



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

OFSTED:

As you are all aware, the school received an ungraded inspection from OFSTED this week. We would like to thank you all for your understanding regarding the cancellation of parent evening consultations and school photographs. The school photos have been rearranged for the first day back on Monday 31st October (Halloween). As previously advised, the parent evenings have been rearranged for **Tuesday 1st November** and **Wednesday 2nd November** keeping the times previously arranged unless you have notified the Office otherwise. Your child will bring home a slip for you with a reminder of date and time of your appointment.

We also wanted to thank all of you who contributed to the positive OFSTED parent survey during the process and for the many messages of support we received. We are very proud of our whole school community and how they represented our school.

Once the final report/letter is available, we will look forward to sharing it with you.

Points West:

We are looking forward to welcoming a film crew from Points West today picking up the story of interest surrounding our solar panel project. We understand that it is due to be aired this evening however with the recent change in politics this may be deferred. We will inform you via teachers2parents if we are given a different date.

T4U Christmas boxes:

You will have received a letter and leaflet from our Charity Ministry about collecting Christmas boxes for donation. We are having a house competition (Toadsmoor Tigers, Eastcombe Eagles, Stonecote Sharks & Ridgeway Rhinos) to see which house can donate the most boxes – housepoints will be awarded! Please ensure that boxes are delivered to school by 7th November as they will be collected on that day. Thank you in advance.

Harvest donation Food bank:

The food bank has written to thank us for our donation of 83.65 kgs of food. Thank you for contributing to this much needed charity.

World Mental Health Day fund raising:

The children had a great time on World Mental Health Day participating in a range of wellbeing activities, some of which can be seen on the website. It was lovely to see the sea of green clothing to symbolise mental health as an alternative to our usual blue uniform. Fantastically, we raised over



£172 for TIC+ charity, they were ecstatic to hear about our fundraising efforts.

PTA updates:

It's a very busy time for PTA at the moment, with lots of events being organised by lots of people:

- The **Quiz night** on Saturday evening was great fun – thank you to everyone who came, we raised over £820 for the PTA! Congratulations to team Quizzy Rascals who finished top of the leader board and of course a huge thank you to quiz master David Turner for putting on such a great event for us.
- **Halloween Sweet Trail** (31/10/22, from 4.30pm)– take your kids out on the trail to collect sweets without knocking on doors. Maps will be available on the day for a donation to the PTA. Contact Michele Wheeler (via bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com) if you would like to be put on the map to put sweets out or for further information
- We have another **Bag2School** collection on **11th November**. See <https://bag2school.com> for what can be donated. Empty bags can be collected from the office. Thanks go to Adrienne Shone for organising this collection.
- **Christmas Jumper/Festive clothes stall** – in a bid to be sustainable and help keep costs down in the run up to Christmas, we will be holding a Festive clothes stall mid-late November (date tbc). If you have any unwanted Christmas jumpers or festive clothes please drop off to the box in reception after half term. Money raised from the sale will be used to purchase Eco Christmas Crackers for the school Christmas Lunch. Thanks to Penny Starr for organising.
- **Christmas Fair** – many of the stalls we run rely on donations so we are asking for help with this again this year please. We need donations for our **2nd hand book stall, toy tombola and bottle game**. Any books/toys your children have outgrown and any bottles (booze/smellies etc) you can donate please put in the Christmas fair box in reception after half term. Thanks in advance for your support with this.
- Once we have the rescheduled date for the PTA meeting we will let you all know ASAP

We hope you have a restful half-term and look forward to seeing you all back in on Monday 31st October.

Kind Regards,

Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

Dates for your diary:

- Half Term Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October
- **Monday 31st October School Photographs**
- **Monday 31st October Halloween trail**
- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd November Parent Consultation Evenings
- Friday 18th November – Children in Need
- Tuesday 22nd November – Non-uniform day for chocolate tombola donation for PTA Christmas Fair
- Friday 25th November: Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th December 6pm Community Carols
- Tuesday 6th December KS1 dress rehearsal and provisional date for Flu immunisation
- Wednesday 7th December afternoon performance KS1 Nativity
- Thursday 8th December Evening performance KS1 Nativity
- Tuesday 13th December 6pm KS2 Carol Service 6pm
- Wednesday 14th December KS2 Carol Service 6pm
- Wednesday 14th December Xmas jumper and Xmas dinner day
- Friday 16th December Last day of term – school closes at 1:30pm

**THANK
YOU**

**FOR YOUR SUPPORT
THIS HARVEST!**



You collected 83.65kgs of much needed donations. We couldn't do our work without your support.

