

## **BPSCA**

### **Where are the funds going?**

We thought we would put this Q & A sheet together to give you some more information about where and how we spend our funds.

Q: You've raised all that money for the school, why isn't it going towards more clubs or stopping the closure of existing clubs?

A: Money raised by the BPSCA has to benefit ALL the children at the school, so we can't fund clubs, which would only benefit 20 children or so.

Q: How do ALL the children benefit from BPSCA funds?

A: Every academic year at the AGM it is decided how much each year group will be allocated from BPSCA funds, last year it was £300 and this year it was £350. This money is usually used to fund school trips, helping to ease a small burden for many parents. It is also used to bring in speakers and experts in their topic work to bring the topic alive for many children e.g. Surprising Science and Magical maths event. The school also receives a cheque once a term to purchase new playground toys/equipment. The annual traditional of ice lollies, at the Sports Days, is also paid for by BPSCA. Q: Why is BPSCA funding Year 3 ukulele lessons?

A: Due to budget constraints, the school asked if BPSCA would be willing to fund the Year 3 ukulele lessons and it was agreed that we would be delighted to. The programme is a wonderful opportunity for each child to learn to play an instrument. This is for a whole year group, and we hope to be able to continue funding these in future years.

Q: Year 6 have a Leavers Disco, why can't each year have a disco at the end of the year?

A: The Year 6 Leavers Disco is a special party to mark the transition of the children leaving year 6 and moving onto year 7 at the Weald. As all the children move up the school, they will eventually benefit from this celebratory occasion too. We don't run discos for every year as it is not practical as it takes too many members of staff and BPSCA to man each occasion.

Q: Why is between a quarter and a third of the funds raised going to the Outdoor Project?

A: It was agreed that between a quarter and a third of the funds raised would be allocated to the outdoor project as the project is so enormous. We also participate in additional grant/sponsorship opportunities to support our outdoor funding commitment, e.g. the Tesco SouthEast #BagsofHelp scheme in which the winning project receives a grant of up to £4,000.

Q: Do the staff have a say as to what they need for their year groups?

A: Miss Williamson and/or Mrs Wattam attend the BPSCA meetings, and they are asked at every meeting if there are any staff requests. If there are, it gets put to a vote amongst the BPSCA committee.

Q: Why can't BPSCA fund building works?

A: The role of BPSCA is to provide the extras for the children that the school cannot provide. It cannot fund building maintenance, furniture, text books or basic items that a school should provide, as these have allocated funding in the school budget provided by County.

Q: I disagree with the way the money is being spent – what can I do about it?

A: If you feel strongly about it, come and join the committee so you can vote on how the money is raised and spent.

Q: I have a suggestion about how a portion of the funds raised could be spent, who should I contact?

A: We welcome and will give all suggestions careful consideration. Please contact us at [bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk) and your suggestion will be discussed at the next scheduled committee meeting. After which we will get back to you with a response.

Q: I have a new fundraising idea, who should I speak to?

A: Fabulous! New innovative ways to raise funds for the benefit of our children are always sought. Please contact us at [bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk).

Q: I want to help but don't have the time?

A: The majority of the committee are working parents. We all have different roles and do what we can; some of us run events, we all attend meetings when we can and help where possible, some deliver posters around the village, collect raffle prizes etc. We simply do what we can for your children as well as ours so they can have the little extras at school.

If you don't want to be on the committee but would still like to help, then please fill in the below slip. We always need helpers, sometimes just to prepare leaflets for book bag distribution, selling tickets before an event, helping at events. Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Contact: [bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk](mailto:bpsca@billingshurstprimary.org.uk)

Please also follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BPSCA/> and Twitter <https://twitter.com/BPSCA>

We read all comments and value any feedback you may have.

Thank You.

The BPSCA team

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HELPERS DATABASE I would be interested in being on the helpers database - tell me more! I would be interested in being on the committee – tell me more!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s name and class: \_\_\_\_\_