



FRIENDS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER –OCTOBER 2017

Welcome to your first Friends of Busbridge Juniors Newsletter for the 2017-18 academic year!

It's great to see some new faces in the playground at pick-up time – welcome on board those parents (and teachers!) who have just joined us - and welcome back to everyone else. We have one of the most exciting terms of the year ahead of us, so buckle up and enjoy the ride!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

What we Raised: We raised £2,670 last term from the Summer BBQ , £1,031 from the Parents' Skool Disco and £1,665 for the Talents, which made a yearly grand total of £15,700 - well done and a huge thank you. **What we have spent:** The good news is that all your hard work and generosity over the last year means that the PTA has been able to fund several big-ticket items in the last few months, including the brand new 'Boaty' climbing frame, some new gazebos for our fundraising events and the much needed new PTA shed. **In total last year we raised £3,400 more than the previous year, mostly due to new events, which is just fabulous – thank you!**

Fireworks Spectacular – Thursday 2nd November 6.00-8.00pm : The first event of the year is definitely the noisiest but also the brightest and one that the children really enjoy. This year's Fireworks Spectacular is set to be as exciting as ever - tickets cost £15 in advance for a family of four from www.thelittleboxoffice.com/busbridgejuniorpta Buying tickets early helps us to ensure we have enough goodies for everyone, so go for it!

The children will be allowed to wear **mufti** on the day of the fireworks (02/11) in exchange for bringing autumnal sweet treats in such as flapjack, brownies, cookies and popcorn (no nuts please) for the Y3 sweet treat stall. Your class reps are hunting down parent helpers so do let them know if you will be able to lend a hand. This year, Y6 will be organising the security and clearing up, Y5 will be running the bar, Y4 will be on the Barbeque and Y3 the aforementioned sweet stall.

Dates for your diaries: Christmas Fayre: Saturday 2nd December, 12-2pm (Mufti dates TBC)

Easy Fundraising: With Christmas in mind, just a reminder that whenever you buy anything online you could be collecting free donations for the Friends of Busbridge Junior School via Easy Fundraising. It doesn't cost a penny extra and there is no catch – it's free money for the school.

Here's how it works: 1. Head to <https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/busbridgepta/> and join for free. It takes 2 minutes. 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever. Easy!

Next Friends meeting: All welcome in the school hall on **Monday 16th October** from 7.30pm. The main focus of the meeting will be the Christmas Fayre and the allocation of class stalls. It would be great if we could have at least one rep from every class taking part. Do come along – your input is always welcome.

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**THANK YOU FOR READING!
SEE YOU AT THE FIREWORKS!**

