



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

Young Voices:

We are so immensely proud of all the children who represented our school at young voices last week at the Resort World Arena in Birmingham. They sang as part of a huge choir of 5960 children and alongside professional musicians, singers, beatboxers, violinist and dancers. The children not only gave it everything they had, fully participating with energy and enthusiasm, they were also impeccably behaved throughout the entire (and very long) day. I know that the parents who came along in the evening to be part of the audience loved it and were equally as impressed with all of our singers. We can't wait to sign up for next year's concert series and look forward to taking an even larger group of children in 2024.

Oracy competition:

We were so pleased to see lots of pupils from across the school taking part in our 'Look Who's Talking' Oracy Competition this week. All the participating pupils spoke brilliantly, showing great courage standing up in front of their peers to deliver their chosen topics. We were very proud of everyone who took part! The Class Heats are all complete now and a 'Star Speaker' from each class has been selected. They will now deliver their same speech again in our Whole School Heat on Monday 13th February where they will stand up in front of the school - we are very much looking forward to it!

Children's mental health week:

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week: Our focus throughout the school during this week will be on wellbeing, emotional literacy, mindfulness and beginning to give the children tools to be able to support their own wellbeing now and throughout their lives. KS2 children will begin training in peer massage and KS1 will explore elements of positive touch, all children in the school will have the opportunity to participate in a yoga session. All children will experience some form of music tuition or learning as well as continue with their physical education lessons- both of which are also proven to boost wellbeing. There will be a whole range of learning to support this valuable area of our children's development with the hope that they will begin to incorporate some of the learning and practices experienced during this week into their everyday lives. Please remember that we will also be teaching the children about the 'Speak Out, stay safe' NSPCC online programme as notified in a letter on Monday this week. We will also be thinking about children's wellbeing when they are online through our Safer Internet Day focus on Tuesday 7th February.

Vacancies:

Caretaker: We are still looking for a Caretaker at Bussage C of E Primary. This amounts to a total of 5 hours per week (1 hour per day unlocking and other duties each morning prior to school starting) followed by 20 further hours throughout the year to lock/unlock after events as and when required.

Kitchen Staff required:

CATERLINK

16-hour vacancy. Delivering and serving the lunches to Bisley Bluecoat. Own car essential. Mileage is paid

For details contact.

Leza on 07471953468 or Email Lbridgman-flaherty@caterlinktld.co.uk



Batemans:

Batemans have asked to inform you that they do a FREE delivery service to collect from school. If parents wish to order any uniform from Batemans, they can opt for the free delivery and collect from school.

PTA:

Reminder: The PTA AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th February at 6pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend. At this meeting the current Chairperson and Treasurer will be stepping down and new parents need to be elected into these positions. **If the positions are not filled, then the PTA will have to close and no further fundraising for our school can take place.** If you would like to know more about the roles please get in touch bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com. We will also be looking to fill a variety of non-committee roles.

Dates for your diary:

- Children's Mental Health Week 6th - 12th February
- Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February
- World Book Day Thursday 2nd March
- Red Nose Day 17th March
- Parent Consultation Evenings Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March

- Circus Sunday 7th May
- Sports Day Tuesday 4th July (Reserve Wed 5th July)

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,



Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White