



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

We are now entering an extremely busy time of the year and we feel we are almost back to full operational normality. I once again want to thank all of you for being patient as we have wrestled with the pressures of both teaching and administrative staff being off with COVID during this time. The goodwill shown by the vast majority of you is most appreciated.

A message from the PTA: *Thank you to everyone who came to the EGM (Thursday 28th April). We are pleased to say we have filled the committee roles and this is our new committee:*

*Chairperson: **Jenny Reeves**, parent of Rainbows*

*Vice-Chair: **Danella Pockett**, parent of Rainbows*

*Treasurer: **Miranda Gager**, parent of Yr5 & Yr3*

*Secretary: **Heather Gordon-Swait**, parent of Rainbows*

We are really keen to hear from anyone with ideas for fundraising events- big or small, and if anyone wants to organise a small fundraiser (like we've had the 'eggs in the basket' and 'Bag2School' collection) then please do get in touch. It would be great to have the whole school community involved in the PTA and raising important funds for our school. Contact us by email bussageprimarypta@hotmail.com, facebook messenger/classlist, through our newly appointed class reps or of course find us in the playground for a chat!

We now have class reps, hopefully this will help communication between the PTA and parents both ways and they should be making themselves known to you on your class group chats soon.

If anyone has any experience in grant applications, or has contacts at companies that award grants to charities, we would appreciate your help in exploring this avenue of generating funds, alongside our traditional fundraising events.

We are looking forward to these upcoming events and hope to see you all there:

- *Quiz Night: Saturday 7th May*
- *Football Tournament/Summer Fayre: Saturday 2nd July*

I would like to thank the four committee members for agreeing to fill these positions and I am sure as a community we will get behind them and give them our support.



Solar Panels: Following on from COP 26, the children of Bussage clearly voiced their wishes for solar panels to be installed on the school roof. The Diocese have approved funding to support this and we as a school are looking to fund 10% of the project.

Our wonderful PTA have agreed to support our contribution and the eco club are keen to be involved in getting all of our children raising money. Josie in Y4 is even planning to climb Scafell Pike in a sponsored event and information about this is attached to this letter.

This project, fits in with our Curriculum Driver of **sustainable development** and I hope we can all see the benefits a project such as this can bring. The plan is for the solar panels to be installed over the summer. Our children will be using this project as a means of learning about how new technology can work towards saving our planet.

Miss Sullivan: Miss Sullivan has recently been appointed Deputy Head Teacher at a school in Herefordshire. I am sure you would all like to join me in congratulating her on this thoroughly deserved promotion.

During her time with us Miss Sullivan has contributed massively to the life of the school especially in raising the profile of PE. We have more children actively involved in sport both in school and outside school than ever before and this is a testament to her hard work. She will be massively missed by us all.

We are in the process of appointing Miss Sullivan's successor and I should have news of that very shortly.

Kind regards



A Ferguson

Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary

Monday 9 th May	Y3/Y4 Trip to Gloucester Museum
Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May	Y6 SATS
Tuesday 17 th May	Y5 Copegrove Farm Trip
Wednesday 18 th May	School Photos
Friday 20 th May	Rainbow Cake Sale
Monday 23 rd -Thursday 26 th May	Y6 Residential
Monday 23 rd -Thursday 26 th May	Queens Jubilee Week
Thursday 26 th May	Queens Jubilee picnic
Friday 27 th May	Inset Day

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June Half Term