



Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2018

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy week supporting Sports Relief. We had a fantastic start to the week, when we were joined by Efe Okuro, a 400m runner and hurdler from Birmingham, in our assembly. He spoke to the children about what can be achieved through hard work and perseverance and we were really impressed by the questions that the children asked. We have been busy every day, getting more active and moving a mile each day and have added our steps to the Sports Relief Schools step counter. Thank you for all of your support and sponsorship money.

We are delighted to announce that we are recipients of a generous donation from L J Cadbury Fund, following a successful bid for the redesign and refurbishment of both school's libraries. We look forward to sharing developments with children, staff and parents as we progress with this exciting project.

We are pleased to let you know that the suspected case of meningitis at Bournville Infant School was confirmed to be a virus, rather than meningitis. However, it is easy to confuse the symptoms of meningitis with other childhood illnesses. Today your child has brought home a wallet sized card which outlines common signs and symptoms of meningitis and raises awareness of what to look out for, which we hope parents will find helpful. We are very grateful to our parent governor, Lisa Godsal, and her contacts at the charity 'Meningitis Now' for providing us with the cards for parents. More information can be found at www.meningitisnow.org.



We break up on Thursday 29th March and hope all of our families and friends who are celebrating Easter have a wonderful time. We'll see everyone back in school on Monday 16th April.

Mrs Williams

GROUPCALL MESSAGING SERVICE

We have installed new facility in school which will allow us to contact you more quickly and efficiently. The system is called Groupcall and gives us the ability to send personalised text messages or emails to your mobile phone. All text messages sent from school will have BJS displayed at the top of the message. If we are asking for information, you can respond to the text in the same manner that you would do with a standard text message. Please ensure that the school office has all your current contact details, especially your current mobile phone number and advise us immediately if any details change.

If you have any queries, please get in touch with the school office.

Next week is the **PTA EASTER EGG HUNT** which will take place in the playground after school on Wednesday.

NEW LUNCHTIME MENUS

New lunchtime menus will be trialled in school after Easter. There will be a different menu each week for the 6 week half term. The menus will be available to view on the school website. Letters will be sent out next week for children who have opt-in meals.

ATTENDANCE

High Attendance = High Achievement

Congratulations to class **4G** for achieving **100%** week ending 9th March and to classes **4A** and **5T** for achieving **99.4%** week ending 16th March.

Well done to you all!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please note that there will be a price increase for our Breakfast club from 1st May 2018. It will now cost £4.50 for the first child and £4.00 for an additional sibling. A letter will follow with more details.

TOAST

After the Easter holidays toast will increase to 25p a slice.

TIMES TABLES WORKSHOP

Here is a link to Mr Setchell's presentation and all the resources he shared at the recent multiplication fact fluency workshops:

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MUSIC NEWS

Our guitar and ukulele players gave us a fantastic concert on Friday 16th March. We had over 150 children performing and the support from parents was amazing. Thank you to Mr Reed for preparing the children so well for this concert and we look forward to our lower and upper school concerts next term. I can also confirm that Mr Reed will now be with us next half term as he will be taking his paternity leave in the last half term of the academic year. We look forward to hearing all our other instrumentalists and choirs perform at our upper school summer concert on Thursday 28th June at 6pm and our lower school concert on Friday 6th July at 2pm.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Please remember that unless you have let the school office know that your child wishes to stop having music lessons in school, lessons will now continue for all children until the end of the summer term. Music lessons will start again on Monday 16th April; the cost for next half term will be £33.50 and for the full term £67.00. We finish lessons on Friday 6th July.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS – WEEK COMMENCING 26TH MARCH

Although there will be no peripatetic music lessons in the last week of this term, there will be woodwind lessons for those children who missed a lesson due to Mrs Taylor being absent and oboe, keyboard and Thursday guitar lessons will also take place.

BIRMINGHAM CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP (BCMG) - Debussy Project

The second Debussy Project workshop took place on March 12th. The children spent the whole day working with instrumentalists from the CBSO and produced an amazing composition based on 'Jimbo's Lullaby' from Debussy's 'The Children's Corner'. Our CBSO workshop leaders were really impressed how well the children integrated their instrumental playing into the composition and we're really looking forward to the project's showcase on Monday March 26th. It was also wonderful to see so many of the children involved in this project attend the CBSO Debussy Family Concert on Sunday 18th March - despite the snow!

PLEASE NOTE: On Monday 26th March children involved in the Debussy project should bring a packed lunch and their instruments. The children will leave school at 9.50am and return by 1.15pm.

YEAR 3 CHOIR

Please note that there will be no Year 3 choir on Friday 20th April.

BOURNVILLE VILLAGE GARDENS CHOIR CONCERT - 24TH MARCH

Please could the children involved in this concert turn up at 12.00 for a short rehearsal. The concert will start at 1pm and finish by 2pm. The children should wear their school uniforms and bring a drink and any medication needed.

BOURNVILLE AREA BAND CONCERT AT THE ROYAL BIRMINGHAM CONSERVATOIRE - 25th March

Bournville Area Band has now finished for the year and we are looking forward to hearing the band in their gala concert on Sunday 25th March at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. We are also happy to confirm that we will be hosting this music service area band again next year, details of which will be available in September.



If you have any music queries please contact me via email: c.vaughan@bnvillej.bham.sch.uk

For payment enquiries please see Mrs Short in the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS - FREE yoga taster class on Thursday 26th April - 6.30 - 8 pm at **St Francis Youth & Community Centre**, Sycamore Rd Bournville B30 2AA for anyone wanting to give yoga a try - great for relaxation, building strength, increasing flexibility and well-being. Call Anju on 07977387473 for more information or to book a place. The free taster class will be followed with an eight week course beginning Thursday 10th May.

COME AND SING WITH THE CBSO! The CBSO Children's Chorus is holding an open rehearsal for prospective new members to try out the Chorus before auditioning. Open to girls and boys in school years 4 to 8 and will take place at the CBSO Centre on **Monday 16 April 2018, 5.30-6.45pm** after which you can book an audition on **Saturday 9 June** or **Sunday 10 June**. For more information, please contact James Rowland at jrowland@cbso.co.uk or visit cbso.co.uk/take-part/sing-with-the-cbso/childrens-chorus.

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 fun art and craft activities in the gallery and art room, they're just £6 per child per session. The next programme of sessions (6 May – 30 September) will be advertised on the Barber website www.barber.org.uk/learning Friday 23rd March from 5pm. Bookings will go live via that page on Monday 26 March from 9am. They sell out FAST, so book as soon as you can!

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