

Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 4th November Issue 4

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week after half term. I hope that our families celebrating Diwali have had a wonderful time together.

Letters inviting you to parents' evening were sent home on Monday. We are always very grateful for your partnership in your child's learning and progress and look forward to seeing you next week. Please remember that teachers have allocated 10 minutes for your appointment and if you feel that you will need longer to discuss anything, please let them know so that they can arrange to meet with you at another time – it is important that we run on time to be fair to all.

Year 5 have been working hard all term on a music project with Sarah Baker, composer in residence, and Mrs Vaughan. The inspiration has been the Pollination project and the finished song will be entered into a competition. This wonderful piece of music has been uploaded to our website, please have a listen and leave the children some feedback.

Mrs Williams

Other news BVT Christmas Tree Light Bulb Appeal

On the 18th October the House Captains sold biscuits in aid of the this appeal. A total of £132.88 was raised from the sale of these biscuits which were baked free of charge by the cooks in our school kitchen . A big thank you to our cooks and to you for your continued support.



We thought you may like advance notice that we are taking part in Children in Need on Friday 18^{th} November. In support of this event, we are asking the children and staff to come to school dressed in something spotty. In return for wearing non-uniform for the day, we would ask for a donation of £1.00 in aid of this very worthwhile cause.

Non-uniform Day Friday 25th November in return for Christmas Fair tombola prizes.

SATS Workshop

A Year 6 SATs Workshop for parents and Year 6 pupils will take place on Monday 5th December. Further details will follow shortly.

Attendance

High Attendance=High Achievement Congratulations to classes 6L for achieving 100% week ending 14th October and to classes 3S, 4R and 6C for achieving 99.4% week ending 21st October.

St Basil's collection

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our St Basil's collection throughout September and October. It was hugely successful and our donations are already supporting many young people in the Birmingham area.

We would also like to thank Claire Seddougui and Sandra Green from Co-wheels Car Club, a community car club based at the Bournville Community Hub, who kindly arranged for the delivery of our collection to St Basil's in

Digbeth. If you would like to know more about the work that they do, you can visit their websites at: www.carclubbrum.org.uk or www.co-wheels.org.uk

Our next collection for St Basil's will be early in the Spring term- don't forget to hold on to any leftover Christmas goodies!

National Anti-bullying Week — w/c 14/11/16

To preview the learning and discussions taking place in classrooms during this week., we have booked a theatre company to present a powerful message "The Power of One".

This performance will be taking place on Friday 11th November.

SEND Reviews

Reviews will be taking place with Mrs Spinks, Sendco and your child's class teacher on either Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th November. A letter will be sent out next week containing more details of dates and times.



Music news

We are delighted to announce, that in recognition of the breadth of music available and standards achieved at Bournville Junior School, we have been awarded Music Mark. This is a national association promoting music excellence in schools.



Due to membership of the school choir reaching nearly 80, we have decided to extend choir practice until 4.45 p.m on Friday's.

St Mary's Hospice Christmas Bazaar Choir and Hand bell Concert: Saturday November 26th— If you haven't returned your slip, please could you do so by Monday 7th November, as I need to plan the programme. A letter detailing the concert itself will be sent home next Friday. If there are any parents who are willing to help on the day, please could you let me know via text or email.

CBSO 'Spirit of Birmingham' Project—This exciting project got off to a brilliant start on October 14th with 34 children from Year 6 working with composer Eamonn O'Dwyer. We now have 2 further workshops scheduled for the group. The performance in the Symphony Hall on June 14th should be amazing.

Music Service Mixed Ensemble Area Band—This started this week and I was thrilled to see so many of our school musicians taking part. I was particularly pleased to see how welcoming our children were to musicians from other schools. This will, I'm sure prove a brilliant musical experience for the children. If you have any queries do email me at c.vaughan@bnvillej.bham.sch.uk.

PTA news

Friday 25th November—Non-uniform day in return for Christmas Fair tombola prizes. Christmas Fair 3rd December—Year 6 will be running activities in the Junior hall, parent designer makers will be setting up their stalls. We will have the Sugar Plum Cafe in Infant School and welcome Father Christmas with the Infant School choir - amongst many other exciting things to make the day fun for everyone! If you feel able to join the team of volunteers on the day to help run the event then please let us know on bournvillehsa@hotmail.co.uk.

Dates

Wednesday 9th November Parents' Evening 5.45 – 8.15 p.m. Thursday 10th November Parents' Evening 3.45 – 6.15 p.m.

Tuesday 15th November Year 5 Space Centre visit

Friday 18th November Book Fair

Friday 18th November Children in Need

W/c 21st November **Book Fair**

Thursday 24th November School Photographs Year 4 Friday 25th November PTA Non-uniform day

Saturday 26th November St Mary's Hospice Christmas Bazaar

Monday 28th November **Google Expeditions**

PTA Christmas Fair 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. Saturday 3rd December

Monday 5th December Year 6 SATs Workshop

Wednesday 7th December School Council Parliament visit

Wednesday 7th December PTA Junior School disco

Thursday 8th December Carol Service St Francis Church – 7.00 p.m. Friday 9th December Carol Service St Francis Church - 10.00 a.m.

Community News

Bournville Parish Church—Messy Church on Friday 11th November from 3.30—6.00 p.m. Join them for crafts, fun games, home-cooked family dinner, songs and more. All ages welcome. For details please contact Mandy on 243 8867.