



Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 16th February 2018

Dear Parents,

What a busy term it has been!

Looking ahead to next term, we have a number of dates for your diaries that can be found at the end of the newsletter. I'd like to highlight a couple of things that fall in the first week back. You have received a letter explaining how we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March, we are really looking forward to sharing lots of lovely books and hearing what your favourite books were when you were your child's age.

You have also received a letter inviting you to a workshop for parents on Friday 2nd March to explain how you can support your child with their times tables. Mr Setchell will be running the workshop three times, at 9.15, 1.30 and 3.30. Please return your reply slip if you would like to attend so that we can make sure we have organised a big enough space for the workshops.

Thank you for your donations to the B30 food bank appeal, they were very much appreciated. The food bank is a charity that we have previously supported, and we were keen to offer any help we could when they told us of their current shortage. If you would like to make any further donations, all of their drop off locations are listed on their website at <https://b30.foodbank.org.uk>

Happy Chinese New Year to all of our families and friends who are celebrating today.

I hope you all have a good half term week and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Monday 26th February.



Mrs Williams

SWIMMING SESSIONS FOR 3RB

Swimming sessions for 3RB will commence on Monday 26th February and finish on Friday 9th March. Pupils will be swimming from 2.30-3.15pm each day; consequently pupils will be arriving back to school later than usual. We aim to dismiss the children from school at approximately 3.40pm

YEAR 6 YORK RESIDENTIAL Payment Reminder

The second instalment of £45 should now have been paid; the deadline was 26th January so if you haven't paid this instalment please do so as soon as possible. The next instalment of £45 should be paid no later than 2nd March.

ATTENDANCE

High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to classes **3RB** and **6SW** for achieving **100%** week ending 2nd February and to class **3A** for achieving **100%** week ending 9th February.

Well done to you all!

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day and encouraging children to come dressed as their favourite book character. If your child is a Year 3 swimmer, please ensure that they wear warm and easy to change clothes. We also ask for a £1 donation which will go towards the cost of our visiting author.

WARM CLOTHES WANTED!

Do you have any good quality men and women's **WARM** clothes that you no longer want? If so, we would be very grateful if you could bring them into school for Mrs Rudge as she is collecting coats, jumpers, trousers and sleeping bags for the homeless charity FIRESIDE. Alternatively, you can drop them off at Moso on the Pershore Road.

TIMES TABLES WORKSHOP FRIDAY 2nd MARCH

If you would like to attend our parent workshop on times tables, please return the slip with your preferred time slot as soon as possible.

PARENTS' EVENING

Please note that parents' evening for the Spring term will be held on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March.

Further details will be sent home after half term.

SCHOOL MEALS

For those of you wishing to pay in advance for school meals for the next half term, Monday 26th February to Thursday 29th March, the cost will be £54 which can be paid via your Parentpay account.



MUSIC NEWS

Well done to all the children who played in the recent Music Service chamber concerts. I received a message from a former colleague about the concert on Thursday 15th February at St Francis Church. She said that our drumming group 'were amazing and really shone out as a truly quality group'. Well done guys for being a real credit to yourselves, Ms Reid and the school.

We now look forward to hearing all our guitar and ukulele players in their concert on Friday 16th March and our other musicians in our summer concerts next term. We're also really pleased to announce that our Year 4, 5 and 6 choir have been asked to sing with the Birmingham Schools Junior String Orchestra on Saturday March 24th - 1pm, Bournville Gardens. Both these concerts will prove a wonderful way to end our spring term.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

We must remind you that all music lessons for this half term must now have been paid for. The cost for music lessons for the next half term will be £33.50. If your child wishes to stop lessons at the end of this term, please let me know in writing by **Friday March 16th**. Otherwise lessons will continue until the end of the summer term.

GUITAR & UKULELE LESSONS WITH MR REED

As you are aware, Mr Reed became a father last term. He has consequently decided to take the summer term as paternity leave. In his absence, the music service will provide another teacher for the summer term, and we look forward to welcoming Mr Reed back in September.

A letter detailing the guitar and ukulele concert on Friday March 16th at 2pm will be sent out after half term.

YEAR 4, 5 & 6 CHOIR & BSJSO

We are delighted that the choir have been asked to sing in a short concert with the Birmingham Schools Junior String Orchestra, conductor Kirsteen Scott, on Saturday 24th March at Bournville Gardens. The concert will start at 1pm and finish by 2pm. There will be a short rehearsal before the concert from 12.00. A letter detailing the concert and asking for availability will be sent home after half term.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the choir to sing with a full string orchestra.

BIRMINGHAM CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP (BCMG) DEBUSSY PROJECT

A number of children took part in the first of two workshops with the BCMG on Thursday 15th February. The children worked with 2 musicians using Debussy's piece, 'Jimbo's Lullaby' from 'The Children's Corner', as their inspiration to create their own composition. Working in groups, children produced some really creative compositions. We look forward to the second workshop on March 12th and their performance alongside 5 other Birmingham schools towards the end of term.

BOURNVILLE AREA BAND CONCERT AT THE BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE ON MARCH 25th

All members of this band have received a letter giving details of their gala concert on March 25th at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Tickets are now on sale via Eventbrite and I would recommend booking your tickets as soon as possible as they will sell out. A copy of the letter can be obtained from the school office. The next band rehearsal will be on

Wednesday 28th February.

YEAR 3 & 4 CURRICULA MUSIC

This term Year 4 have been investigating music from Africa and China and have created their own polyrhythmic compositions and pentatonic-based melodies. This unit of work will continue next half term and they will investigate music from South America.

Year 3 have been delving into the world of Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf', examining many elements of music. This unit will continue next half term and probably into summer 1; the children will be given the opportunity to compose their own musical motifs for each character and also perform their final piece.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST FRANCIS CHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

St. Francis Church Children's Choir are looking to audition and welcome new choristers. The choir sing at Sunday morning church services, during term time, and also perform regularly at various community concerts, musical events and also weddings, for which they receive gift payment.

The children also enjoy performing with other local choirs and instrumental groups as events such as Bournville Christmas Festival, St. Francis Church Summer and Christmas concerts as well as special church services such as Nine Lessons and Carols.

Our choir rehearsals are on Fridays (term time) from 6pm – 7pm and we sing on Sunday mornings in Church from 9.40am -11/11.30am.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Choir Director, Laura Godwin on 0781 761 7923 or e-mail: godwin_laura@hotmail.com (www.facebook.com/SFCChildrensChoir).

ST FRANCIS CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

We are pleased to announce that we have a brand new youth club at St Francis Church and Community Centre for those in year 6-8! Wednesday evenings (term time) starting on 7.3.18 with games, competitions, tuck shops, trips out and much more!! £2 Entry. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information please contact Eunice Smith at St Francis Church or email her at enquiry@stfranciscentre.co.uk