



Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School
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Friday 23rd September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had the opportunity to attend the Bussage Bear Hunt last weekend. The PTA did a fabulous job yet again and we would like to extend our gratitude to them for all they do to raise funds for our school.

We are sure it was also a very emotional time for many families as the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II was watched by so many of our school community.

Wellbeing: This year we have the fortune of being invited to take part in the Trailblazers project, which is provided by a partnership of health services in Gloucestershire in order to promote and support good mental health in our young people. You will now be able to find a privacy policy linked to this project on our school website under the heading 'Wellbeing', if it is felt that your child may need support with mild to moderate mental health difficulties you can use the details on the form to contact Mrs White or Miss Corbett who are overseeing Trailblazers at Bussage C of E Primary School. I'm sure you will agree with us in the fact that the previous few years navigating a pandemic have taken a toll on all people, adults and children alike, therefore it is essential that we continue to talk about thoughts and feelings with our young people both in and out of school.

I would like to draw your attention to an online site that has been devised for parents, families and children to be able to access to be able to find out what support is available in the county. It is anonymous:

<https://www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk/>

On Monday 10th October it is World Mental Health Day, and in recognition of this we would like to raise funds for the charity TIC+ (Teens in crisis) who support children and young people with mental health issues. The symbol for this day globally is a green ribbon, so in recognition of this fact we are asking children to come into school on this day wearing something GREEN and to donate £1 to the above named charity.

Harvest food bank collection: We have been in touch with Stroud Food Bank and they have asked for donations of 5 specific items this year, they are detailed on the poster on the last page of this newsletter.

Recruiting: We have had a lot of interest in the role of School Business Manager. Governors are taking their time to evaluate exactly what is needed as we move forward and once the post has been advertised on the GCC website, parents will be informed. The school really needs someone with prior experience of working specifically as a School Business Manager.

We are also currently in the process of seeking to recruit a new caretaker. If anyone is interested in finding out about the role, please contact the school office for an information pack and application form.

Parent Governor: As you aware the period for nominations for Parent Governor are currently open.

Dick Whittington Pantomime:

We have been able to secure a booking for the school to go and see the pantomime at the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham on Friday 6th January which will be a lovely treat to look forward to after Christmas. The performance will be within school time and a letter will follow shortly to ask if you would like your child to attend. The PTA have kindly offered to support with transportation costs. Ticket costs will be on the letter.



PTA update and news from Chairperson, Jenny Reeves:

We hope you all enjoyed the bear hunt this year, it was so busy and lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves. We raised a phenomenal £6,660 for the PTA which will make a huge difference for our school this year. This event was a whole school community effort so we want to say a big thankyou to everyone involved - making bears, setting up gazebos, donating cakes/bottles/teddies, volunteering on a stall and of course turning up to support the event, buying a map and trying out some of the stalls. We couldn't have run this event without your help and support.

Our next PTA event is our quiz night on Saturday 15th October 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets are £5 including a team snack hamper and a bar is available to buy drinks. Teams of 6-8 people, for a registration form email bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com or follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAZAAONDpvBUMkdMSTJRR1RXQIIMTzFGN0JTS1g4Q0NFNi4u>

If anyone would like to be involved in helping me organise this year's Christmas Fair please get in touch!
Jenny and the PTA committee

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 5th October Harvest Service
- New date **** MONDAY 10th OCTOBER Wear something GREEN for World Mental Health Day
- Saturday 15th October: Quiz Night
- Tuesday 18th October School Photos
- Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October Parent consultation evenings
- Half Term Monday 24th October - Friday 28th October
- Friday 25th November: Christmas Fair
- Monday 5th December 6pm Community Carols
- Tuesday 6th December KS1 dress rehearsal
- Wednesday 7th December afternoon performance KS1 Nativity
- Thursday 8th December Evening performance KS1 Nativity
- Tuesday 13th December 6pm KS2 Carol Service
- Wednesday 14th December KS2 Carol Service
- Wednesday 14th December Xmas jumper and Xmas dinner day
- Friday 16th December Last day of term

- Sunday 7th May: National Festival Circus (save the date, more info to follow!)

Kind Regards,



Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

HARVEST COLLECTION 2022



COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST TOP FIVE ITEMS

Fragr Bentos Pies
Tinned vegetables
Tinned Soup
Tinned Custard/Rice Pudding
Laundry Detergent

*Don't forget...
You can help transform more lives
with a financial donation too.*

DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



[strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/
give-help/donate-money/](https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/)

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