



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

Well the first half term has flown by! As we head into the last week, there are a few things to bring to your attention.

#### Parent Governor Elections:

Thank you for the positive response to our recent Parent Governor Election, with a high proportion of votes being cast. Our gratitude goes to all four candidates who were up for election for showing such commitment and support to our school. We have the pleasure to announce that the successful candidate is Mrs Laura Averis, we look forward to welcoming her to our Governing Board.

#### Biodiversity Project:

We are working very closely with Chalford Climate Action Network **ChalCAN** to improve the biodiversity within our school grounds as part of our status as a Green Flag School. Due to the hard work of **Mrs Edwards** and the Eco-Committee we have achieved the **International Eco-Schools Award Certificate** with **distinction** 2023-24. I am sure you will join us in congratulating them.

The first project involves the installation of a new 100m hedge at the bottom of our school field including some 400 trees which need planting! The plan is for all the children to participate in the planting but many of you will know that we have quite rocky ground. ChalCAN and any volunteers from the school (with pick axes and spades) are planning to carry out the prep work on the school site during the weekend 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November. More information to follow. To find out more about ChalCAN visit [www.chalcan.org.uk](http://www.chalcan.org.uk)

#### Tranquillity Garden:

Many of you will have noticed that the work on the Tranquillity Garden has started with the PTA funding the materials and Mr Mason donating his time and expertise. The children have been excited at seeing a digger at work and we are looking forward to opening the doors on this long-term project, sometime in 2024.

#### T4U Christmas boxes:

It is that time of year when we invite families to put together Christmas boxes to be sent to children who are in need. Please look out for a letter from our Charity Ministry alongside a pamphlet from T4U to tell you more about this initiative. Boxes will need to be brought back into school by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November as they are being picked up the next day. Empty T4U boxes are available for a small cost of 50p from the school office if you do not have a shoe box of your own to use to pack the items.

#### Snow White pantomime:

Thank you to all of you who have already returned your child's permission slip to attend the pantomime. All slips must be back into school by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October please in order for us to secure the correct amount of tickets for the performance. Ticket payments should be made by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November via parent pay. Thank you in advance. Please contact the school office if you require another form.

#### INSET day reminder:

Please remember that school is closed to children on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October for staff training. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school, after the half term break, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.



### PTA information and upcoming events:

Thank you to everyone that attended the recent PTA meeting. Our next planned meeting will be in February 2024. As we focus our attention to the festive period, several PTA events and initiatives have been announced. All parents will have received our Children's Christmas artwork that can be ordered for Christmas cards, Gift Tags, Mugs

and Coasters. All order forms must be returned to the school no later than **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** with payment made on Sum Up at <https://bussage-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>

Below are all the details of all the events that will be running across November.



#### Kids Christmas Clothing Sale 24th November

3.00pm in school hall.

As we start to look forward to the festive period, the PTA would like to hold a Christmas clothing sale in the school hall.

**Please can parents donate any unwanted kids Christmas clothing (good condition/ lightly used)**

**Age 0 to 11 to the PTA black box by reception**



#### Quiz Night 25<sup>th</sup> November

Start warming up your grey cells now for an evening of fun.

This Quiz Night, you can bring your own bottle and nibbles. We will have a small bar of stock that we have from our fundraising events to top you up if you run out.

Doors will open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start.

**Team Captains: Please email [bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com](mailto:bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com) with your team names and numbers which will help planning.**

Tickets can be bought at <https://bussage-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/product/quiz-night-ticket-saturday-25th-november>

#### Christmas Wreath Making 30<sup>th</sup> November

Back by popular demand is our Christmas Wreath Making.

Price is £15pp which includes your wreath making kit, base greenery, a glass of bubbles and light refreshments.

Please feel free to bring your own festive tippie and any decorative greenery or items you may like to add to your wreath.

At the time of writing there are only **10 places left** before this event is at full capacity. If you are interested tickets can be bought at:

<https://bussage-primary-school-pta.sumupstore.com/product/wreath-making>

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

**Dates for your diary - Autumn Term:**

24th & 25th October Parent consultation evenings 4-6:30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> October INSET – school closed for children (followed by half term)  
17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need day  
24<sup>th</sup> November Xmas clothing sale 3pm in the hall  
25<sup>th</sup> November Quiz Night  
28<sup>th</sup> November Y3 Recorder and Y4 Clarinet concert 2pm tbc  
30<sup>th</sup> November PTA wreath making event evening  
4<sup>th</sup> December Community Carols 6pm  
12<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Christmas afternoon performance to parents  
13<sup>th</sup> December KS1 Christmas evening performance to parents 5:30 pm  
18<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carol Service 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Carol Service 6pm  
20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day  
21<sup>st</sup> December Whole school visit to Pantomime in Stroud  
22<sup>nd</sup> December end of term 1:30 pm finish

**Spring Term:**

8<sup>th</sup> January return to school  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March Parent consultation evenings 4-6:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> March School Easter Service

**Summer Term:**

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June Y6 residential to Barton Hall  
25th June Sports Day (Reserve days on 3.7.24 and then 9.7.24)