



Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parents,

This week our new School Council met for the first time with Mrs Spinks to discuss what sorts of things they might be working on this year. These children have been chosen by their classmates as they demonstrate the skills and attributes that they want in their class representative and they should all feel very proud of being elected. Later this term, they will meet with various members of the school community to write an action plan which will be presented to Governors and be included in our School Development Plan. They will also get the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament in December and hopefully meet our local MP Steve McCabe.

Many of our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential visit last week, they came back tired and muddy but a good time was had by all. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to accompany the children.

This month we are focusing on the values of fairness and integrity with the children. We have talked about how we might demonstrate these values by:

- Playing by the rules
- Making sure that everyone gets an equal opportunity
- Standing up for others who need help
- Being honest
- Being reliable
- Doing the right thing (even when no-one is watching!)
- Being true to yourself and your values



We appreciate all of your support in reinforcing our school values in your conversations with your children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Williams

BIKEABILITY

This week and next week, Year 5 pupils are taking part in their Bikeability Level 1 & 2 courses. They've got off to a great start! The course starts with bike maintenance and skills practice on the playground before heading out onto the roads.

Year 6 pupils will also be offered the opportunity to take part in Bikeability in the summer term.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The new school council has now been elected and introduced to the whole school. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 5th October. Class Representatives for 2017/18 are:

6L Freya

6S James

6SW Jacob

5E Aoife

5JE Max

5T Isobel

4HP Luca

4A Constance

4G Michael

3A Ameila

3RB Eva

3S Jenna

B30 FOODBANK

On Wednesday, Nicola Human from B30 Foodbank launched this half-term's collection. We are collecting all non-perishable food items to support people in our community who rely on this valuable resource. This will be collected just before the half term break.

ATTENDANCE

High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to classes 3S, 4G, 4HP, 5JE and 5T for achieving **100%** week ending 22nd September and to class 3A for also achieving **100%** week ending 29th September. Congratulations to class 3A who have won the trophy for the best class attendance figure for the month. The September figure was 99.8%. They will keep the trophy in their classroom. Well done to you all!

LORD MAJOR'S CHARITY EVENT

On Friday 20th October we are supporting Councillor Anne Underwood and the Lord Mayor's Charity by inviting children to "dress down" and wear their own clothes for the day. We are suggesting that children bring in £1. Funds raised will support the Lord Mayor's three chosen charities: Dementia UK, Whizz-Kids and Cherished.

PLEASE NOTE

As from 15th October we will not be accepting any old pound coins. Please ensure that you do not send your child into school with any old coins for tuck/trips etc after this date.

LOST PROPERTY

We already have a large amount of unnamed lost property. Please ensure that all of your child's property is labelled, such as: uniform, PE kit, bag and coat.

REMINDER

Year 6 York Residential coffee club will take place on Monday 9th October at 3.30pm.

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Website: www.bournvillejunior.org.uk

MUSIC NEWS

Our musicians are certainly working hard at the moment and Mrs Taylor wanted to make a special mention of all her woodwind players, who are making amazing progress at the moment. Well done! Both choirs are now in full swing and working towards Young Voices and yes, you've guessed it, Christmas!



Peripatetic Music Lessons

Fees for this half term should now have been paid. As you know, we buy in instrument lessons from the Birmingham Music Service. Therefore if we do not receive payment, your child will not be able to continue to learn an instrument.

At the moment we do not have anymore spaces for instrument lessons but we're running a waiting list and will let parents know when spaces become available.

Bournville Area Band

REMINDER: If you have not signed up for the Music Service area band, please do so as a matter of urgency as places are limited. This band is open to anyone who has been learning an instrument for a year and is an ideal way to learn how to play as part of an ensemble. The band is free to join but you must pre-register as spaces are limited. To pre-register please follow this link <http://mailchi.mp/cbbd02994e11/area-ensembles-pre-register-book-a-place-today-before-30th-october>. The band runs on a Wednesday after school from 3.30–4.45pm and will begin on November 1st and run for 16 weeks.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir

Our choir is sounding fantastic! We have a number of singing engagements booked and although I will be sending out a letter asking for availability, please do note the dates:

2nd December 5–5.30 pm singing outside Bournville Hub as part of the BVT Christmas Celebrations

14th December 7pm–St Francis Church, School Carol Concert

15th December 10 am–St Francis Church, School Carol Concert

16th December 3 pm–4.30 pm–St Francis Church, guests of the Friends of Bournville Carillon.

Is your Choir CD not Working?

If your choir member's CD is not working, please email me at c.vaughan@bvillej.bham.sch.uk and I will send you a drop box link with all our choir resources.

Year 3 Choir

Many thanks to all those children who came to the Year 3 choir today. Please remember that this choir is free and all are welcome to join. The choir runs on Fridays from 8.30am.

Handbells

REMINDER: Our Year 6 hand bell group will be involved in both our Christmas Carol Concerts and also the concert on 16th December in St Francis Church, as guests of the Friends of Bournville Carillon.

If you do have any music queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email at

c.vaughan@bvillej.bham.sch.uk.

If your query concerns payment for music lessons please see Mrs. Short in the School office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NATIONAL PET SHOW— NEC, 4th & 5th November

Get up close to hundreds of different animals and enjoy **20% discount** with the code **SCHOOL20**

For more info call 01483791774 or email ellae@fitzallmedia.com

MESSY CHURCH - 17th November, 3.30-6.00pm

Bournville Parish Church, Sycamore Road

Messy crafts, games, home cooked family dinner, bible stories and more. Contact Mandy on 0121 243 8867 for more info.

BOURNVILLE YOUNG SINGERS - RECRUITING NOW!

Boys and girls aged 5-18yrs are invited to join this community choir at the Friends Meeting House on Saturday mornings.

For times and further information contact Anne Ellis on 0121 458 2331.

DATES FOR DIARIES

2nd Oct-13th Oct— Year 5 Bikeability course

18th Oct— Year 5 Harvington Hall Trip

20th Oct— Year 5 Harvington Hall Trip

20th Oct— Lord Mayor's Charity "dress down" day

20th Oct— School finishes for half term

30th Oct— School re-opens

30th Oct— Year 4 Swimming begins

20th Nov-24th Nov— Book fair

22nd Nov— Parents' Evening

23rd Nov— Parents' Evening

1st Dec— Non-uniform for tombola prizes

6th Dec— Christmas Disco

14th & 15th Dec—Christmas Production

15th Dec— Christmas Parties

22nd Dec— School finishes for Christmas break

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