



FRIENDS OF BUSBRIDGE CE JUNIOR SCHOOL – SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the Friends Spring newsletter for 2018. We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas holiday and are beginning to look forward to the lighter nights and (hopefully) brighter days which spring brings. Read on for all you need to know about the unique and exciting events coming up at Busbridge Juniors this very special term and beyond.

Busbridge CE Junior School's 150th Anniversary – 1st March 2018: This is an exceptional year for our school as we officially turn 150 years old! On 1st March 1868 the school opened its doors to local children for the very first time, and there are plans afoot to commemorate this in ways which bring the past history of the school alive for the children, celebrate the present and look forward to the future. We are hoping to fund some of these activities via the Friends – we will keep you posted!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

What we raised:

Last term we raised £1,950 from the Fireworks Extravaganza, £3,600 from the Christmas Fair and £500 from Phil the Bag and other schemes. That's a grand total of £6,000 already this school year - huge thanks to everyone who participated.

What we have spent:

We have already bought two interactive 'clever touch' style screens for classes 3B and 4W at a cost of £4,600. They have made a huge difference to the children's classroom learning.

What we are fundraising for:

1. We need to replace three more interactive screens, in 3G, 4L and 6E, so that even more of the classrooms have access to the latest in learning technology.
2. In line with his mission to raise participation and team spirit in sport across the school, Mr Catchpole would also like help with purchasing a Busbridge sports kit for the Lower School - there is already a kit available for the Upper School.
3. We need new reading books for the classrooms and the library – there are already plans to raise funds for this (see below).
4. The Y4 cloakrooms suffer from having too many pupils scrambling for their belongings in too small a space, which discourages the children from respecting their own and other people's property. The plan is to put lockers in this area so that the space is made much more useable.

Bouncing for Books – Friday 23rd March: We hope your children are still full of beans by the end of this term, as we will be holding another of our lively sponsored 'Bouncing for Books' events. The school hall will be turned into a soft play zone for the morning as the children bounce as many times

as they can on bouncy castles to raise funds to replace old and worn reading books for the classrooms and library. More info and sponsorship forms to follow later in the term.

Can you help?

Sports Kits: Mr Catchpole has asked if any parents who work for companies that may like to sponsor - or indeed supply, if they are in the clothing business – the aforementioned Y3 and Y4 sports kits. We are looking to provide around 10 kits for the children to use so that they can feel proud to represent their school at competitive events. If this sounds of interest to you please contact Mr Catchpole directly at head@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Upcoming Events: If you're interested in lending a hand and organising an event or activity along with the PTA Friends, please do get in touch – bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk. We're a friendly bunch!

Phil the Bag: Our Trusty Phil the Bag expert Sarah Kesby is handing over the reins, and we are looking for someone new to take over from her from September. It's super easy to arrange, and just involves emailing the Phil the Bag company to arrange three dates in the academic year and then passing these to Liz in the School Office, who adds these dates to the school newsletter– something which doesn't take up too much time but raises much needed funds every term. If you are interested please contact Emma - bjschair@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Thank you: Huge thanks to the following people for their various essential contributions to both the Fireworks and Christmas Fair events; Lorraine Collins, Jez Hayter, Joe Wright, Alex Searle, Nicky Hemery, Clare Parsons, Julie Wagerfield, Mr O'Brien, Patrick Le Mesurier, Jenny Glaister, Vic Hicks, 'Father Christmas', Gina McAdam, Sonya Turpin, Isabel Mason, Pippa Hanson and the Rose & Crown, and Steph Lucas.

Next Friends Meeting: All welcome (and a class rep from each class if possible) in the Learning Lab on Wednesday 25th April at 7.30pm.

Dates for your diaries:

<u>School Disco:</u>	Thursday 8 th February
<u>Bounce for Books:</u>	Friday 23 rd March
<u>Summer BBQ:</u>	Friday 29 th June
<u>New Parents' Evening:</u>	Wednesday 4 th July
<u>Y6 Leavers' Party:</u>	Thursday 19 th July

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5W:	Julie Wagerfield & Sophie Walker
5M:	Ellen Howey, Philippa Mead & Clare Hutchinson
6E:	Sonya Turpin & Gina McAdam
6P:	Sharon Cockle & Rebecca Hoy

THANK YOU FOR READING!

