



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

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely half term. The weather has certainly taken a turn for the worse now so please make sure your children have suitable warm clothing for the season. We have been finding that a lot of children are ending up with soggy socks from break and lunch, we would advise popping a spare pair of socks in their bags as sitting with cold, soggy feet all day can be rather miserable. This is a busy term with lots of events to look forward to so please keep an eye on school communication so that you do not miss out on anything of importance.

Christian Value:

Our Christian Value this term is TRUST, please see the Values tab in the Parent Information tab on the school website for a family leaflet regarding this value.

Lunch Club:

20 of our very musical Year 5 & 6 children had the opportunity to do a short singing performance this week at Chalford Sports and Social Club. The performance was to a group of adults who attend a lunch club to support people with, or families of, people with dementia. The children were a real credit to our school and performed beautifully. They enjoyed talking to the adults and eating lunch with them before singing for them. We look forward to returning to sing for the lunch club again later this academic year.

Christmas Nativity and Carol Services:

Please note that the times and dates for KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances and services are at the end of the newsletter in the 'dates for your diary' section. Parents/Carers are able to request tickets for performances/Services via an order form which will be sent out in the coming weeks. Nearer the dates of performance, if any extra tickets become available you will be notified by the School Admin team and requests for extra tickets may then be made.

Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day:

Forms for ordering Christmas dinner for Wednesday 20th December went home this week. Please ensure that every child has returned a form to state that they either wish for a school dinner to be ordered for them (and that their choice is ticked) or that they will bring their own packed lunch from home on that day. On Christmas dinner day, children are also permitted to replace their usual school jumper/cardigan with a Christmas jumper.

Website:

We are very aware that our current website, whilst still fit for purpose, could do with some modernising and updating. Please bear with us in the coming months whilst the School Governors look into options regarding this. We are hoping to have a new look website up and running for the next academic year.

Music Mark:

In recognition for our commitment to music curriculum and opportunities at Bussage C of E Primary School, Gloucestershire Music Hub has approved our application to become a Music Mark school again for the second year running. We now have a new logo for 2023-2024 at the bottom of this newsletter.



Harvest Food bank collection:

We received notification from Stroud district foodbank this week that all of your fantastic donations made during Harvest equated to 112.8 kilograms. Thank you again for your generosity.



T4U Christmas boxes:

What a wonderful collection of boxes we received for this charitable organisation. Charity Ministry would like to thank all of the families that were able to donate Christmas boxes this year, we received a total of 72 boxes which will mean there will be some children who will receive gifts this year who, without your generosity, would not know a little slice of joy this Christmas time.

Hall lettings:

Did you know that our school hall is available for hire? It's a great place to use for clubs, choirs, meetings even children's parties. There are opportunities for its use on evenings and weekends. Please contact the school office for more information about cost and availability.

Open morning:

We have another open morning running on Wednesday 15th November at 9:30 am. Parents of children who are looking for Reception class places are very welcome to come along, no booking required although parents are welcome to phone the school to do so. Please spread the word to anyone in the local community and beyond who are looking for places for their child. We also currently have places in our Reception, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classes.

School dates:

Please find a copy of the school dates for 2024-2025 attached to this e mail.

PTA information and upcoming events:

Please see the separate document sent through with the newsletter to detail all of the upcoming events.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term: (additional information from the last newsletter is in bold type)

17th November Children in Need day – **non-uniform with £1 donation (letter to follow)**

24th November Xmas clothing sale 3pm in the hall

25th November Quiz Night

28th November Y3 Recorder and Y4 Clarinet concert **2:15pm start, please arrive at 2:10 to be seated.**

30th November PTA wreath making event evening

1st December Non-uniform day – bring in a chocolate item for the chocolate tombola

4th December Community Carols 6pm in the school hall

12th December KS1 Christmas afternoon performance to parents **2 pm**

13th December KS1 Christmas evening performance to parents 5:30 pm

18th December KS2 Carol Service 6pm

19th December KS2 Carol Service 6pm

20th December Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

21st December Whole school visit to Pantomime in Stroud

22nd December end of term 1:30 pm finish

Spring Term:

8th January return to school

19th & 20th March Parent consultation evenings 4-6:30pm

20th March School Easter Service

Summer Term:

17th-21st June Y6 residential to Barton Hall

25th June Sports Day (Reserve days on 3.7.24 and then 9.7.24)