



# Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. We hope that you found your meeting informative and it was great to hear such positive feedback about how well pupils have settled into their new year groups.

The weather has definitely turned colder this week! Please ensure that your children have appropriate kit in school for P.E. in line with our uniform policy, as lessons are continuing outside 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 normally wears tights to school.

On Friday 1st December 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. Please only send in new items, thank you.

We would like to invite all children to take part in our evening performance of 'Bethlehem the Musical' on Thursday December 14th at 7.00 p.m. It would be wonderful if all the children could come dressed as a character from the Nativity story.



Mrs Williams

### Severe Weather Closure

In exceptional circumstances, schools may have to close due to severe weather conditions. This decision is never taken lightly and the timing is informed by the weather forecast, assessment of the conditions and sometimes on the advice of the local authority. If we need to close the school, we will inform parents on radio stations, BBC WM and Free Radio and through our twitter account and school website. We will also let you know through our text message service, and therefore we ask parents to ensure that their phone numbers are up to date with the school office.

### Sumdog Competition

Congratulations to 3A for coming 3rd overall in the recent Birmingham Sumdog Competition.

They have won 3 months free subscription for the whole school. All 3 top positions for the whole of Birmingham were taken by children in our lower school. Many congratulations to Isabelle in 3A (3rd), Sarah in 4A (2nd) and Haiqa in 4A (1st).

We are very proud of you all.

### BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came to the Scholastic Book Fair this week. It has once again proved to be very popular. We will let you know how many free books the school has earned through the commission raised from your purchases.

### ATTENDANCE

#### High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to classes **4HP, 5T and 6S** for achieving **99.4%** week ending 10th November and to class **3RB** for achieving **100%** week ending 17th November.

**Well done to you all!**



**Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause last Friday. With your help, we raised a spotacular £435.55 which is a fantastic amount.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

**27th Nov**—4A Swimming begins for 2 weeks

**6th Dec**—SATS Parent Workshop

**6th Dec**— Christmas Disco

**9th Dec**— PTA Christmas Fair

**11th Dec**—School Council visit to Houses of Parliament

**14th & 15th Dec** – Christmas Production

**15th Dec**— Christmas Parties

**20th Dec**— Christmas lunch for pupils

**22nd Dec**— School finishes for Christmas holidays

**8th Jan**—School re-opens for pupils and staff

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## MUSIC NEWS

Our Christmas production of 'Bethlehem the Musical' is proving very popular with the children and they cannot wait to share with you the results of their hard work. The evening performance on Thursday December 14th at 7.00 p.m will be particularly special. Letters have been sent home asking for confirmation that all musicians, singers and actors can take part in the evening performance. If you have not returned your letter, could you please do so as a matter of urgency.



### Peripatetic Music Lessons

I would like to remind you that all fees for this term should now have been paid in full. If your child misses a lesson due to the instrument teacher being absent or a school trip, this lesson will be credited. All queries concerning payment for music lessons should be directed to Mrs Short in the school office and not the instrument teacher.

### Peripatetic Music Lessons – Stop or Swap?

If your child would like to stop having music lessons, please let the office know in writing by **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. If we do not receive any notification by then, your child **will not be able to stop until the end of the Spring Term**.

### Year 3 Choir and Year 4,5 and 6 Choir Replies

Many thanks to those parents who have returned their letter confirming which concerts their singers can attend. If you haven't returned your letter, please do so as soon as possible. Spare letters are available from the school office.

### Quadrangle Concert Monday 18th December

This year we will be taking some of our Year 6 choir members and also our hand bell ringers to sing/play 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 p.m. and returning by the end of the school day.

### Family Christmas Concert

The Friends of Bournville Carillon, who support our school hand bell group, have invited both school choirs, hand bell ringers and Max Walsh to perform at their Family Christmas Concert on Saturday 16th December, 3.00 p.m. at St Francis Church. The concert will be about an hour long and will also feature live streaming onto a big screen of Trevor Workman playing the Carillon. There will be audience carols and a raffle as well. Tickets cost £3 for adults and children go free. Tickets can be bought on the door, or from the Rest House, Louise's or contact Claire Vaughan 07879—404291. Please do come and support our school musicians and the Bournville Carillon if you can.

**If you do have any music queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [c.vaughan@bvillej.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.vaughan@bvillej.bham.sch.uk). If your query concerns payment for music lessons please see Mrs Short in the school office.**

## Christmas Lunch

The children are having a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Letters have been sent out to those children who currently bring sandwiches to school for you to book your child a school meal on this day. The form must be returned to school before **Friday 1st December**. Payment of £2.25 may be paid through ParentPay. There is no need to send any money in if your child is eligible for a free school meal. All forms must be sent into school so we may record accurate numbers on the system. Unfortunately, we cannot accept latecomers, as the food has to be ordered in advance.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – VIEWING CARDS

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to school, pictures are now available to view online. A viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures has been sent home with your child. **Discounted price before the Early Bird deadline of 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Christmas Order Deadline:

Sunday 10th December for Framed Prints & Phone Cases, Sunday 17th December for Unframed Prints, JPEGs on USB  
Thursday 21st December for JPEGs to download

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BOURNVILLE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER—2.00-7.30pm—FREE ENTRY**

A new and exciting Christmas Festival in and around Bournville Green. Featuring street food, live music, festive crafts, stalls, displays and the Christmas tree light switch on. For further details, visit [BVT.ORG.UK](http://BVT.ORG.UK) or call 0300 333 6540.

Mrs Williams