

Friends of Busbridge Junior School Newsletter

February 2023

The days are getting longer and the snowdrops are blooming... spring is definitely on the way! We thought it was time to report back on what we achieved last term and tell you about the activities we've been busy planning for this term and next.

Last term

Autumn term is always a busy one at BJS, with two major events occupying the school calendar. Our Fireworks Spectacular was once again a fantastic night. Not only were the fireworks stunning and the weather kind, we also raised a staggering £4350 profit.

The Christmas Fayre was great fun, despite the bracing temperature, and we raised an amazing £4300. On top of this, we made a further £1300 through the Christmas Secret Shopping event and over £300 via Christmas cards.



Dates for your diary

- Bouncing for Busbridge - Thur 16 March
- Easter Eggcitement - Fri 31 March
- 90's Disco - Sat 29 April
- Children's Disco - Tues 16 May
- Sponsored Bike Ride - Sat 17 June
- Summer Barbecue - Fri 7 July

Bouncing for Busbridge

Our next event on the school calendar is the ever popular Bouncing for Busbridge.

On Thursday 16 March, all children will have the opportunity to take part in a sponsored bounce. We'll be hiring in some bouncy castles and each child will see how many bounces they can achieve in one minute. Look out for the sponsorship forms coming soon.



Disco nights

Our first children's disco of the year was incredibly popular and it raised a huge £1100. Since the children had so much fun (we especially loved the boys vs girls dance offs!) we will be running another one on Tuesday 16 May.

We are currently planning a 90s disco (for the adults!) on Saturday 29 April - more info to follow!



Quiz / Bingo night

We'd love to run another quiz night sometime this academic year. If you're able to help, please get in touch!

Sponsored bike ride

Last June, a group of around 30 BJS families joined Mr Catchpole for a fun bike ride from Bramley to Cranleigh. We will be doing the same again on Saturday 17 June. More details to follow. Fingers crossed for good weather!



Easter Eggcitement

We will be holding a mini Easter fair immediately after school on Friday 31 March at 1.30 pm. There will be Easter eggs for everyone, as well as some other fun and games. We're still working on the finer details but any ideas and help will be most welcome!



HELP NEEDED We would love some more volunteers to get involved with the PTA. Please let us know if you think you could help in any way: bjschair@busbridge.surrey.sch.uk

Funding

As you will have seen in the school comms, the MUGA project continues in earnest and we have now (hopefully!) raised enough money to build it (thanks to PTA fundraising and a very generous contribution from Godalming Town Council), which is fantastic news!

We continue to fundraise for a number of projects across the school, including the MUGA (in case further funds are required downstream), new ICT and science equipment, new class books, seeds and plants for the garden area, a theatre/music workshop and donations to the hardship fund. **THANK YOU for making this possible.**