



Bournville Junior School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd December 2016

Dear Parents,

Thank you to 5S for their fantastic assembly this week; the children performed very well, sharing their learning with us all. We are very proud of them.

The weather has definitely turned colder this week! Can I remind you to ensure that your children have appropriate kit in school for P.E. in line with our uniform policy, as lessons are continuing whenever possible. We advise that a pair of tracksuit bottoms is added to their kit at this time of year, as well as a pair of socks if your child wears tights to school.

Huge thanks to all parents, staff and friends of the school who have volunteered their time to help make the Nutcracker themed PTA Christmas Fair possible this year. We look forward to seeing you there tomorrow between 11am and 3pm – it promises to be a great success!

Mrs Williams

Other news

Videos to support your child's calculation fluency

It can be difficult for parents and others at home to support children in practising calculation; methods may be different from those studied when parents attended primary school themselves. So, we have created a comprehensive bank of videos for each year group that model the methods taught here at school.

Search: Bournville calculations

Online Safety

There is a new app called 'Dumsmash' which is a video messaging app where people can upload themselves singing over famous songs and then choose to share them. It is not intended for children under 18. However there are some primary school children utilising this app. Within the Q&A section of the app there is a question posed by someone asking whether or not they should upgrade to 'Dumsmash 2'. It says: 'Dumsmash 2' has nothing to do with 'Dumsmash' but it a malware app that hides itself on phones and then pushes users to inappropriate content. As soon as it is set up, the icon deletes itself and runs in the background without the user's knowledge.

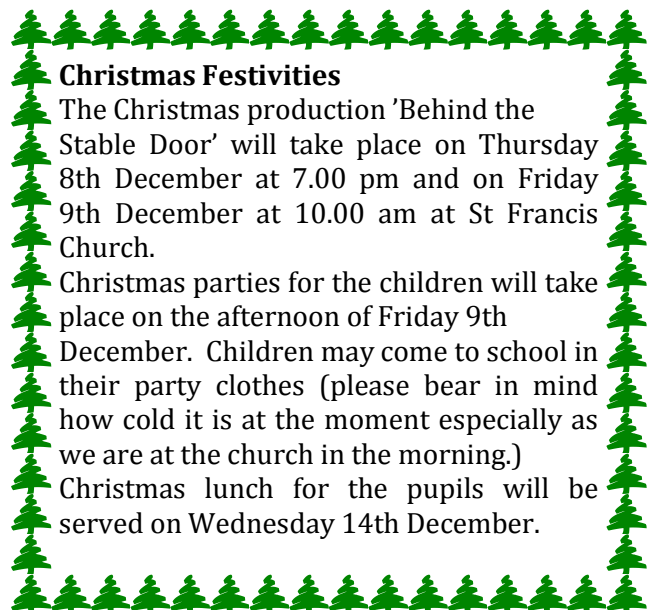
Musical.ly- allows users to post videos. Viewers can leave unfiltered feedback on the site.



Attendance

High Attendance=High Achievement

Congratulations to class 3M for achieving 100% week ending 18th November and to class 5S for achieving 99.1% week ending 25th November. Well done to you all. Our attendance raffle, which is drawn at the end of every term, gives children who have attended school every day during each week of term a chance to win a £25 Amazon voucher. Their names are put into the Year Group attendance box each week. The raffles will be drawn at the end of this term.



Christmas Festivities

The Christmas production 'Behind the Stable Door' will take place on Thursday 8th December at 7.00 pm and on Friday 9th December at 10.00 am at St Francis Church.

Christmas parties for the children will take place on the afternoon of Friday 9th

December. Children may come to school in their party clothes (please bear in mind how cold it is at the moment especially as we are at the church in the morning.)

Christmas lunch for the pupils will be served on Wednesday 14th December.



Music news

Our Christmas production of 'Behind the Stable Door' is proving very popular with the children and they can't wait to share with you the results of their hard work. The evening performance on Thursday December 8th at 7.00 pm will be particularly special, as Sarah Baker, the composer of our production will be coming as our guest of honour. The performance also takes place on Friday 9th December at 10.00 am.

St Mary's Hospice Christmas Bazaar Concert Saturday November 26th. - A huge well done to all those choir members you turned up to sing and hand bell ring last Saturday for St Mary's Hospice. The children performed brilliantly and we received a wonderful letter of thanks from the hospice, who raised £2600 on the day. Thank you also, to all the parents who turned up to support this event.

Midland Hospital Choir Concert December 16th—Due to a sudden withdrawal, we have agreed to supply a small choir for an afternoon concert being held in the Town Hall by the Midland Hospital Choir, conducted by James Jones, on December 16th. We will be taking the children by coach within school time and letters will be sent out next week.

Quadrangle Concert Wednesday 14th December—We will once again be taking our Year 6 choir members to sing for the residents of the quadrangle. If there are any parents who are able to help with this concert, please let me know. We will be leaving school at 1.30 pm and returning by the end of the school day.

No more choir rehearsals this term—There will be no more Friday choir rehearsals this term. Choir will start again on January 6th 2017. If your choir member is going to the Genting Arena, I would appreciate it if you could remind your child to practise the songs over Christmas. We will only have 3 rehearsals when we come back in January.

Peripatetic Music Lessons—Lessons have now stopped for the term and will start again week commencing 9th January. All lessons should now have been paid for this term.

Oboe Vacancies—If your child would be interested in learning the oboe from January 2017, could you please let the office know and a try out will be arranged.

Bournville Mixed Ensemble Area Band—The last rehearsal for this term will be on Wednesday 7th December. Rehearsals will start again on January 11th and finish on March 22nd.



PTA News

Thanks for all the donations for the tombola last Friday - it is very much appreciated! Loads of raffle prizes have also come forward from parent Designer-maker stall holders which is great. Christmas Fair—doors open at 10:45 am to see Santa arrive with the Infant choir singing, and last recommended entry is 13:45 to give you time to get around the event and enough time to see Santa up in the grotto in Junior School! It's free entry for all, even if you don't have a Nutcracker Adventure card. Over 45 volunteers have come forward which makes the job of running the event so much easier. See you for lunch on Saturday! Hope you enjoy what the team have done to both Schools! It is going to look amazing!

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 in January. Contact the school office on 675 9098 for further details and an application form. Deadline for applications is Friday 9th December.

A positive approach to working with children is essential, as is a commitment to our safeguarding procedures.

Dates

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| Saturday 3 rd December | - | PTA Christmas Fair 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. |
| Monday 5 th December | - | Year 6 SATs Workshop |
| Wednesday 7 th December | - | School Council Parliament visit |
| Wednesday 7 th December | - | PTA Junior School disco |
| Thursday 8 th December | - | Carol Service St Francis Church – 7.00 p.m. |
| Friday 9 th December | - | Carol Service St Francis Church – 10.00 a.m. |
| Friday 16 th December | - | School closes for the Christmas break |
| Tuesday 3 rd January | - | Teacher Training Day |
| Wednesday 4 th January | - | School re-opens for pupils |

