

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another happy and successful year at Bournville Junior School, we would like to thank so many people for their support and hard work:

- Our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and positive attitude to school life
- Our parents and carers for their invaluable support
- The marvellous dedicated staff at Bournville Junior School, who work so hard to ensure that our children are offered irresistible learning opportunities
- The Governing Body for their support and challenge throughout the year
- The PTA for their continued enthusiasm, commitment and friendship. We are so grateful for the money that is raised and the opportunities now offered to our children to develop their skills. Particular thanks to David who is stepping down as Chair. His energy and enthusiasm has transformed the way that the PTA works and although we are losing him as Chair, I know that he will continue to be involved in the life of the school. Thank you David!

We wish a fond farewell to Miss Burns who has shared a class with Mrs Rudge this year. We have thoroughly enjoyed having her as part of the team and wish her all the best for the future.

Miss Edwards breaks up for her maternity leave this week – we will let you know after we have news of the new arrival.

Year 6

I am extremely proud of the hard work, resilience and positive attitude that the Year 6 pupils have shown towards their SATs test this year. We are proud that our children have continued to access a broad and balanced curriculum, developing many skills and attributes that the tests don't measure, but will prepare them well for secondary school and beyond.

Subject Unvalidated data	Working at Expected Standard (standardised score of 100+)	National Figure	Working at Higher Standard (standardised score of 110+)*
Mathematics	80%	75%	20%
Reading	84%	72%	40%
GPS (Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling)	87%	78%	39%
Writing (there is no test for writing – teacher assessment)	88%	77%	15% working at greater depth
Combined Score (pupils achieving expected standard in reading, writing & mathematics)	72%	61%	*The national percentage of children working at a higher standard is not released

School Meals and Tuck

Next year will see an increase in school meals which will cost £2.35.

There will not be an increase in tuck prices sold from our kitchen at morning break time; prices will remain as follows: Toast – 20p and Juice cup – 35p.

It is always helpful to the kitchen team if your child brings small change to buy their tuck, preferably in a labelled purse or money bag. If you choose to send your child with tuck for morning break, we ask that they bring a small healthy snack.

Book bags & Water bottles

Each Year 3 child will be given a Bournville Junior School book bag and water bottle on their return to school in September. Parents are asked to contribute towards the cost of these items. A letter will go out at the start of the Autumn Term with further details.

Uniform

We have high expectations of uniform at Bournville Junior School and therefore, when purchasing uniform this summer, we ask for your support in adhering to our school policy. We want to particularly emphasise expectations relating to footwear. There have been a small number of pupils wearing footwear with coloured trim and logos; children should wear plain, black/dark shoes that can be polished.

Please ensure that all uniform, including coats and items of PE kit, is labelled to allow us to return any lost items to owners.

Walking home from school

As children reach Year 6, some parents allow them to start walking to and from school unaccompanied to prepare them for life at secondary school. However, this can be difficult for staff to manage without instruction from parents in writing, so we ask that you complete a form that will be kept on school file, indicating the arrangements for your child should you wish for them to walk home unaccompanied. Year 5 pupils have been sent this via a separate letter, and completed forms will need to be returned in September before we release your child at the end of the day unaccompanied.

Mobile phones

If you wish to send your child to and from school with a mobile phone, we ask for a letter of permission. Your child will then check their phone into the office as they come into school and check it out as they leave; it will be kept in the school safe during the school day. If your child has a mobile phone in school, without permission slip on file, it will be kept in the school office until an adult can come and collect it.

Attendance

Our attendance figure for this academic year is 97.4%. We encourage parents to send their children into school every day in time for lessons to start at 9:00. If your child is unwell during the day, we will contact you. We follow the Fast Track procedure for attendance which is explained in the letter you will receive in September.

Our 100% attendance raffle was drawn this week. Congratulations to the lucky winners who each received an Amazon voucher.

Year 3 *Khilus B-L, 3RB*

Year 4 *Shayla D, 4HP*

Year 5 *Zakaria N, 5T*

Year 6 *Louisa D, 6SW*

Medication in school

If your child has an inhaler, or any other medication in school, it has been sent home to be cleaned and renewed as necessary. Please ensure that your child returns these items to the first aid room again next term if they are still needed.

Online safety

Just a reminder that as children may have more time to spend online over the summer, our online safety advice is available on the school website, including the updated parental guide to the Snapchat App: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/snapchat-guide-for-parents/>

Paperless communication

As from September, we aim to reduce communication via paper and correspond electronically. We already have a large database of parental/carer emails but for those who have not yet provided us with your email, there will be another opportunity when we send out the Data Collection forms at the beginning of the Autumn term.

Access to the school site

Over the summer holidays there is lots of work going on in school: repairs to classroom floors; decorating; the installation of a lift to make our dining room fully accessible, and a complete remodel of our main school office and reception area.

From September, the infant gate will only be open at drop off and pick up times (including BIS before and after school clubs) and for parents attending special events. The infant entrance gate will open at 8.35am and close at 9.15am, and reopen at 3.10pm and lock again at 3.45pm.

If you need to come into either school for any reason during the school day, we will ask you to enter via the Woodbrooke Road entrance. This is so that visitors to our school site are not walking through the playground unaccompanied while the children are using our outdoor areas. Although we know that this may be inconvenient at times, we appreciate your support and understanding as the safety of your children must be our priority.

We look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Tuesday 4th September for another year full of learning adventures.

I hope you all have a fantastic summer break.

Mrs Williams

Music News

So, we come to the end of an amazing year for music at BJS. A year which has seen over 350 children perform in one of our spring or summer concerts. We've had musicians performing in music service area and central ensembles, playing in many of our great venues around the city. Our choir have sung in the Genting Arena with Young Voices and the Symphony Hall as part of the youth proms, as well as singing on a number of occasions for members of our local community. Five children have successfully auditioned for the CBSO Children's chorus and many children have been successful in their music medal and grade exams. We have also worked with the CBSO and visited the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, as well as hosting the Bournville Area Band. The school has once again been awarded the school's Music Mark for outstanding delivery of music. We certainly couldn't achieve so much without the help of our peripatetic music teachers, Charlotte Barber, our own teaching staff, our wonderful parents (many of whom help at our concerts) and most of all the enthusiasm and dedication of the children. We look forward to another wonderful year in September.

To our Year 6 musicians and singers we would like to say a huge thank you. We will certainly miss them, and they leave a wonderful legacy at BJS. They have been a quite outstanding group of musicians and singers. It has been our privilege to see them grow in confidence over the last 4 years. We wish them every success in all their future music endeavours. Please do come back and visit us.

Peripatetic Music Lessons September 2018

For those children who are continuing music lessons in September, the terms of your contract have remained the same as this year and your parent pay account will be updated from September. For those children starting a new instrument, contracts have now been sent home. If you have not returned your reply slip, please could you do so by Wednesday 5th September. Music lessons will start on Monday 10th September. Lessons will take place on the same day as this year:

Monday – clarinet and flutes

Tuesday – brass and violins/violas

Wednesday – oboes

Thursday – keyboard, guitars and Year 5 ukuleles

Friday – guitars, percussion and Year 6 ukuleles

If possible, could you please encourage your musician to practise over the summer holidays, as it will make a huge difference in September!

School Choir Sept 2018

A letter inviting children currently in Years 3, 4 and 5 to join our school choir, has been sent home this week. Choir rehearsals will be held on Mondays 3.30-4.30pm and will start on Monday 10th September. There is a termly charge of £10 which pays for Charlotte Barber, home learning resources and any music licences needed.

Concerts already in the diary include an appearance in the Symphony Hall on November 11th as part of a Remembrance Concert organised by Merchant Taylor's Company.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 next year, they will also be invited to take part in the **Young Voices** concert at the Genting Arena on Friday 25th January 2019. As we are always short of time to learn all the music for this concert, we have put all the music and lyric sheets on our school website for some home learning over the summer holidays. You'll find the resources under the 'Learning Zone' tab and then music.

If you have any music queries, please email enquiry@bnvillej.bham.sch.uk

Thank you once again to all the children who have made this a wonderful year of music making at BJS.