



Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School
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Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's all starting to feel festive now! Following the superb PTA Christmas Fayre last week, we are now looking forward to welcoming Bussage pupils, families and others from the locality to our annual Community Carols event on Monday 5th December at 6pm. Feel free to bring your neighbours or wider family along to the school hall for some carolling and perhaps a mince pie!

Spring Term school lunch menu choices:

Your child should have brought home their menu choice form for Spring Term this week. The kitchen and office are requesting that all menus are returned to school by **Monday 12th December** please so that food orders may be placed.

Pantomime:

On Friday 6th January, when the majority of the school are visiting the pantomime, regular school lunch choices will be suspended for the day and only a packed lunch option will be available (cheese, tuna, ham or egg). A lunch choice form for that specific day will be sent home separately over the next few days so that you may select if your child will require a school packed lunch making for them or if you will provide your child with a packed lunch instead. Please ensure that the £7.50 ticket contribution for your child's visit to the Pantomime is paid by the end of next week (9.12.22). If you are a parent helper for this event and have yet to pay for your ticket, please may you do so, thank you. Again, a huge thank you to our PTA who are paying for the coaches and who have subsidised each pupil ticket.

Health and Safety:

It has been noticed that more and more children are attending school wearing a range of jewellery. We politely request that only a watch and/or stud earrings are permitted to be worn. Bracelets (friendship bands or otherwise) and rings should NOT be worn as they may cause a health and safety risk during our school activities. Any child wearing rings, bracelets or dangly earrings will be asked to remove them and place them safely into their bags.

KS2 Christmas Carol Services and KS1 Nativities

We look forward to welcoming you into school to watch these performances/services. Your tickets should have come home to you this week. Any spare tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis from 8:30 on Monday morning. On KS1 performance day (8.12.22) your child will need to be back in school at 5pm ready for a 5:30pm start. On KS2 Carol Service days (13.12.22 & 14.12.22) Your child should arrive back in school between 5:30 and 5:40 pm ready for a 6pm start. KS2 children should wear their usual school uniform for the services but are permitted to wear tinsel in their hair or a Christmas hat if they should wish, however please be advised that it gets very hot in the hall.

We very much expect that all KS2 children attend both of the evening services, however If your child is unable to attend either of the KS2 Carol Services, please ensure that their class teacher is told in advance. As you can imagine, a lot of time and effort goes into putting together performances and services for parents, therefore it can be rather disappointing for both staff and the other pupils when children don't turn up!



School Business Manager:

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new part-time School Business Manager. Some of you may remember Mrs Jane Smith who worked at Bussage in the office some years ago. We are all very excited to see her return to Bussage C of E Primary. She will be starting with us in January and will continue to be supported brilliantly in the school office by Mrs Rigg.

Electrician needed:

We are looking at the possibility of putting a specific electrical connection in to school (for those in the know it is the following that we need: A 3 Phase 64 amp IP64 socket with a rotary isolator, housing an internal 40amp RCBO. Also, a lockable IP-RATED 240 volt socket mounted adjacent). If you are able to fit such a connection or can advise on it we would love to hear from you, especially if you might know how much it would cost! **Please contact the school office if you can advise on this matter.**

PTA news and information:

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Fayre last Friday, it was a great way to kick off the festive season and raised a fantastic £2,244!! Thank you so much to everyone who organised a stall, volunteered on the evening and for all the donations. Yet again this was another huge team effort and everyone's help is greatly appreciated.

Attached to the newsletter is a poster showing what the PTA has spent money on in 2022. As you can see, the PTA contribute to so many different activities and resources that really do make a difference to our children and school. The support we've received from parents and school this year has been fantastic and allowed us to raise so much money to contribute to these aspects of school life. We hope to be just as busy going into next year!

Our AGM will be in February (date tbc), at this meeting our current Chairperson and Treasurer will be stepping down so we are looking to recruit new parents into these roles. If you would like more information about either position please get in touch bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com

Other dates to note:

Please remember that Wednesday 14th December is Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day (not non-school uniform, the Christmas jumper just replaces the Bussage one). On the last day of term, Friday 16th December, school ends at 1:30 pm. Please also note that Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day for staff, therefore children will return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 5th December 6pm Community Carols
- Tuesday 6th December KS1 dress rehearsal
- Wednesday 7th December 2pm afternoon performance KS1 Nativity
- Thursday 8th December 5:30pm Evening performance KS1 Nativity
- Tuesday 13th December 6pm KS2 Carol Service
- Wednesday 14th December 6pm KS2 Carol Service
- Wednesday 14th December Xmas jumper and Xmas dinner day
- Friday 16th December Last day of term school ends at 1:30pm
- Tuesday 3rd January INSET no pupils in school
- Friday 6th January Whole school visit to the pantomime

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,



Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

PTA Spending 2022



Rainbows
Outdoor Resources
£200

Jubilee Crafts & Bookmarks
£850

Stage
Lighting
£973

Solar
Panels
£750

KS1
Theme
Resources
£200

Wooden
Blocks for
Breaktime
£168

KS2 French
Resources
£395

Pantomime Coaches
& Ticket Subsidies
£2450

KS2 Whole
Class Music
Lessons
£1596

Christmas
Crafts
£490

Forest School Clothing
& Equipment
£165

Autumn
Class Funds
£1050

Coaches - Year End Trips £720

Y3/4 Trip and Activities £360

Coaches - Y6 Residential £852

Summer
Class Funds
£490

Coaches - Y5/6 Living Rainforest £480

£12,189!