

BPSCA BUZZ

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Off to a flying start!

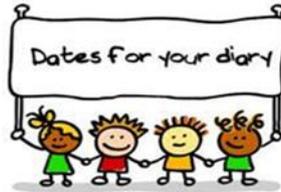
It's been a busy start to the academic year and the BPSCA team have wasted no time in getting to work, kicking off our fundraising schedule of activities and events.

With your tremendous support, together we raised over £27,000 last year. This enabled us to fund the complete redevelopment of the Forest School area, partly subsidise school trips for every class, cover the cost of ukulele lessons for Year 3, support activities across STEAM week and so much more.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us already this term. Whilst we plan, organise and deliver the fundraising schedule, it is the entire school community participating that generates such great success – we really couldn't do it without you.

With our very best wishes for the festive season.

**Clare Roberts &
The Entire BPSCA Team**



2019

Coffee Morning	Thur 17 th Jan Fri 3 rd May
Quiz Night	Fri 8 th Feb Fri 10 th May
Welly Walk	Fri 8 th Feb
Children's Quality Sale (CQS)	Sat 9 th Mar
Film Night	Thur 28 th Mar Wed 10 th Jul
Spring Fair	Thur 4 th Apr
Summer Fun Day	Sat 22 nd Jun

Traditionally our Summer Fun Day has been held in July but in 2019 we are moving to June.

It's our biggest fundraiser of the year so please save the date:



**SUMMER FUN DAY
SATURDAY
22ND JUNE 2019
11AM - 3PM**

Funds Raised So Far

Children's Quality Sale
£914.77
(+£435.18 for Chestnut Tree House)

Quiz Night
£293.75

Christmas Cards
£668.45

Christmas Trug Raffle
£1,820.00

Second Hand Uniform
£170.00

Note: Figures are net of costs

Funding Decisions

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

- ✓ Spending allocations must be fairly split between classes and years
- ✓ 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



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Meet The Committee

On 1st November, BPSCA held our AGM and we'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the team.

Clare Roberts, Lucy Sexton and Natalie Hall were all re-elected to the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

In addition to reconfirming existing committee members posts, we also welcomed new members; Alex, Jo, Jane and Bex.

We said goodbye and gave a huge thank you to longstanding committee members Bik-kay Talbot and Pippa Rees who stepped down this year.



Clare Roberts
Chair



Lucy Sexton
Treasurer



Natalie Hall
Secretary

Committee Members:



Rachel Brown



Alex Cooper



Jo Eames



Claire Fraher



Beth Gibson



Rachel Hairs

Committee Members:



Jane Hammond



Cheryl McGeorge



Luisa O'Mahony



Rosie Silvester



Melissa Stevens



Bex Thurston



Miruna Turland

Between us we have 29 children at BPS spanning every year from Reception to Year6



We welcomed parents and carers to our first coffee morning on 10th October.

It was an opportunity to find out more about what we do whilst indulging in yummy refreshments!

We will be holding two more coffee mornings in the KS2 assembly hall on 17th Jan and 3rd May and look forward to welcoming you along. Little ones are also very welcome – there will be toys to keep them entertained!

We will also have second-hand uniform available to buy at very reasonable prices.

Children's Quality Sale

The Children's Quality Sale continues to be a successful event, not only raising funds for the school but also supporting the valuable work of Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice.

In a world where buying and selling second hand items online and via social media is very easy, traditional sales such as CQS could have come under threat.

We're delighted that our winning format continues to suit both buyers and sellers.

- ✓ +60 sellers from Billingshurst and beyond
- ✓ 1,000s of items for sale
- ✓ Best second-hand quality and some new with tags!
- ✓ Shop layout – like items grouped by department
- ✓ Every item individually priced
- ✓ CQS sale volunteers on hand to help find specific items
- ✓ Sellers receive 75% for items sold and 25% benefits the charities
- ✓ £1 per adult sale entry fee

Children's Quality Sale

Spring/Summer Clothes 0-10+ Years,
Baby Equipment, Books, Toys,
Maternity Wear

All previously owned and in good condition

Billingshurst Primary School

Sat 9th March 11.00am – 1.30pm



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Quiz Night



Quiz night hosts Claire and John Fraher always deliver an evening of fun and laughter with a good dose of brain teasing questions.

2nd November saw one of our closest results to date with a number of teams battling it out for the top spot in the very last round.

Jack Fuller's once again provided a delicious Fish 'n' Chip supper. We had our traditional round of 'Heads or Tails' along with a small raffle.

Note to the committee – minty Magnums were a popular dessert!

'Quizi Cool' were victorious and we're sure look forward to defending their crown on 8th Feb.

We have room for more teams so if you're a keen quizzier or simply fancy a fun night out, gather your team of up to 8 people over the festive period as tickets will be on sale in January.



Environmental Area

Redevelopment of the 'Forest School' area began at Easter and we were over the moon to be able to officially declare the project complete during a short opening ceremony on 30th November.



We were joined by Karen Brooks from the Tesco Community Fundraising team to cut the ribbon along with Arbour Landscapes led by Lawrence Wheeler who did a phenomenal job in some atrocious weather conditions!

We hope to share a short article in January's edition of the Village Tweet so please look out for that.

Our enormous thanks once again to each and every person who contributed to this project. Whether physically working on site or supporting the fundraising efforts.

Our children now have a fantastic new facility for not just 'Forest School' activity but many other Environmental projects and outdoor learning opportunities.



Our Next BIG Project



With the Environmental Area project complete, full focus turns to our next major fundraising project which will see the redevelopment of both school libraries.

As a result of fabulous fundraising results last year, we are truly delighted to have already been able to confirm to Miss Williamson the availability of £10,000 towards this project.

However, transforming both libraries into truly inspirational spaces for children to develop a deep love of reading will require all of our ongoing support so we thank you in advance.

Our completion documents for the Environmental Area project have now been submitted to Tesco Bags of Help. Which means we can reapply!

We very much hope that Billingshurst Primary will be selected once again in the voting process for grant funding of up to £4,000.

If you know of other businesses offering grant funding opportunities to charities for this type of project, please let us know so that we can investigate



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This edition of BPSCA Buzz wouldn't be complete without a full page dedicated to Christmas.

The generosity of our school community never fails to amaze us as you once again fully embrace each of the festive fundraising activities.

Christmas Cards, Mugs, Coasters & Tags



Sorting through all the orders featuring the children's very own artwork is always heart-warming, generating lots of 'Aw, that's sooooo sweet' comments from the team.

Thank you to the teachers for setting aside time for the children to create their artwork and to all parents and carers who supported in return by making a purchase.

Carols In The Car Park
We echo Miss Williamson's comments in Friday's newsletter about the terrific support that Coco's Style give to the school. They have been a long time supporter and we're delighted that non-uniform day raised **£200** for Coco's Foundation to help orphaned children communities in South Africa.

Christmas Trug Raffle



Each year the trug raffle gathers more and more momentum and we can all see why.

The children (and teachers!) all want to win the £50 class prize for 'Best Trug' and the rest of us simply want to win a trug.....any trug since they are all bursting with festive goodies!

The trug raffle was sponsored once again by **Henry Adams** estate agent in the village so we welcomed Branch Manager, Daniel Porter to judge the 'Best Trug' and to draw the first 18 very lucky winners of a trug.

After a huge amount of deliberation and LOTS of walking round and round the room taking in both the content and decoration of the trugs, Daniel selected **RUSSIA** class as the winner with **EGYPT** in second and **SPAIN** third.

The raffle winners of these top three trugs were drawn at carols in the car park.



Daniel selects the winning trug

Many congratulations to Mr Griffiths and Russia class for a terrifically creative trug design and thank you to all parents and carers who generously donated items to their children's class trug.

This year we also collected donations for local charity **Crawley Open House** to support them in helping the homeless and disadvantaged over the festive season. Thanks to all who donated we were able to deliver four festive boxes.

