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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what a busy couple of weeks we have had! The weather has finally taken a more Autumnal turn and the children have had great fun playing in all the leaves that have departed the trees through the strong winds! As the weather becomes increasingly wet, please ensure your child/children have suitable coats, gloves and hats in school (all named) to keep them warm during their break and lunchtimes.

#### Christmas Lunch choice orders:

Your child should have brought home a lunch order form for our Christmas dinner which is planned for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that all forms are returned by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** in order to secure your child a Christmas lunch on that day, they must be pre-ordered.

#### Anti-bullying week:

As it is National Anti-bullying week, we have putting a particular focus on kindness. The children spend a lot of time throughout their school journey through PSHE and general class work thinking about kindness and ensuring that they recognise what kindness looks like in practise. We have placed a spotlight on kindness during the week, and through wearing odd socks on Wednesday, we have celebrated difference and how we are all unique. We had a fine array of interesting odd socks on display on Wednesday, even some Christmas ones sneaked in too!

#### Sporting event – Girl's football, reported by Miss Lane:

This week, some of our Year 5 & 6 girls attended a girl's football festival. At the beginning of the festival, they completed some fun activities to help develop their skills, for example, stuck in the mud but whilst dribbling a football before going on to play matches. The matches were not scored however the girls all grew in confidence as the tournament developed. They were able to communicate to one another and make passes between themselves to successfully score several goals across the day. Those who had never played in goal gave it a great go. The day was a fantastic experience for all involved!

#### Children in Need - Spotacular day:

The children looked fantastic in their spotty attire on Friday in support of Children in Need. Thank you for all the donations of money to this brilliant charity and for the cakes that were donated for a break time cake sale. The Charity Ministry are most grateful.

#### Christmas Carol Service and Nativities

The whole school have now started to turn their attention towards the upcoming festivities, in particular the KS1 and Rainbows Nativities as well as the KS2 Carol Services. Rainbows, Y1 & Y2 have sent home costume letters this week (KS2 do not require costumes). Letters will be coming home at the start of next week for tickets to be ordered for the events. Please keep an eye out in your child's bag for these and ensure that any requests for tickets are returned by the date stated on the letter.



## PTA news and information:

It's one week to go until the Christmas Fayre - thank you for the donations received so far, keep them coming! We particularly need toys and bottles/gifts for the tombolas. We look forward to seeing you there for an evening of festive fun, we have so much planned we can't wait to show you all. We will also have some live music to add to the Christmas spirit, the musicians will have a pot out for donations and any money they receive is just for them (not for the PTA).

Next May we have a circus visiting, putting on 3 fantastic shows for us. In order to try and keep ticket prices down for this event we are looking for a sponsor. If you work for a local company who may be interested in sponsoring this event please get in touch ([bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com](mailto:bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com))

In exchange for sponsorship money the company logo will be included on posters, banners and online. Tickets will be on sale in the new year with more information available then.

Our PTA shed is vital for the running of all our events as we store all our equipment and stock in there (christmas decorations, games, 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform, cups/glasses...). The shed leaks and is no longer fit for purpose so we are looking to replace it with a new one to give us a bigger, weatherproof storage area. If you can help us measure up the space, advise on purchase and help build the shed please get in touch.

**Christmas Box Appeal:** Thank you so much to all of the families who donated Christmas boxes to the Teams4U appeal. It is so lovely to see the Bussage community come together to support other families in their time of need elsewhere in the world. The grand total was 86 donated boxes and the winning house for this year was Toadsmoor Tigers who will be receiving an extra play time in recognition of their contributions to this charity. Our Charity Ministry would like to express their thanks for your support.

Dates for your diary:

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Fair
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Community Carols
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December KS1 dress rehearsal
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2pm afternoon performance KS1 Nativity
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 5:30pm Evening performance KS1 Nativity
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6pm KS2 Carol Service
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6pm KS2 Carol Service
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December Xmas jumper and Xmas dinner day
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term school ends at 1:30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,



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