



Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2017

Dear Parents,

What a week we have had! Many thanks for your patience and understanding; we never take the decision to close school lightly. Mr Carter & Mr Heath worked really hard to clear as much of the snow as possible on Monday but unfortunately it wasn't enough to get the children in and out of the building safely on Tuesday. We really enjoyed seeing your pictures of the children enjoying the snow via twitter, but it was fantastic to see the children in school on Wednesday.

By Thursday we were facing terribly icy pavements and roads and we made the difficult decision to cancel the evening performance of 'Bethlehem – The Musical!' as we were concerned that parking and walking to the church in the dark was not going to be advisable with a yellow ice warning in place. It was fantastic to see so many of you at our morning performance today and we thank you for your support.

Our Christmas Fair went ahead between the days of snowy weather and was a wonderful success. We were so grateful to everyone that got involved and contributed to make it such a fantastic event. This term we have used PTA funds to purchase new books for our library and for children to read at home, this wouldn't have been possible without your support – thank you!

This afternoon, the children enjoyed their Christmas parties with traditional party games and lots of party food. Thank you for sending in such fantastic food for the children to enjoy, a great time was had by all.

Happy Hanukkah to all of our families and friends celebrating this week – we hope you are enjoying this special time of year.



Mrs Williams

POPPY APPEAL

A huge thank you to all of you who supported this year's Poppy Appeal. We raised £231.38 which will help the Royal British Legion to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

BOARD/CARD GAMES

Our quiet lunchtime club is very popular with the children but our current stock of board games and card/ Top Trump games is well worn and weary-looking. We would be grateful for any cards/ games in good condition which would be suitable for our 7-11 year olds at lunchtime. Thank you.

SATs WORKSHOP

It was lovely to see so many parents at our SATs workshop on Wednesday 6th. We hope you found it useful. A reminder that all the information covered during the sessions can be found on the School's website and that the link to the mathematics resources is goo.gl/WsnH1s.
Please complete the evaluation which has been sent electronically.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We would be grateful for donations of any good quality Christmas decorations you no longer want at home. As you know, staff stay behind to make the school look festive every year, but our current stock of decorations is looking rather shabby and needs updating. Thank you.

PTA NEWS

A great result from the Christmas Fair on Saturday! Not only did 30% of Year 6 children get involved, gaining experience in running stalls, activities and handling money; the total number of volunteers exceeded 80 which made the event a pleasure to run, and hopefully a smooth experience for the 450-500 people that came through the doors. We are extremely grateful to everyone that said "yes" to stepping up and helping out - dream team indeed!

With match funding from Barclays, the event raised over £4000 for the two schools which is extremely successful!

We are currently working out how much we can donate back to the Schools as we come to the end of the calendar year.

Thanks also to the 22 parents who volunteered for the Disco.

Christmas Cards/Tags/Mug/Coaster orders - we are expecting delivery as we write this. If they are not with you by the time you read this, then delivery has been delayed by the courier yet again. Sorry for any inconvenience that this delay may have caused you. It was not our intention to disappoint.

Raffle Tickets are on sale from the School Shop - £1 a ticket. Winning tickets will be drawn on Thursday 21st December in the Infant Hall straight after School and the list of prizes is impressive! full details at <https://bournvillehsa.wordpress.com/christmas/>

The 2018 PTA Event Calendar will be published early in the new year. The first event being the AGM where we will be seeking nominations for new Committee members to continue to run the PTA into 2018-19 academic year.

Thanks once again for a great 2017, have a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

David and the PTA Dream Teams!

MUSIC NEWS

Well done to all our choir members who sang in the Bournville Village Trust Christmas Festival on Saturday 2nd December; you were fantastic! It was wonderful to see so many parents there to support. It was truly a brilliant way to start our Christmas celebrations and we look forward to these continuing over the next few weeks.



PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS - This Term and Next

Due to the Christmas production rehearsals and performances, there will be no peripatetic music lessons week commencing 11th December but will resume as normal during the last week of term. Lessons will begin on Monday January 8th.

Further to our text message, **it is now too late for your child to stop having music lessons in school.** The next opportunity will be at the end of the Spring Term.

YEAR 3 CHOIR & YEAR 4, 5 and 6 Choir – NO MORE REHEARSALS THIS TERM

Friday 8th December was our last choir rehearsal for this term. Both Charlotte and myself would like to thank all the children for a fantastic term of singing. Both choirs have really come on and we look forward to hearing them in our concerts this term.

BETHLEHEM THE MUSICAL

Thank you to our amazing staff team and children for making our Christmas production so memorable. It was lovely to see so many of you at this very special annual event.

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 activity, please let me know. We will be leaving school at 1.30pm and returning by the end of the school day.

FOBC FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Saturday 16th December 3pm

Many thanks to all those choir members who are taking part in this concert. I will be sending home a letter with details next week as well as an order form for tickets.

Tickets cost £3 for adults and children go free. Tickets can also be bought on the door or from the Rest House. Please do come and support our school musicians and the Bournville Carillon if you can.

If you have any music queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email at c.vaughan@bvillej.bham.sch.uk.

For financial queries please see Mrs. Short in the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FRIENDS OF BOURNVILLE CARILLON

Friends of Bournville Carillon invite you to a Family Christmas Concert on Saturday 16th December, 3pm at St Francis Church. The concert will be about an hour long and will feature both our school choirs, our hand bell group, Max Walsh (piano) and live-streaming onto a big screen of Trevor Workman playing the Carillon. There will, of course, be audience carols and a raffle as well. Tickets cost £3 for adults; children are free. Tickets can be bought on the door, from the Rest House, Louise's or you can contact Claire Vaughan 07879404291.

Please do come and support our school musicians and the Bournville Carillon.

B30 FOODBANK, NEW YEAR FOOD COLLECTION by the Children's Playground, Bournville Park on 9th January 2018

8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm

Unwanted Christmas and new year food? Please donate non-perishable foodstuffs such as tins and packets to the B30 Foodbank in Cotteridge and help maintain their supply of food to needy and vulnerable people.

BARBER INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS

Creative Sunday Workshops run weekly throughout the year at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham, for 4- to 8-year-olds (11am – 12.30pm) and 8- to 12-year-olds (1.30 – 3pm), offering fantastic and fun art and craft activities in the gallery and art room.

Next term's sessions (7th January -29th April) go live for bookings on the Barber website: www.barber.org.uk on Friday 15th December at 9am, where you can find out about all our other family activities – they sell out fast, so book as soon as you can!

PARK LIFE SOCIAL—NEW YEARS EVE 8.00PM - 1AM

Includes Asian street food, buffet & party games Adults £15.00 Under 16s £5.00—For further information call 07940050990 or facebook

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Can you help?

A letter was sent home with your child today asking for volunteers to assist with clearing the school grounds during snowy and icy weather. If you are able to assist, please return the reply slip as soon as possible or by no later than 21st December. It is essential that school paths are cleared in order to make the school site safe during bad weather and therefore any offers of help would be very welcome.

ATTENDANCE

High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to class **4HP** for achieving **100%** week ending 24th November and to classes **4A** and **5T** for also achieving **100%** week ending 1st December. Well done also to **4A** for achieving **100%** week ending 8th December. Congratulations to class **5T** who have won the trophy for the best class attendance figure for the month. The November figure was 99.6%. They will keep the trophy in their classroom.

Well done to you all!

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