



Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents,

On Monday, your child brought home a letter from the Governing Board and the Local Authority outlining the proposal to amalgamate the junior and infant schools. Governors ask that parents offer their opinion and thoughts through the link provided in the letter. The letter can also be found on our website under the letters tab.

Governors also invite parents to return the slip indicating if you do wish to talk about the proposal with a member of the Governing Board. We will be setting dates for these meetings in the next week, and it is useful to know whether morning, afternoon or evening suits parents best.

The weather has been colder this term and we are pleased to see lots of children are wearing hats, gloves and scarves. However, these items do have a habit of getting lost and ending up in our very full lost property box! Could you please make sure that your child's items of clothing are clearly labelled so that they can be returned as soon as possible. Could you also check that your child is bringing the right items home, as we have some items that can't be found in the school building.



Mrs Williams

SUMDOG

If you would like weekly updates on your child's Sumdog use, please follow the simple instructions at goo.gl/bCEskM

BOURNVILLE IS GOING ORANGE!

On the 2nd February we will 'GO ORANGE' for Muscular Dystrophy. We are inviting children to wear their own clothes and something orange for a suggested donation of £1 to support Muscular Dystrophy UK.

REMINDER

Children playing on the climbing frame before and after school must be supervised by an adult at all times.

PLEASE NOTE

If you need to contact a member of staff or have a query, please email enquiry@bvillej.bham.sch.uk, marking it for the attention of the person you need to contact and we will ensure it gets to the relevant person.

ATTENDANCE

High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to classes **3A** and **5E** for achieving **98.1%** week ending 22nd December and to classes **3S** and **3A** for achieving **100%** week ending 12th January. Congratulations also to class **4A** who have won the trophy for the best class attendance figure for the month. The December figure was **98.2%**. They will keep the trophy in their classroom.

Well done to you all!

DATES FOR DIARIES

26th Jan - Young Voices Concert
1st Feb - Y6 trip to Imperial war Museum
2nd Feb - 'Go Orange' - dress up charity day
5th Feb - Y3 swimming begins
16th Feb - School closes for half term
26th Feb - School reopens for pupils
16th March - Guitar and Ukulele Spectacular - 2.00pm

MUSIC NEWS

Happy New Year to all our musicians. I'm sure this term will prove both stimulating and fun and that we can build on our great successes from last term. We would like to welcome back our keyboard teacher Erica Avery who has returned from maternity leave.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons have now started for the term and school should have received payments for this half term. The fees for this half term are £40.20.

If you haven't paid your fees please do so by Friday 26th January.

WRITTEN NOTICE TO STOP MUSIC LESSONS

I would like to remind you that the school must receive **in writing** the wish to stop music lessons. This must be addressed to Claire Vaughan and not the instrument music teacher. Any written request to stop can only be made at the end of each term.

YOUNG VOICES CONCERT - Friday 26th January

The choir are really enjoying learning their music for this concert. I would encourage all those attending to learn as many songs from memory as possible. Tickets and letters detailing arrangements for the day have now been sent home and T-shirts have been given out today.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO choir practice on Friday 26th January (for those choir members not attending the Young Voices concert) or on **Friday 16th February** (the last day of this half term).

YEAR 3 CHOIR is now up and running and all are welcome. If you would like to join, we meet on Friday mornings at 8.30am in the school hall.

GUITAR & UKULELE SPECTACULAR – Friday March 16th at 2.00 p.m.

As Mr Reed will be taking paternity leave in the summer term, we have decided to hold our annual guitar and ukulele spectacular on Friday 16th March. All children currently learning the guitar and ukulele, including all of Year 4, will be performing. The concert will be held in the school hall and start at 2.00pm. All parents of those children performing are welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Guitar, Ukulele or Keyboard Lessons on Thursday 15th February. These lessons will be made up on Thursday 29th March.

BIRMINGHAM CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP DEBUSSY PROJECT

We are delighted to announce that the school has been asked to take part in a project with the Birmingham Contemporary Music Group. The project involves 6 schools from across the city who will use Debussy's piano piece Children's Corner to create their own music. The schools will then come together at the end of March to perform their compositions at the CBSO Centre. Watch this space for more details.

CREATIVE MUSIC WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES WITH BCMG

Birmingham Contemporary Music Group are offering a series of workshops as part of their 'Music Maze' initiative. These creative workshops are open to children aged 8 – 11 and take place on various Sundays throughout the year at the CBSO Centre. The next workshop is on January 28th. Please contact the school office for a leaflet or look on their website www.bcmg.org.uk. All children are welcome.

If you have any music queries please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office or on



PTA NEWS

Thanks for a great start to the academic year, and a fantastic end to 2017. As a result of the efforts of Yr6, Parent Volunteers, Staff and everyone that supported the events by attending them, we are able to donate £8332.77 across both Schools for the 2017 period.

The total has been boosted by hugely valuable match funding from parents' employers where on offer.

We have invested in new gazebos, video recording equipment, audio equipment and the schools' plan to use the donated funds on enhancing the learning experience across all years including books, IT equipment and outdoor playground refurbishment.

We will increasingly be supporting the schools, in particular Juniors and Yr6, to have more entrepreneurial opportunities throughout 2018 and expect that to naturally flow down to lower years as they are inspired by what is possible.

If you keep supporting the events and activities, we will carry on organising the dream teams to make them happen!

A personal thanks to all who have stepped up and helped at the events - it is a pleasure to see volunteers come together with very little encouragement to form the dream teams that are essential to doing what we do!

David and the PTA team

COMMUNITY NEWS

CALLING BJS MUMS...

Come and play netball!

Do you want to start the new year by getting fit and having fun, whilst meeting other parents from school?

We are a group of mums from the school, looking for other Bournville mums for friendly, non competitive back to netball training sessions. Tuesday nights 8-9pm at King Edwards VI Camp Hill School for girls.

If you are interested come along for a warm welcome and a no obligation first free session or contact Laura on 07876202185 or Abbi on 07711840406 for more info.