



Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School  
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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Harvest Service:** You are invited to join with us to celebrate Harvest as part of our school service on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9am. Please note that this is a service rather than a performance although the children will be sharing songs and some of their thoughts and work about Harvest. The service will be led by our Values Ambassadors team. We would like to make a collection of household items to donate to Stroud Food Bank.

The Food Bank are specifically requesting the following items currently:

**TOP 5 SHOPPING LIST - AUGUST 2023**

TINNED CUSTARD & RICE PUDDING

TINNED POTATOES

BISCUITS AND SWEET TREATS

TOILET ROLL

LAUNDRY LIQUID

And are requesting that the following are **not** donated:

**PLEASE DO NOT DONATE**

PASTA

CEREAL

TEA

OUT OF DATE, DAMAGED OR OPENED ITEMS

FOOD THAT NEEDS TO BE REFRIGERATED OR FROZEN

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please could all donations be brought into school by the end of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Thank you in advance.

**Bussage Bear Hunt 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September 1pm-4pm:** It is the long-awaited return of the annual Bear Hunt this weekend. Thanks go to the PTA for their fantastic work in organising the event, and also to our entire parent community for all the donations, bear creations and time given towards the Bear Hunt. We are sure it will be a resounding success, and we have ordered dry weather for the occasion too (fingers crossed)! Bring along your friends and family to join in the fun.



**Other PTA news:** Please come along to the PTA annual general meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 6:30pm-7:30pm. It is so important, now more than ever, that schools continue to receive such vital support from parents.



**Wet weather:** As suspected, it has arrived! There were quite a few children at school this week without coats or wellies, please ensure that your child has the appropriate attire with them for the day.

**School Parliament:** Elections were held to vote for new Co-Prime Ministers to run our School Parliament this year. A selection of Year 6 pupils eloquently made speeches to put their case forward as a leader, standing bravely in front of the school community to do so. We are pleased to announce that Rory and Seth were successful and we look forward to seeing them promote pupil voice in our school throughout the year. Each of our five ministries have also now been set for the year with the members of Eco, Charity, Values Ambassadors, Sports and Learning Detectives gaining their ministry badges in Collective Worship today.

**House Captains:** New House Captains for the year have been voted for by all of the children and begin their role this week with their first house point collection. We look forward to seeing what they accomplish with their House teams this year. Well done to Meredith and Jacob from Eastcombe Eagles, Neve and Charlie from Toadsmoor Tigers, Tommy and Izzy from Stonecote Sharks and Thea and Isabel from Ridgeway Rhinos.

**Polite reminder:** Please remember that the road and carpark beyond the turning circle are for use of school staff only. Parents should not park in either of these areas unless expressed permission has been given to do so.

Have a super weekend hunting bears!

Kind Regards,



Mr A Ferguson & Mrs Z White

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

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September Bussage Bear Hunt

3<sup>rd</sup> October School Harvest service 9am

17<sup>th</sup> October School photographs Siblings and portraits

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October Parent consultation evenings 4-6:30pm

27<sup>th</sup> October INSET – school closed for children (followed by half term)

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 TBC

8<sup>th</sup> December PTA Christmas Fayre time

17<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need day

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

25<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day (Reserve days on 3.7.24 and then 9.7.24)