

BPSCA BUZZ

KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP



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Meet the team

The Buzz Begins



Welcome to our very first edition of BPSCA Buzz

For anyone unfamiliar with BPSCA, we are Billingshurst Primary School Community Association.

Formed back in 2011, BPSCA is a group of voluntary parents and carers who organise events and activities throughout the academic year, to raise funds for additional resources and to support projects that the school would otherwise be unable to afford.

Each October, the BPSCA committee is re-elected. We are delighted that for this academic year, the committee is fifteen strong and with school funding at an all-time low, our determination is at an all-time high!

We often share the results of fundraisers in the school's weekly parent/carer newsletter and on our facebook and twitter pages but are keen to keep you better informed of our activities and how your generous donations are being spent.....and so this term's 'BPSCA Buzz' was born.

Hopefully you will recognise a few faces as our committee members have children spread through many year groups.



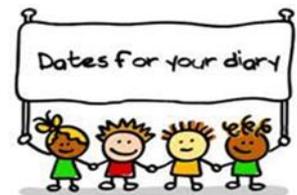
From top left to right:
Rachel Hairs, Melissa Stevens, Claire Fraher, Luisa O'Mahony, Lucy Sexton (Treasurer), Beth Gibson, Cheryl McGeorge, Rosie Silvester, Rachel Brown, Clare Roberts (Chair), Bik-kay Talbot and Pippa Rees. Missing from the photo are Natalie Hall (Secretary), Louise Martin and Miruna Turland.

Please do not hesitate to approach any of us if you have thoughts or ideas to share.

Thank You

The first of many we will share over the coming months, the BPSCA committee would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to Anna Jarvis for donating her time, creative thought and fabulous design skills to bring BPSCA Buzz to life. The BPSCA team asked Anna to produce a newsletter 'Header & Footer' and we couldn't be happier with the result.

acjarvis.carbonmade.com
Illustration & Graphic Design



Quiz Night	Fri 2 nd Feb Fri 18 th May
Welly Walk	Mon 26 th Feb
Children's Quality Sale (CQS)	Sat 17 th Mar
Spring Fair	Thurs 22 nd Mar
Film Night	Tues 27 th Mar Wed 18 th Jul
Summer Fun Day	Sat 14 th Jul



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Forest School Project

Each year, a percentage of all funds raised are put towards Outdoor Projects.

In the past this has included equipment like the Jumbo Climber, Trim Trail and learning space created by the addition of the Clockhouse.

With Forest School now officially part of the school curriculum, this year we are planning to re-develop the Forest School area.

Currently the space is difficult to use due to drainage issues. With the pond requiring relocation, the addition of outdoor workstations, improved access, safeguarding measures and substantial general landscaping work all on the 'to do' list, significant funding will be required.

Outline ideas.....



Please see the BPSCA notice board under the KS1 canopy for a larger scale drawing.



Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme where the money raised by the sale of each Bag for Life is used to fund thousands of local projects in communities across the UK.

We are really excited that our Outdoor Project application has been successful and will be put forward for a public vote against two other local projects for customers to decide their favourite and ultimately, the grant funding level for each of the three projects.

PLEASE VOTE FOR US BY MAKING A PURCHASE AND POSTING YOUR BLUE TOKEN IN STORE

Voting Dates:
Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to
Wednesday 28th February 2018

Participating Stores:
Billingshurst Express
(by the station)
Pulborough Metro
(next to the medical centre)
Storrington Express
(at the Esso service station)

Funding we could win:

1st £4,000
2nd £2,000
3rd £1,000



To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value.

You will receive one token per transaction and it is not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

The grant awards will be allocated based on the combined number of tokens for each project across the participating stores.

Please help us to spread the word across the wider community too by encouraging your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues to vote.



We'd love to win 1st place so that we can make the new Forest School vision for our children a reality as soon as possible.



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Funds Raised So Far

We've had a brilliant start to our fundraising for this academic year. Thank you to everyone who has supported our events by helping to organise, donate, attend and of course, spend!

Children's Quality Sale
£827.06

(+£598.44 for Chestnut Tree House)

Second Hand Uniform
£300.00

Quiz Night
£358.85

Film Night
£664.75

Christmas Cards
£700.65

Christmas Trug Raffle
£1,123.30

Note: Figures are net of costs

So India for sponsoring our sports kits for 3 football and 2 cricket teams - all arriving in the new year

Jack Fuller's Traditional Fish & Chips for supporting our Quiz Nights.

Auto Sussex for covering the cost of our road safety banners.

Henry Adams for sponsoring our Christmas Trug Raffle.

The Brothers Anyhow for supporting our numerous printing requirements.

McVeigh Parker for the gardening club storage unit.

As the year progresses, we know this list will grow ever longer and that we will be ever grateful for the very generous support we receive.



Funding Decisions

The BPSCA committee work to specific criteria when assessing how funds are allocated:

- ✓ Spending allocations must be fairly split between classes
- ✓ Projects must benefit all of the children
- ✓ Spending is not to fund 'the basics'
- ✓ Every funding request must be voted upon by the committee and receive a majority approval before funds are released

Spending Summary

Since September, funds have been allocated to these activities:

Trips/Class Allocations:
Reception Owls visit
Yr 3 Butser Ancient Farm
Yr 4 Bignor Roman Villa
Yr 5 Sth Downs Planetarium
Yr 6 Rainbow Theatre
£1,305.00

Playground Toys KS1 & KS2
£126.34

Yr3 Ukulele Lessons
£1,170

Replace Christmas Lights
£84.35

Christmas Crafts & Tealights
£398.25

Grant Funding & Fund Matching

There are grant funding and fund matching opportunities available throughout the year – examples being the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme or RSA match funding.

Applying for these opportunities is often time consuming but the rewards can be great.

We are currently looking at potential opportunities through Raloo, FundEd and The Ernest Cook Trust.

If you know of other opportunities, please do tell us about them.

Generous Businesses

In addition to fundraising from events and activities, we also receive a tremendous amount of support from our local business community.

We also therefore give a huge thank you to:

Fowlers Estate Agents, COCO'S Style, The Fat Cow and Bellway Homes for their ongoing sponsorship.



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Christmas Trug Raffle

The winner of the **£50 'Best Trug'** prize as judged by Miss Nicholls and Adrian Passingham from sponsor Henry Adams estate agents was once again Ireland class. Well done Miss Milton, Mrs Skinner and all the children and parents in Ireland class.

In joint second were Greece and Russia.

Congratulations to the following lucky families who won a trug:

Olivia O'Mahony, Jessica James, Albert Wallace, Austin Goldstein, Liam Novell, Harry Johnston, Leah Bailey, Tommy Kavanagh, Robert Newell, Josh Martin, Noel Davison-Barrie, Marianna Karageorgopoulos, Archie Clee, Maxim Thompson, Jayden Woods, Imogen Turner, Ellie Steel, Heidi Boyce, Harley Lawrence

Two staff members were also winners so our congratulations to Paula Mills and Heather Laban.

Thank you for all your generous support in both donating items for the trugs and buying raffle tickets.

**We raised an incredible
£1,123.30**



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Devine Homes Garden Design

Next month, the children will be invited to design the show home garden for Devine Homes.

The child with the winning garden design will be awarded a £50 book token and their garden will become a reality in the Summer with a plaque at the show home to say who at BPS designed it.

Name Our Bee!



Our Bee is looking for a name.

Please ask your children to get their thinking caps on over the festive period and drop us their ideas.

Email, Facebook or Tweet us your child's name, class name and nominated bee name.

Or pop your nomination details in our BPSCA Buzz box which will be in reception from 4th Jan.

The winner will be chosen by the BPSCA Committee at our next meeting on 12th January and will **WIN a plush bee and keyring**

Getting In Touch

Do you have a fundraising idea?

A suggestion for a BPSCA funded project/resource?

Can you help to organise or run a fundraising activity?

Are you a local business willing to support our fundraising activities?

We'd love to hear from you

Ever wondered about the detail behind an event?

FILM NIGHT SPOTLIGHT

Committee select 3 films

Children vote in assembly

280 seat capacity

Up to 280 bottles of water & lollies

Up to 10kg of popcorn

6 people to individually bag popcorn portions

12 hours managing event admin

16 DBS checked helpers on the day

Film licensing, H&S and emergency planning

Clean up team ensures halls are left spick & span

Number of toilet trips made by children during the film?
Your guess is as good as ours!