Electric Soup" and "Jack Bryne". Doors at 8:00pm, free entry. Join us if you can!

### Music news

So we enter what must be one of the busiest times of the year for our musicians. The whole school is working extremely hard learning their Christmas music and lines for our production of 'Behind the Stable Door'. A letter was sent home this week to all children with details of our carol service. We would be delighted if as many children as possible could come to the evening performance and the children are more than welcome to come dressed as a character from the Christmas story. A letter with details about the concert for St Mary's Hospice on Saturday 26th November was sent home today. If there are any parents who are willing to help on the day, please contact Mrs Vaughan via text or email. Many thanks.



If your child would be interested in learning the oboe from January 2017, please let the office know and a try out can be arranged.

### Free School Meals

You may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child if you get one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (**provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190**)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

To see if you qualify for free school meals please complete the FSM Eligibility form available from the school office or visit [www.link2ict.org/fsm](http://www.link2ict.org/fsm)

### Head Lice

We would ask you to check your child's hair on a regular basis and inform the school office if you do find your child has head lice. Pupils may come into school once their hair has been treated.

### Dates

W/c 21st November	-	Book Fair
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	-	School Photographs Year 4
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	-	PTA Non-uniform day
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	-	St Mary's Hospice Christmas Bazaar
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Google Expeditions
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	-	PTA Christmas Fair 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Year 6 SATs Workshop
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	-	School Council Parliament visit
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	-	PTA Junior School disco
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Carol Service St Francis Church – 7.00 p.m.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Carol Service St Francis Church – 10.00 a.m.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	-	School closes for the Christmas break

### Community News

Kings Norton Boys' School are holding their Christmas Fayre on Friday 25th November from 6—8.00 p.m. A wide variety of different craft stalls including cakes, wooden gifts, retro toys, cards, stationery and lots more will be available. There will also be refreshments and musical entertainment. Admission 50p adults, children free.

*Mary's Hospice Christmas Bazaar Saturday 26th November from 10.00 a.m.—2.00 p.m. Birmingham St Mary's Hospice Rubery Fundraising Group and Bromsgrove Ladies Circle will be hosting the annual Christmas Bazaar at Selly Oak Methodist Church, Langley's Road. There are lots of local crafters booked to display their items as well as a St Mary's pop-up shop. There will be a children's craft corner and Elsa from Frozen will be there all day to entertain the children. The local Round Table will be arriving with Santa on his sleigh at 10.30 a.m. At 10.45 a.m, Bournville Junior School Choir will be singing followed by the hand bell ringers. The guests of honour this year will be the donkeys from the Donkey Sanctuary who will be there from 11.00 a.m-1.00 p.m.*

BJS parent, Magdalen Gorringer is co-ordinating a performance of classical and contemporary interpretations of the Indian dance forms bharatanatyam and kathak, If I Could Reach Home... The performance features BBC Young Dancer 2015 South Asian dance category winner, Vidya Patel, and includes a new piece based on poems written by a group of women asylum seekers. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.00 p.m. in Rowheath Pavilion, Bournville £6 (£4 Concessions) Tickets can be bought at Bournville Community Hub, or at [rowheathpavilion.co.uk/if-i-could-reach-home-friday-2nd-december-2016](http://rowheathpavilion.co.uk/if-i-could-reach-home-friday-2nd-december-2016)



