



Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School  
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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents,

#### Strike action:

The next scheduled Teacher's strike dates are due on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. As far as we are aware, the indications are that the only year group affected is Year 5. **Year 5 will be closed on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, however it will be open on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.** All parents should be aware that members of the NEU are entitled to make their decision to strike on the actual day. Therefore, there is still a potential possibility of class closures with very little notice

We would urge all parents to have contingency plans in place in the unlikely event of this occurring. Any last-minute closure of classes will be notified via text message through teachers2parents.

We are sorry that you may have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and/or that they may experience disruption to their education should any staff member choose to exercise their right to strike at the last minute.

We understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Bussage C of E Primary School remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff to keep up to date with the situation, and we will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

#### Parent Consultation Evenings:

The next round of meetings is scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Booking will become available for the next Parent Consultation Evenings from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. You will receive a link via email from which you can book your preferred slot. Please let the office know if you have not received a link on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Clerk to Governors vacancy:

We are looking for someone who has excellent administrative and written communication skills who can manage information effectively. They will be required to: prepare meeting agendas; track progress against actions; take minutes; maintain an electronic filing system; advise on and track progress against statutory requirements. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining governing body records and will need the ability to find the information governors require to enable them to make informed decisions. Discretion and confidentiality are essential.

Please see the job description for more details about the responsibilities of the role. Previous experience as a Clerk to Governors or a similar committee is desirable but not essential.

The position is for approximately 120 hours per year. This role does require flexibility as the Full Governing Body meetings take place in the evenings on pre-arranged dates within the school year. We are happy to consider applications from suitably qualified individuals who already work as a Clerk to another Governing Body.



## Midday Supervisor vacancy:

We are looking for a midday supervisor to join our fantastic team. If you are interested, please contact the office staff for more information.

## PTA:

An outstanding £361.25 was raised prior to half term because of the Valentines Disco. A big thank you to the organising team and everyone that supported the two discos to enable the children to have some great fun.

We have recently taken delivery of the new bike racks for the school. Rich Howe has kindly agreed to take the lead but we need some volunteers (preferably with a spade!) to come and help dig please! We will be there from 9am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, please let us know if you can come lend a hand.

The PTA would like to say thank you to Sam Coates and SLC Services and Maintenance for clearing the old shed free of charge.

Early planning has started for the Summer Fayre, and we will share updates on this in the coming weeks.

We now have two fun events for both adults and children across April and May that we look forward to seeing you at.

If anyone has any questions or has any fundraising ideas, please do not hesitate to send an email to [bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com](mailto:bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com)

## PTA Upcoming Events

### Wine Tasting – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

*"Wine and friends are a great blend."*

Ernest Hemingway

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, please join us for an evening of Wine Tasting which shall be hosted by the Stroud Wine Company.

Tickets cost £15 per person.

To book your tickets either go to [shorturl.at/eIW15](http://shorturl.at/eIW15) or scan the QR code.

### National Festival Circus – Sunday 7th May

The National Festival Circus will be setting up their big top on the field at Bussage School on Sunday 7th May with shows at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm.

We have circa 600 tickets still available which are great value.

So bring the whole family for a fantastic show and enable a fantastic end to the coronation weekend celebrations.

Tickets available online: <https://bussage-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/> or scan the QR code below.



Bussage PTA Event - Registered charity no: 1112166

Please join us for

# Wine Tasting

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April  
7pm - 10pm  
Bussage Primary School

Hosted by 

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Sunday 7th May  
Bussage Primary School

Shows at: 1pm,  
2.30pm and 4pm

Tickets £5 (child) and  
£6 (adult) available  
online:  
[https://bussage-  
primary-school-  
pta.sumup.link/](https://bussage-primary-school-pta.sumup.link/)

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**School Office:**

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Turley to complete our superb office team. You will now see Mrs Turley in the school office on a Monday and a Wednesday and Mrs Rigg on a Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Mrs Smith, our School Business Manager, is also in Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**World Book Day:**

World Book Day was highly enjoyable and a great success again. It is clear to see how much our Bussage Children value and love reading. There was a fantastic array of costumes and texts shared and the children loved participating in the range of activities organised by teaching staff throughout the day. Thank you to you as parents and carers for supporting this super day.

**Cross country:**

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, a group of excited children went to Stratford Park to compete in a Cross-Country Competition. They were all incredibly enthusiastic and competed against lots of schools from the Stroud District. Great results were achieved by all of the children. Mrs Trim would like to express her thanks to the parents for bringing their children and for staying for the whole event in order to support the children in later races – and this was despite the cold and wet weather! Two children have now been offered the chance to run for county at a later date from their results in this race.

**Red Nose Day 2023:**

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Baldwin and Charity Committee have sent out information about this day separately to the newsletter via teachers2parents.

**Christian Value:**

Our Christian Value for this term is Forgiveness and we will also be looking at The Bible through our Collective worship. There are parent information sheets about our main value of Forgiveness available from our school website in the School Values tab.

Kind Regards,



Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

**Dates for your diary:**

- Y4 Iron Age visit Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March (Please note: This visit will happen even though this is a potential strike day)
- Red Nose Day 17<sup>th</sup> March
- Y3 Iron Age visit Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March
- Y3 & 4 Recorder and Clarinet Performance Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2:30pm
- Y1 & Y2 visit to Sudeley Castle
- PTA Wine tasting event Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April
- Parent Consultation Evenings Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Circus Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Bank Holiday (following Coronation) Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Y6 SATs week 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May
- Y5 Bikeability (information to follow) 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May
- Sports Day Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July (Reserve Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July)