



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## TALENTS FUNDRAISER 2017

Dear Children, Parents and Carers

Following the amazing success of 'Talents' fundraisers in the past, we are once again looking for budding entrepreneurs to help us raise lots of money for the next phase of our playground project. Following the success of Boaty, we are now planning to resurface and add multi-coloured markings to create play zones including a football area, netball court and theatre stage.

This fundraiser is inspired by the 'Parable of the Talents' which was re-enacted and discussed in assembly today. In Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells the story of a rich master who gives three of his servants a sum of 'talents' or money to look after while he is away. When the master returns from his travels, two of the three servants have used their money to double its original sum, while one has merely buried his and done nothing with it. The message in the parable is that we need to use our god-given gifts and talents fruitfully.

To launch our 'Talents' fundraiser this year, we will give all children who want to participate £3 in coins and encourage them to increase this in value using their talents and imagination – either by themselves or in pairs.

### How could you make your money grow?

*Make some posters and hold a garage sale*

*Buy some seeds and grow plants or flowers*

*Hold a coffee morning or tea party*

*Buy ingredients and make cakes, biscuits jams or chutneys for sale*

*Buy paper and make some cards*

*Buy a sponge and a bucket and wash cars*

*Or anything else you can think of - the sky is the limit!*

If your child would like to take part please return the **permission slip below to class teachers by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**. The £3 in coins will be given out to the children taking part during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May, **and all monies raised should be returned to school by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**. In the unlikely event that you do not raise funds, we ask that you guarantee to return £3 to the school by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Children will be given the opportunity to have a 'sales table' at our **'Talents' Market on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** to sell their skills or wares. Of course some children may not have wares to sell at the market as but they can join in at this event as buyers.

The class that raises the most money will earn a full class reward. We are really looking forward to seeing what the children do with their 'Talents' money!

Best wishes

*Carolyn Holmes*

Carolyn Holmes  
Headteacher

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### Permission Slip for Talents Fundraiser 2017

I agree that .....(Child's name) in Class .....  
may take part in the School and Friends of Busbridge Junior School PTA Talents Fundraiser and that £3 can  
be given to them to be returned to the school, together with any profit made, by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Signed .....Parent/Guardian Date.....

**Please return this slip by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017**