



# Bournville Junior School Newsletter

Friday 7th September 2018

# Welcome back!

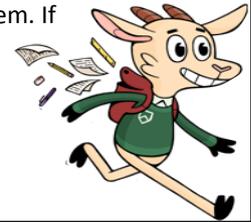
Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, all looking so smart in their school uniforms and ready for another year of learning adventures.

Each morning, there are members of our team out on the playground and on each of our entrances, we are more than happy to pass on a message or answer any questions you may have. Your child's teacher is in the classroom ready to greet your child and their classmates, so morning can be a tricky time to speak to them. If you need to speak to them directly, you can catch them after school, leave a phone message and they will get back to you, or send a message via our school email account [enquiry@bvillej.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@bvillej.bham.sch.uk) with their name in the subject box.

I look forward to working with you during the year ahead.

Mrs Williams



## MOBILE PHONES

It is school policy that children do not have mobile phones in their possession in school. This is for safeguarding reasons, as well as concerns around losing valuable items. In exceptional circumstances, the school may agree for a child to leave a mobile phone with the office to be collected at the end of the day for use after school. This would require a letter from you explaining why the phone is needed, and agreement that the phone would not be used on school premises at all before it is handed in to the office staff by your child first thing and collected at the end of the day. If this is the case, please address your request for permission letter for the attention of Mrs Carter and await a reply before sending your child in with a phone.

## 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. Completed forms will need to be returned before we will release your child at the end of the day unaccompanied.

## INHALERS AND MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Any child who needs an inhaler or medication in school and have not yet returned these to the first aid room, should do so as soon as possible. If your child has a short term medical need please let us have written details.

## TUCK PRICES

Please note that tuck prices are now as follows:  
**Toast 25p per slice    Juice cup 35p**

## DATA COLLECTION SHEET

Your child has bought home a data collection sheet for you to update and complete. It is vital that this information is returned as emergency contact is essential where illness or injury is involved. Please return the form by **Friday 14th September**.

## ABSENCE

Mrs Short is our Attendance Officer and she monitors the attendance of all the children on a daily basis to ensure their safety and well being. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please telephone the school **before 10.00am** on the first day of absence. You can also contact Mrs Short regarding any absence/attendance matters via email [Attendance@bvillej.bham.sch.uk](mailto:Attendance@bvillej.bham.sch.uk)

## REMINDER TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN

We would like to remind all parents and children that Bournville Junior School has a NO NUTS Policy - NUTS and NUT-BASED PRODUCTS (e.g. peanut butter or chocolate bars containing nuts) are not allowed in school because we have children who have serious allergies to them. This same policy applies to the Breakfast and after school clubs, including Kaboom. We have a number of pupils with different food allergies and would appreciate you reinforcing our message of not sharing food with their peers with your child. Thank you for your co-operation.



## MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to all our musicians and to what will be another great year for music making at Bournville Junior School. Peripatetic music lessons begin week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September and will run until Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Our Year 4, 5 and 6 choir starts on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 - 4.30 pm and all are welcome to join. Our Year 3 choir will start in a few weeks' time and a letter will be sent home via book bags. **CHOIR** - Our Monday choir has a number of very exciting concerts in the diary for this term. None more so, than singing in the Symphony Hall on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> as guests of the Merchant Taylor's Company. Letters have been handed out, all choir members should return the reply slip by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** as I have to apply for a performance exemption licence from the City Council.

**PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS** - Letters offering places to our new starters have now been sent out. If you are a new starter, please ensure that you return your reply slip by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. We have managed, as far as possible, to meet each child's instrument request, however we are having to operate a waiting list for some instruments. Each week your child's music lesson time will be posted on our music board and teachers also receive a weekly copy. Please encourage your child to check the music board on the morning of the day of their lesson. If your child has to have a lesson in lunchtime, please also remind them that they are allowed to go for an **early lunch**. All class teachers will naturally help the children as much as they can to remember their lesson times, especially our year 3 musicians!

The weekly schedule of music lessons is:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Clarinet and Flute with Delyth Taylor</b> <b>Choir with Claire Vaughan</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Oboe with Lesley Morson</b> <b>Violin and Viola with Kirsteen Scott</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Brass with Jon Rottenbury</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Keyboard and Piano with Erica Avery</b> <b>Guitar and Year 5 and 6 ukulele lessons with Tom Reed</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Guitar and Year 4 class ukulele lessons with Tom Reed</b> <b>Percussion with Suzie Reid</b>

Over the next few weeks, our new starters will be given an instrument from the Music Service - please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name, as we have a large number of children who learn an instrument in school.

**PAYMENT** - Instrument lesson fees for this term are now due. Please ensure that payment of **£93.80** is made via your Parent Pay account by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. **Please remember that if we do not receive payment, your child will not be able to continue to learn an instrument.**

**YEAR 4 & THE UKULELE!** - We are delighted to announce that once again we will be offering whole class teaching of the ukulele to Year 4. Each class will receive a weekly lesson from Mr Reed. The children are loaned a ukulele from the Music Service and lessons take place on Fridays. We really look forward to hearing their results.

I would like to wish all our musicians a fantastic year and hope they enjoy the opportunities available to them.

If you have any music queries please contact me via email: [c.vaughan@bvillej.bham.sch.uk](mailto:c.vaughan@bvillej.bham.sch.uk) For payment enquiries please see Mrs Short in the school office.

### FLU IMMUNISATION CONSENT BOOKLET

This week your child brought home a flu immunisation booklet—please ensure that you complete and return it to school no later than 20<sup>th</sup> September, even if you **DO NOT** require your child to have the nasal flu vaccination.

### YEAR 3 READING BAG AND WATER BOTTLE

On Thursday, Year 3 children received their reading bag and water bottle for which we ask for a £5.00 contribution towards the cost - this can be made via Parent Pay.

### SAFEGUARDING

As a school, we try to keep everyone up-to-date with the most popular games and regularly share ways to keep your child safe online. You don't need to be the biggest football fan in the world to have heard of FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) - the governing body for football. And, the video game series bearing the organisation's name is one of the most successful ever. The lure of this football series is that official licensing gives your child the opportunity to play games in the role of their favourite players. They can either work through a story mode version of the game or play online in competitions against other players. The game is available for a range of consoles and there are also mobile versions available for smartphones and tablets. The most recent version is FIFA 18, but FIFA 19 is due for release later in the year. Further information and guidance is available on this link:

<https://2j39y52a62gm1afygb3g1xbu-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/FIFA-Parents-Guide-September-2018.pdf> If you need any help with online safety, please speak to a member of Leadership Team.

### REMINDER: ENTRANCE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

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 during the school day, we will ask you to enter via the Woodbrooke Road entrance. 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.