

Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Winter Wonderland:** The snow and wintry conditions have shown Bussage off beautifully, the local area has looked so picturesque. The children have loved having the opportunity to play out in the snow and we thank you for ensuring that your child had suitable attire to get them through the snowy days.

**Goodbyes:** After fifteen years at Bussage, Mrs Hale is sadly leaving us this Christmas. Many of you will have met or been helped by her via the school office however those of you with older children may have had the pleasure of her being their child's higher level teaching assistant in class in previous years. Mrs Hale has been an invaluable member of team Bussage and we will all miss her. We are sure you all join the staff, children and Governors in wishing her well in her future endeavours.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr Hiatt who has been teaching Class 4 in Mr Mills' absence. We have really enjoyed having Mr Hiatt at Bussage again and hope to see him return to us in the future.

**Christmas card recycling:** Not sure what to do with your Christmas Cards after the festivities? Eco Ministry have set up a recycling box in the main school entrance so please send any unwanted cards into school with your child to recycle. The box will be there for your use until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**Staff vacancies:** We currently have vacancies for the following roles:

Teaching Assistant (SEN) (Please click on this link for the job advertisement.

<https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolvacancies/details.aspx?ID=26904&page=0> )

Caretaker – please contact the school office for further information [admin@bussage.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bussage.gloucs.sch.uk)

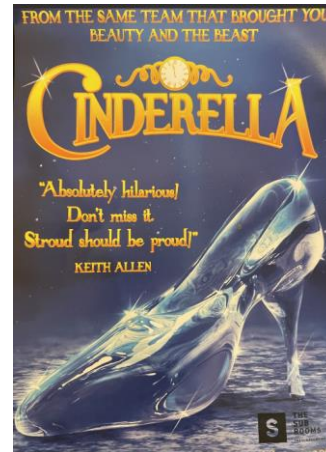
Clerk to Governors – please contact the school office for further information [admin@bussage.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bussage.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Rugby tournament:** On Friday 9, some children from Y5 & 6 participated in a Tag Rugby festival in the blistering cold. The team worked exceptionally hard together always supporting each other with great team spirit. The day started well with a great result against Chalford Hill, winning 3-1. The team went on to win 5 out of 8 matches on the day, showing amazing determination in the freezing cold field always giving their best and supporting each other. The children showed excellent sportsmanship. Well done to all those involved and thank you to the parents who were able to transport them to the event.

**Everyman Pantomime:** The lunch order forms for Pantomime visit day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January should have been returned to school by the end of last week. The kitchen staff have now ordered the food for any child who requires a school-made packed lunch, therefore anyone who has not returned the form MUST now provide their own packed lunch from home. NO extra orders will be able to be taken for 6.1.23 when we return to school in January.



**Cinderella Celebration:** We are proud to say that some of our past and current pupils are performing in Cinderella at the Stroud Subscription rooms this Christmas time. We are sure many of you already have tickets! Well done girls, we hope all of your performances go brilliantly.



**KS1 Nativities and KS2 Christmas Carol Services:** It truly was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent performances. We have really missed having an audience in school these past few years. We are super proud of all the children; in true Bussage style, their singing, dancing, readings and acting were fantastic. Thank you for supporting your children in getting ready for their performances and for battling through the weather conditions for the KS2 Services.

Please remember **the first day for children to be back in school in the New Year is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** as Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is an INSET day for school staff only.

We wish you all a healthy and happy Christmas period and look forward to seeing you in January. We would like to leave you with this prayer for the season.



Kind Regards,

Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January INSET no pupils in school
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January First day of Spring Term – children return to school
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January Whole school visit to the pantomime
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 9 am Easter Service

